

# Cherry Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, we hope this newsletter finds you well.

Firstly, we would like to introduce you to the Nursery team.



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QTS Nursery  
Teacher



Rachel  
Nursery Manager



Jo  
Family & Admin  
support



Laura  
Deputy Manager



Colleen  
Early years practitioner



Mel  
Early years practitioner

## Term 1 Topic

Welcome back to all our returning children and a big hello to all our new children who are joining us this term. Thank you so much to everyone who filled in our feedback forms at the end of last year, all the staff have loved reading all your wonderful comments! Off the back of your feedback forms we have decided to join the school in their parent's evenings and open classrooms this year, this means that nursery will be holding their first **parent's evening on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** with details to follow later in the term.

Now that Mel is with us and settled in we will be announcing new key workers for all the children. Children will now have two key worker group times a day with either their key worker or Lou. This term all the groups will be looking at the topic 'All About Me', we're going to explore our feelings with the *Colour Monster*, talk about the people in our families with *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and share what we love about our favourite toys with *Dogger!* Our new children will be making their family books this term however if any of our returning children would like to share any new family pictures we always love to see them via ClassDojo!

### **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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### **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.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Nursery open  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half term

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