

# Cherry Class Newsletter

## Term 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4, we hope that you all had a lovely half term break. We have exciting events coming up this term – please make a note of the dates.

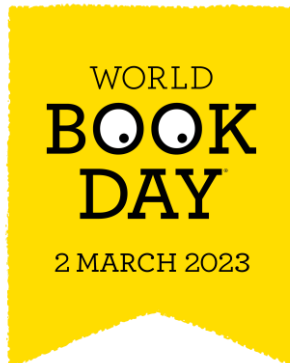
Next term we will be starting with, 'Toby and the Tricky Things' and this will be a great opportunity for us to work on our independence and our functional skills such as putting on our coats and shoes by ourselves. You might like to practice this at home as well! Just a reminder that our shoes don't need to be black school shoes and can just be any practical shoe, buckles and laces can be particularly tricky to manage for the children so are best avoided if possible!

We will be continuing on with our NELI Speech and Language programme and we are already seeing lots of progress in the children which is very exciting! See below for a breakdown of the books each week and the key vocabulary they will be learning.

We have lots of exciting books this term as part of our NELI programme, we're looking forward to celebrating the wonderful story of Cinderella where we will be creating invitations to our own ball! We're looking forward to hatching and caring for our own pet dinosaurs with, 'How to Look After Your Dinosaur'. We will be learning about the key word, 'delicious' when we read Little Red Riding Hood and we will be making our own delicious fruit salads together!

Week of Term	Story of the Week	Key Words
Week 1	Toby and the Tricky Things	Pour, big/small, tricky, by yourself
Week 2	Cinderella	Clean, beautiful, invite, fit
Week 3	How to look after your Dinosaur	Pet, hatch, tired, shy
Week 4	When a Dragon goes to School	Share, tie, begin, kind
Week 5	Little Red Riding Hood	Smell, chase, delicious, help
Week 6	The Boy and the Bear	Understand, heavy, Summer/Winter, wait

## World Book Day



World Book Day is being held on Thursday 6th March this year. We would like to extend this to the whole week from Monday 3rd February - Friday 7th March so that all children can participate in this event. Throughout this week we will be sharing stories, looking at different authors and if they would like to, children can dress up on any day as their favourite character, children can join in by wearing a costume, home clothes, pyjamas or their normal uniform! (please pack a normal set of clothes, should your child wish to change during the day). Children can bring in books from home to share with us and we will have lots of different activities planned around our favourite stories. Your child will also be receiving a World Book Day Token, which can be used in participating shops.

## Science week

This year we will be joining the school in celebrating Science Week during the week 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme is "Change and adapt". We have lots of exciting experiments and investigations planned and we look forward to sharing these with you via ClassDojo, you might even want to try a few of these at home!

## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

This year Comic Relief is on Friday 21st March, but to allow all children to participate, we will be raising money all week from 17<sup>th</sup>-21st March.

## 30 Hour Funding

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)

## Staffing

We are excited to welcome Laura W to our Nursery team (she will be covering Laura's maternity, too many Laura's to keep up with!). You will start to see Laura W on the gate over the coming weeks.



In the Nursery each child is assigned a key person. Their role is to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs and to help the child become familiar with the setting. Laura W will be taking over Laura S key children group. Please speak to Lou or Rachel if you have any questions regarding this.

### 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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Start of term 4

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Week

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - Red nose day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term 4

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Start of term 5

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