

Cherry Class Newsletter

Term 2

Term 2 is going to be a very busy term for learning. We have already got off to a great start with our **Celebrations** theme this week with a focus on the story 'Room on the Broom' for Halloween and also creating firework sounds, pictures and actions all ready for Bonfire night. Next week we will be looking at the festival of Diwali and how this is celebrated.

In the run up to Christmas our learning will be focused around the topic of **Traditional tales** such as 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We hope to develop the children's communication and language skills through re-telling and creating their own narratives. We will be getting physical with some large scale construction and map work outside.

Later in the term we will be exploring other stories linked to Christmas including 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson, this provides wonderful opportunities to enhance the children's personal and social skills by revisiting different feelings and understanding of how people celebrate Christmas and we hope 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' will encourage the children to mark-make and also post letters and Christmas cards. We will round off the Term sharing the Nativity story and the true meaning of Christmas as well as having lots of creative Christmas fun.

In the moment planning

We look forward to meeting with many of you this term as we continue our 'In the moment planning'. Each week we will have different focus children and you will be invited in the following week to share our observations and next steps for your child. Look out for a request for you to share your thoughts as part of this process. Your contribution to your child's learning journey is really valuable.



School Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you must apply for their place at primary school from Friday 3rd November 2022 – Monday 15th January 2023. Please apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola Please contact the primary school you wish your child to attend to arrange a visit.

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.



Children in Need

This year, for Children in Need, on Friday 17th November, we will be joining the School in the Countryfile ramble, children are also able to dress up if they wish and make a donation should you wish to. All donations will go to Children in Need

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

If you think that your child will be eligible for 30 hours government funding from January 2023, you must apply for a code **NOW** at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Please bring your eligibility code into Jo in the office by **Friday 1st December**, this will allow us to verify it with the Local Authority. Please be aware that, we are extremely busy and any extra places available will be VERY LIMITED and issued on a first come first serve basis. 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.

Bad Weather

As we approach colder months, there may be some adverse weather conditions that we have to be prepared for. We will always endeavour to open as usual. However, safety of the children is paramount, so, together with the main School, we will take travelling to nursery into consideration. Please visit www.kentclosures.co.uk where we will inform you if we have to close.



Please ensure that your contact details and emergency contact details are up to date.

Christmas sing-a-long

This year we will be inviting you to join in our Christmas sing-along event in December. Look out for an invitation out invitations nearer the time to invite you in to the Nursery to join in our festive event.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

We like to promote healthy eating and have noticed some children's lunches contain several chocolate items, but also, for some, the quantity of food is more than they can manage. All the children are given snack at mid-morning and mid-afternoon so shouldn't be too hungry. Just as an example of a healthy lunch, a sandwich, yogurt and piece of fruit is plenty, but we can appreciate not all children eat sandwiches, so just a small pot of ham/cheese could be an example of a good substitute.

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 30th October – Term 2 starts

Friday 17th November – Children In Need

Friday 15th December – End of term 2

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Term 3 starts

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