

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now come to the end of the first full week of the academic year, this has been a positive week in school with the children settling into their new classes and adapting to new routines.

Our school week now begins with a full menu of activities. With external providers for PE, Computing and Music the children receive a quality learning experience within their discrete year group. Our Year Five pupils have now begun to learn to play the violin, inspired by opportunity to perform with the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall next July.

PE/ and Swimming

Health and Safety is always a priority. During PE and Swimming sessions all jewellery must be removed. We advise that on the day of PE Earrings are not worn to school.

Clubs will begin next week. We offer a combination of after school and lunchtime clubs. Children have been requested to select clubs of their choice via school spider, their club choices have now been confirmed. Please see the list on the next page.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week 96.2%.

Across the school, **15 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means 4 school days missed
95% attendance means 10 school days missed
90% attendance means 19 school days missed
80% attendance means 38 school days missed
5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

| Lower than 90% | 90-95% Attendance | 96-100% |
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| Attendance | Class 2 | Attendance |
| | Class 5 | Reception |
| 6 | | Class 1 |
| | | Class 3 |
| | | Class 4 |
| | | Class 6 |
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Dates for the diary

Please note some of these have changed since last week's Welcome back letter...

Whole School Mass – Tuesday 26th September 9.30 am

Curriculum Evening – Tuesday 3rd October

Parents Evening – Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 9th November

New class Twitter pages

Please follow our new class Twitter pages..

@cherryclassSL

@elmclassSL

@yewclassSL

@cypressclassSL

This term's Clubs...

| Clubs – Autumn term | | |
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| | Lunch time | After school |
| Monday | Colour and Calm (Run by Year 6) | Mr Curran's Club (KS1 and KS2) |
| Tuesday | | Badminton |
| Wednesday | Board Games (Run by Year 6) | Netball |
| Thursday | | Orienteering and Mr Curran's Club (KS2 only) |
| Friday | Lego Club (Run by Year 6) Choir | |

Leaflet for Mr Curran's club



Cherry Class

Reception and Year 1 have had a lovely start back to school after summer! Reception have settled in wonderfully and year 1 have been so welcoming and helpful!

We have started our new text Lost and Found and we have been predicting what might happen in the story and thinking about what they characters might be thinking.

We have been exploring all of the different maths resources, practicing counting and number formation as well as representing numbers in different ways.

We have carried out a walk around school, beginning to draw maps and look at what we have in our environment. We also looked for Cherry trees in our school grounds and even tasted some cherries to see what they tasted like.



Elm Class

Elm Class have had a fantastic first full week back in Year 2! We have been so busy introducing all of our new topics and learning about what goes on in Year 2.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Life Education where we met Harold the Giraffe and learned all about our body and feelings.

We have been enjoying our book Troll Swap in English and had lots of fun designing and describing our own trolls earlier in the week.

In PE, we were practising our catching skills and had lots of fun playing some games!



Yew Class

In Yew Class, we have had a very busy week! On Tuesday in Geography, we learnt about rivers. We used atlases and google earth to identify some of the UK's rivers.

In science we have been learning about states of matter. We sorted objects in to their three states, solid, liquid and gases. We looked at how the molecules in each matter were arranged and moved around the room as a different state of matter.

On Thursday we had a visit from the life caravan. Year 3 participated in a workshop called 'Meet the brain' - we looked discussed how to keep our bodies healthy and learnt what is good and bad for you. Year 4's session was called 'It's good to be me'. We talked about how everyone is different in a good way and we looked at the inside of our bodies.



Cypress Class

We have had a fantastic first full week back in Cypress Class! The week began with a busy Monday morning of Music, French, Computing and PE lessons. Year 5 were really excited to get started on their violin lessons and meet their violin teacher. They found out all about the lesson structure and they're really excited for next week when they get their violins and start to learn how to play.

In Maths, we have been exploring place value and working with very big numbers! Year 6 have been exploring numbers up to 10,000,000 and really enjoyed working through some challenging reasoning questions.

In this week's geography lesson, we started our new topic all about energy. We enjoyed investigating the different types of energy sources and the different countries that trade energy. This week, we also had our first swimming lesson and enjoyed our Life Education workshops where we discussed friendships and making good decisions. It has been a very busy week but we are all really enjoying our new classes and year groups.



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...



Headteacher Awards

Subject Awards

