

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**Friday 22nd
March: Term
Ends**

**Monday 25th
March - Friday
5th April: Easter
Holiday**

**Monday 8th
April: Return to
School**

**Tuesday 16th
April: School
Photographs**

**Monday 6th
May: May Day**

Friday 22nd March: Issue 7

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs



Hello and welcome to our March Newsletter.

We have had a lovely half term and have been enjoying getting outside more with the warmer weather.

With the emergence of Spring we have loved seeing the blossom appearing on trees and daffodils poking up their sunny heads.

I know that some of you are concerned that the carpark feels busier with the taxis than usual. I have looked into this and we actually have the same number of taxis but they are all much larger vehicles and I think this is why it feels busier. I have spoken to several other Special School Heads, and this is a problem across their schools too. I am going to raise this formally at the next Special Heads Forum after Easter. In the meantime we continue to ensure that there are plenty of staff outside at both start and end of day and I can ensure that everything is safe and this is our main priority.

This term it has been great opening up our doors for more events. It was lovely to see so many of you at our special Mother's Day event where we raised over £100!

This month we also had special parent reading events to celebrate World Book Day. World Book Day is really special for all of the staff and pupils at Cherry Trees School as we all love books. Thank you to all parents who attended this event.

In more sad news, this term we say goodbye to Janet, our wonderful lunchtime supervisor who is retiring after 27 years of working at Cherry Trees School. We will miss Janet so much and thank her for all of those years of service to the school. We know that Janet will be back for a cup of tea, and wish her all the best for her retirement.

Wishing you and your families a lovely Easter Break, Alison

Cherry Trees Learning



Blue Class News

It has been another very busy couple of weeks in Blue Class! We have continued with our Topic 'Everyday Heroes' where our recent learning has been focused around how the Police and the Fire Service help us. We have listened to stories about 'Emergencies' and how Topsy and Tim meet the Police and the Firefighters. Our language and communication work has been themed around key vocabulary related to our Emergency Services and the colours and clothing we associate with them. We have followed this up with some lovely 'fire coloured' creative and sensory experiences.

We have had a very exciting visit this week from two of our local Police Officers who came into class to talk to us and to show us their uniforms. The children interacted really well with them and enjoyed looking at their uniforms and trying on coats and helmets. This week we also have our visit to PlayTropolis where we will experience more opportunities to dress up and role play to conclude our topic.

In addition, we have been developing our numeracy skills with lots of topic themed sorting and counting experiences and lots of shape work.

Another busy but lovely few weeks, well done to all of our children! We continue to be super proud of all their efforts and progress.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

Blue Class Team



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Red Class News

Wow! What a busy half-term we have had in Red Class.

The children have all been continuing to showing us their amazing attitudes to their learning and have been working so hard in all areas.

We have continued to work on our reading and writing skills in our English and Phonics sessions. The children have worked hard with their Mathematical skills in their Maths lessons.

During topic, we have been learning about some amazing things to do with our weather topic. We have also managed to start enjoying our outside areas more now the weather has been kind to us.

We are really looking forward to see what the Summer term brings.

Have a lovely Easter break!

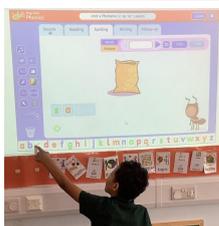


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Orange Class News

Here we are again, we have reached the end of another term together. Orange Class continue to grow and build fantastic relationships with one another and their communication is outstanding! We have thoroughly enjoyed our most recent topic 'Do You Believe in Magic' and look forward to starting our new topic after Easter - 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. We will learn around the book 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson and 'Where's My Teddy? (Eddy and the Bear)' by Jez Alborough in English. Our focus in number next half term is to number names in everyday situations. In shape, we will experience 3D shapes in a range of practical situations and in applying, we will demonstrate early understanding of volume when there is a clear contrast e.g. chooses full glass of preferred drink. Hopefully the weather will soon get warmer and rain less, so we can spend time outside and enjoy a free flow classroom and learning in our outdoor areas.



