

Welcome to Cherry Tree Class

A huge welcome to our new EYFS children and welcome back to our Year One children. We have loved meeting all the children and hope that they settle quickly into their new routine. We are looking forward to a fun filled year ahead!

Staff

Mrs Wright (Mon, Tues and Wed) and Mrs Holmes (Thurs and Fri) are the class teachers. Mrs Radtke (Mon to Thurs) and Miss Hudson (Mon to Fri) are the teaching assistants.

Home Learning

EYFS

During the first few weeks, the children are given time to settle in and for all the staff to get to know their interests, skills and understanding. Very soon, they will be given a reading book to take home. These books will be wordless initially. Wordless books promote more discussion than books with words, which leads to better comprehension. They help children to focus on, and appreciate, the details in the pictures. They also encourage the introduction of new vocabulary and help develop storytelling skills. Please help your child look at the pictures and talk about them. They may be able to make predictions about what might happen next or talk about their own experiences linked to the book.

EYFS and Year 1

Books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. The books will then be quarantined for 48 hours. All children will take part in daily phonics lessons. At this point, children will bring home a phonics book containing the new phonemes (sounds) which have been taught, so they can practise at home. Please look at these together regularly. Phonics and Reading information 'meetings' have been arranged for both EYFS and Year One so that you can find out more about how your child will learn to read and write at school as well as the next steps for those children in Year One. Please see the Diary Dates on the school website.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's school uniform, shoes and coat are all labelled with your child's name. Children will be going outside whatever the weather so please send your child in appropriate clothing. Please see the school website for a full uniform list.

PE

The children will be carrying out a session with KANGA Sports every Tuesday afternoon. Cherry Class do not currently need PE kits until after October half-term.

Tapestry

We have reactivated any pending Tapestry accounts. We hope you have all been able to access your child's Learning Journey - if not please speak to a member of staff. Don't forget to add 'treasure box' photos ready for their first full day so they will have something to share and talk about.

Where to find information about the curriculum

In Cherry Tree class we will use Tapestry as our main communication platform but please do look on our school website under EYFS for further details and information. For information about the Year 1 curriculum, please see the school website.

Accidents

If your child has a **toilet accident** at school, we have plenty of spare clothes. Please wash and return any items to school ASAP. (If your child is likely to have regular accidents please speak to a member of staff and send some spares into school.)

If your child has a **bumped head** during the school day, we will inform you by phone and issue a 'bumped head' letter.

Show and Tell

We will begin 'show and tell' after October half term and this will take place on Tapestry for EYFS and Purple Mash for Year 1.

Reminders

- Please send a water bottle to school every day, clearly labelled with your child's name. We are unable to use the water fountain at present.
- Please provide a pair of wellies clearly labelled with your child's name to be kept in school.

Teacher emails

If you need to contact school about information regarding your child, you may contact us through our school email.

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Thank you for your support and co-operation. Please do not hesitate to speak to any of the class team if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks

Mrs Wright and Mrs Holmes