

Cherry Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, we hope this newsletter finds you well. Firstly, we would like to introduce you to all the staff and welcome Sarah to the Nursery team.



Rachel
Nursery Manager



Laura
Deputy Manager



Jo
Family & Admin support



Sarah
Qualified Teacher



Tracey
Early years practitioner



Colleen
Early years practitioner



Molly
Early years practitioner

Term 1 Topic

We are thrilled to share with you the exciting new topic that Cherry class children will be exploring over the next few weeks: "All About Me!"

Our little learners will embark on a journey of self-discovery and exploration. Using stories, rhymes and various fun and age-appropriate activities, we aim to encourage self-expression, build self-confidence, and foster a sense of belonging within our nursery community.

The children will be learning about what makes them special and explore their unique facial features, hair colour, and interests. We will share stories about our families, showcasing the people who are most important to us. This will help reinforce their understanding of relationships and connections. We will introduce activities that promote body awareness, from understanding body parts to the way we use our senses to explore our environment. We will help children identify and express their emotions, nurturing their emotional intelligence and empathy towards others.

Alongside this topic we will also be planning activities based on your children's interests and identified next steps. We will be using a 'focus child' approach and so once a term we will invite you to be part of this process. This will involve finding out more about your child's individual needs and interests and sharing your child's progress with you.

ClassDojo

All Parents/Carers should now have access to ClassDojo. Please keep checking this regularly, as we use it to share information with you. You can share your own photos and videos of your child, so that we can talk to your child about holidays, events etc. that happen outside of Nursery. If you haven't yet received an invite to join ClassDojo please speak to Rachel.

Voluntary consumables contribution

All families will receive an invoice for a voluntary consumables contribution. This is invoiced to ALL funded and non-funded children and covers snacks, sun cream, children's Christmas party, leavers party, etc. which is not covered by Government funding. This will be invoiced at the beginning of each whole term (September, January, April).



Family Books

We will be making each child a 'Family Book' that they can keep at the Nursery and look at any time. To do this, we require a minimum of 3 photos from you – and they can be of anyone that is important in your child's life i.e. parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and pets etc. This activity will be carried out individually with your child and their Key Person.

30 Hour Funding Codes

We would like to remind all Parents who receive 30 hours funding that they are responsible for re-validating their eligibility code every 3 months, by the dates given to you by HMRC. If you think that you may be entitled to 30 hours government funding please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Books

We are keen to promote the importance of reading at home with your child, we have introduced a lending library for you to use. Please feel free to borrow a book from the bookcase at the main gate and return once you have finished.



Collecting Children

Please could you inform us if anyone else is collecting your child, even if they are on your contact form or they know the password. It really saves us time, as we will always check if you haven't informed us. Just a quick phonecall makes all the difference, our number is 01795 842300 ext 3. Thank you.



Session Times

A reminder of our session times:

Morning session 8.45am-11.45am

Afternoon session 12.15pm-3.15pm

Full day session 8.45am-2.45pm (Children will need a pack lunch)

Additional Full day top up 2.45am-3.15pm (charge applies)

Nursery Essentials

- If your child has had a case of sickness and diarrhoea, please keep them off for 48 hours.
- Bring a spare set of clothes (clearly labelled) for your child (especially underwear).
- If your child still requires a nappy change, please can you ensure that you provide nappies and wipes.
- Please can we also ask that if your child has grapes or cocktail sausages, that these are cut lengthways. Also please ensure all lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Fees are to be paid weekly, monthly, or a term **IN ADVANCE**. We accept payment by cash, bank transfer, tax free child accounts and card payments in the school office. Our sort code: **60-60-08**, Account No: **83294902** Ref: **Child's full name**

Important dates

Monday 4th September – Term 1 starts
Thursday 5th October – Individual and sibling photographs
Friday 20th October – End of term 1
Monday 30th October – Term 2 starts

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