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Green Class News

Wow Green Class, what an amazing month we have had! Everyone has worked so hard. In English, we have looked at traditional Chinese stories, punctuated our sentences and started to write more detail in our work by using conjunctions. In Maths, we have looked at 3D shapes and explored their properties. Everyone has really enjoyed our Topic work, learning all about chocolate, and we were even lucky enough for Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory to come to Cherry Trees on World Book Day.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter!

From Green Class Team



Cherry Trees Learning



Yellow Class News

Yellow Class have had a very busy half term!

We have been developing our independence by continuing to wash our hands appropriately; the children were firstly supported to ensure they understood the steps to clean hands. We then removed the adult and physical prompt to be replaced by visuals, the children are now washing their hands with visuals or limited support.

Yellow Class have also been enjoying our topic of How Does Your Garden Grow by exploring our outdoor learning space. They have also planted some seeds in our own sensory garden. We are hoping they grow over the next few months.

We are going to be ending the half term with numerous sensory Easter exploration activities. This will ensure our children are experiencing religious opportunities appropriately planned.

Our topic next half term is 'A Pirates Life For Me', and we will going on our first residential trip to Pioneer.



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Purple Class News

This month has proven to be full of fun! We started our new science unit 'Changing Materials'. We have made lots of mess, experimenting to find materials that were soluble, separating materials and baking to show irreversible changes. The cakes were delicious and the science was great! We all took part in World Book Day by dressing up and joining in with the activities that we had planned - the scavenger hunt was amazing.

Swimming this month has been consistent and the children have shown great progress. They have shown they can float, tread water, save others, swim on their fronts, backs and even tried dolphin stroke.

In our Art, we created the Andy Goldsworthy nature art leaf picture. Again, messy but they looked wonderful. Team building with others, playing games, crafts, creating money trees and reading have been just some of our focused activities.

Uno seems to be our favourite at the minute in Purple!



Cherry Trees Communicating



Mothers Day

A big thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended our Mother's Day celebration last week. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you enjoyed it!



Red Nose Day

Classes enjoyed learning all about Comic Relief on Friday 15th March, and everyone enjoyed wearing something red. We raised a total of

£50!

Thank you for all your donations!



Parent Library session

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers that came to our Library session, it was lovely to see you all and share our Bug Club phonics resources with you. For Parents and Carers that could not make it, your child will be coming home with a bookmark and Bug Club login instructions in the first week of our Summer Term.



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Chocolate

Half 'C' shape with your hand and make two small movements on your chin towards dominant side.

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	94.1%
Red Class	88.9%
Orange Class	92.8%
Green Class	96.7%
Yellow Class	99.6%
Purple Class	90.9%



Congratulations to:

Yellow

You have the best
Attendance for the Month
Well done to all of you.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Hi all, the NSPCC are launching a new campaign and have free training available. The campaign is called "listen up Speak up", its training to empower individuals to safeguard children. The free 10 minute digital training looks at how to recognise signs of risk, navigate difficult conversations and know where to seek help if they are concerned about a child's safety. To access the training please follow the link: nspcc.org.uk/speakup, have a great half term Nicola

NSPCC

**Listen up
speak up**

**Free training to help
keep children safe**

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to take our 10-minute digital training.

