

Cherry Class Newsletter

Term 3

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break and we would like to thank you all for the lovely gifts we received, it was very kind. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas sing-along event and congratulations to the winners of the raffle.

Firstly, we would like to update you on a few staffing changes that will be occurring in this term.

We would like to welcome our new qualified teacher Laura. As we will have two staff named Laura, she will be known as Lou (to save a bit of confusion).



Due to medical reasons Laura will have a short absence from the Nursery, commencing 15th January, she is due to return at the start of term 4.

For health reasons Molly has sadly chosen to leave the Nursery at the end of term 3, I am sure you will join us in wishing her every success in the future, she will be greatly missed within the Nursery.

If you have any questions regarding any of the changes, please feel free to speak to Rachel (Nursery Manager).

Now for the fun bit! This term our learning will be based on the theme, 'Frozen Planet', so the weather this week is providing a fantastic introduction to the topic! We will be exploring ice and its properties through adult led investigations and child led explorations.

We will be reflecting on the weather and the changes we can see around us both in our Nursery garden and hopefully in the school woods, weather permitting. As the weather turns colder we will also think about the British wildlife and how we can help the local wildlife during the winter by making bird feeders and bird boxes. Finally, we will explore the different polar animals and think about how they have adapted to live in such cold conditions.



****URGENT REMINDER** - School Admissions**

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you must apply for their place at primary school by **Monday 15th January 2024**. Please apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

30 Hour Funding

We would like to remind all Parents who receive 30 hours funding, 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

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.

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**



Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd **CLOSED** – Staff development day

Friday 9th February – End of term 3

Monday 19th February – Start of term 4

Thursday 28th March – End of term 4

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