

School News Cherry Trees School

Diary Dates:

9th October Harvest Festival Assembly in classes

14th October Parents Evening phone calls.

22nd October Last Day of Term (23rd October is an inset day)

26th-30th October Half Term

2nd November Return to School

11th November Remembrance Day Activities in classes

13th November Children in Need Sponsored event

The activities above will be held in school, for the children to take part in due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

Friday 2nd October 2020: Issue 2

Headteacher's message: Laura Slinn

Welcome to our Second newsletter. It has been a different start to the year and I would just like to thank you all for the support and understanding you have all shown as we work to establish the new working norms and as we make ever changing responses to new guidance. I and all of the staff at school really appreciate it.

I am hopeful that we are able to still offer support and guidance as we have previously done, although this may look a little different. You are more than welcome to request a phone call or meeting (which can be through teams online). Please just contact school through the office or through using the home communication book.

This week we have had a little move around, following our period of transition – which has meant that we have been able to add another class to our school. Thanks to all the parents who have been contacted about this, the changes we have made have meant that everyone is now taught in a smaller class group and has improved the work we are able to do with the children.

I hope you enjoy looking through the activities that have been taking place over the first few weeks of school. We are pleased to report that we have still not had any positive cases of COVID 19 and will continue to follow the guidance of Public Health England and the Local Outbreak Team.

We will be sharing a letter about Parents Evening this week, in it we are inviting you to book a phone call – again this is different to our normal Parents Evenings but is essential to keep everyone safe and well. We look forward to speaking to you all over the coming days and weeks.





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Communicating Cherry

ClassDojo

Over the next week you will be receiving a letter about the free app: Class Dojo – we will be asking that you join this app to allow us to communicate with you in a more interactive and responsive way. It will also help us share whole school messages and keep in touch if we enter a lock down situation again. We will be using this system instead of the written communication books that we currently use. Car parking is tricky at school.

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block the way when you park your car. Please remember cars are moving at drop off and pick up time – let's keep everyone safe.

Individual Education Plans and Personal Behaviour Support Plans

The teachers are working hard to create these plans for the children who need them. We will share them with you before our parents evening phone calls, so you can talk about them with your child's teacher. If you have a different idea about the targets or can think of something you would like the children to work on please share this with the teacher – these are shared plans between school and home.



Sign of the month

Make a flat hand and move it in a circular motion in front of your mouth. Don't forget to say 'school' at the same time. Try and use this as you talk about school at home.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

School

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	96
Red Class	93
Orange Class	94
Green Class	97
Yellow Class	92
Purple Class	91





Online Gaming:

- Be aware of the location of the games console; a family room is best for monitoring and supervision.
- Discuss the risks with your child and ensure they have privacy settings activated and know why.
- Gaming sites often have ways of reporting abusive chat. Ensure that your child knows how to do this, and that they should also report it to you.
- Play the games yourself to test for appropriateness.
- Ask your child what they are playing. Watch them playing and always keep lines of communication open.
- Games consoles often have parental controls read the manual or contact the manufacturer to find out how to install these.



Cyberbullying safety advice:

- Talk to your child to ensure they know what to do if they or a friend are victim to cyberbullying. Key messages to communicate to your child:
- Tell a trusted adult straightaway if something worrying happens online
- Don't reply to any nasty messages
- Save messages so you can show them to the trusted adult you tell
- Don't send anything to anyone if you don't feel comfortable or it doesn't feel right
- Turn off the computer!
- If you don't feel able to talk to a trusted adult, contact ChildLine or Cybersmile The Cybersmile Foundation run a cyberbullying Helpline for parents, teachers and children: 0800 783 1113