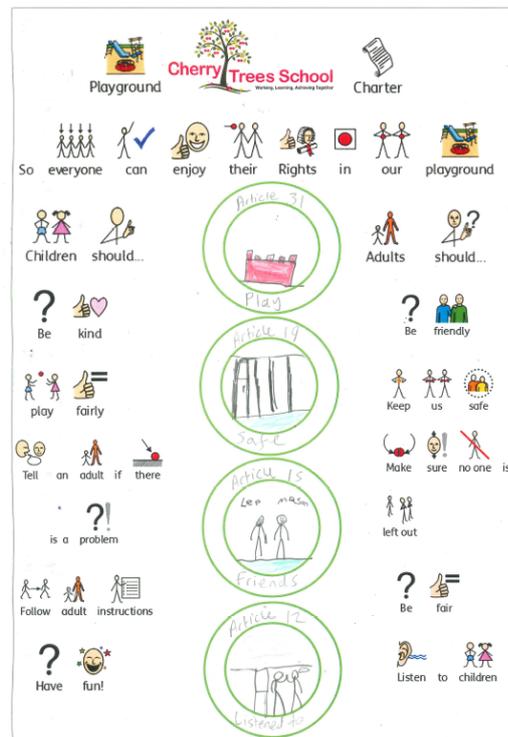
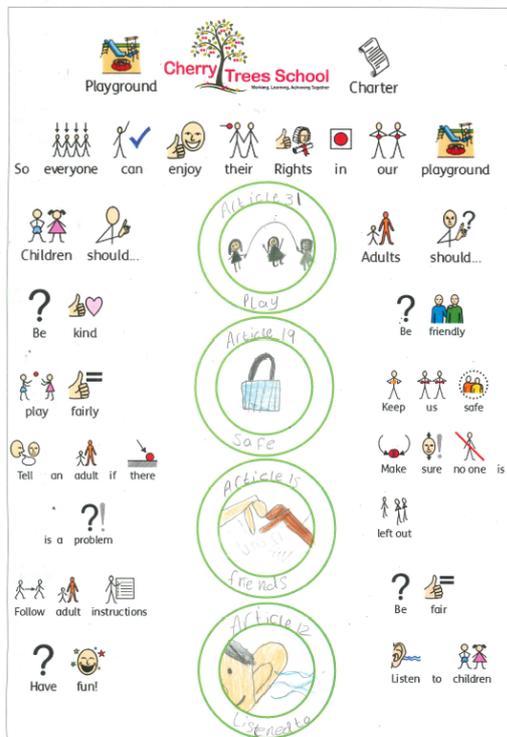
Our **Listen up, Speak up** training will show some signs a child might be at risk, and what you can do to help.

Sign up to our 10-minute digital training:
nspcc.org.uk/speakup

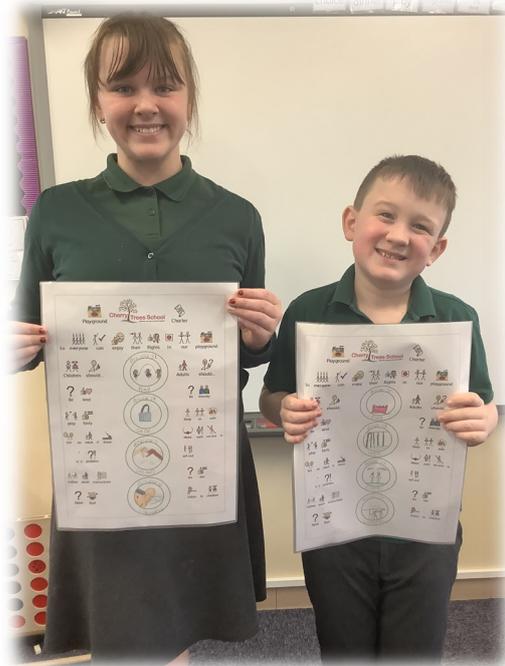


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Cherry Trees School Council



Members of the school council have worked together to create our Cherry Trees Playground Charter. We looked at the important articles relating to playtime and talked about how adults and children can work together to ensure all children are having their rights met.



Last month, the school council also met with the Ofsted Inspectors. The Inspectors commented on how enthusiastic and engaging the School Council are and they were impressed with how they talked about a range of issues that concern them and the world around them. They really represented our school, well done!

#HAF2024 | Free holiday activities and food this Easter 🐰

If your child is eligible for a free place on the HAF programme, they will receive a letter with a HAF code.

- ✓ Booking opens at 4pm on 11th March
- ✓ Activities run 25 March - 5 April
- ✓ Quote your HAF code to get a free place

Activities include dodgeball, cooking, horse-riding, dance, football, swimming, arts and crafts, bushcraft and lots more! Your child will get a chance to make new friends, have fun and enjoy a healthy meal.

If your child is not eligible for a free place but wants to attend, most of the clubs offer paid places too! 👍

Find out more on the Staffordshire County Council website → bit.ly/3f1O7Hd



EASTER FUN!

FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*

Booking opens: 4pm, Monday 11th March 2024

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

The poster features three circular images: a group of children playing dodgeball, a group of children eating a meal, and a close-up of a smiling young girl.