

Cherry Class Newsletter

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Hello,
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Adults in the room:

In Cherry Class, Olivia will be working every day. I will be supported by Sarah on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. On a Monday afternoon, I will be completing my PPA time which means that Natalie will be teaching the children. Please see photos below to familiarise yourself with the adults working in our classroom.

		
Olivia (Teacher) Full time (PPA on Monday afternoons)	Sarah (TA) Tuesday mornings, Thursday mornings, Friday mornings	Natalie (HLTA) Monday afternoons

There will be a “Meet the Teacher” session on Thursday 10th September from 3.25pm – 3.45pm. Please do come along to find out more about me and what we will get up to!

Learning:

We are going to be covering some great topics that I know the children are going to love. To begin the year, we are starting with the topic “People Who Changed the World”. This will be a wonderful topic about historical figures who did remarkable things. Please see our knowledge organiser to find out a bit more about this. I have added some key people to this so you can do a bit of research together at home if you would like to.

Every day in Cherry Class, we will do Phonics, Drawing Club (which will turn into Curious Quests during our first term), Maths, Handwriting and a foundation subject. Foundation subjects include RE, PE, PSHE, Science, DT, Art, History, Geography and Music.

Book Changes:

Due to our TA hours, book changes will take place on a Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure that children’s reading books and reading records are in school every day as the children will be read with throughout the week. Please ensure that your child’s book and reading record are in their pact folder every day.

Classroom routines:

In the mornings, please drop your child at the outside classroom door. Both Willow and Cherry use this door so please be mindful of this when dropping off and picking up your child. In year one, we ask that you drop your child and try to limit how much you come into the classroom. This is so everybody has a calm start to the day and the classroom doesn’t get too busy. If there are any problems with this, please let me know. We will be

relaxed with this on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September so you can support your child with transitioning into year one but ask that this is in place from Monday 7th September please.

At the end of the day, children will line up by the door and be sent out as we see each parent. Please make yourself known on the playground so we can ensure each child goes home with the correct adult. If there will be someone else collecting, please let Olivia know in the morning.

Cuddly toys:

We welcome cuddly toys into the classroom as these are really comforting thing for many children. Please remind your child that these are only for mornings, playtimes and lunchtimes and are not to be on the carpet or out during learning time.

Named items:

Where possible, please make sure that items that come into school are labelled. Items regularly get put in different places and it just helps when reuniting items with the correct owner.

Additional information:

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday this term. Please come dressed in PE kit. Our Mike's Meadow slot will be on a Friday afternoon, please send your child with a coat and wellies. Wellies can be left on the racks to the left (if facing the building) of the white door. Please make sure these are named.

Cheeky requests:

We are trying to create a writing area both inside and outside the classroom. In order to do this, we would be grateful for any donations of notebooks, diaries, paper, gel pens, that sort of things. These do not need to be new items...if used, please make sure any sensitive information has been taken out before coming into school.

Parent readers – if anyone is able to offer time to support with reading in Cherry Class, I would really appreciate it! Please speak to me at the door if this is something that you might be interested in. I am keen for weekly but also ad hoc too.

Certificates/Awards:

Over the course of the year, each child will receive two Teacher's Awards, one Star of the Week and one Presentation Award. These will be awarded in assembly on a Friday. You will be notified beforehand if your child is receiving this award so that you have the opportunity to attend if you are available. Towards the end of the year, some children may be awarded additional awards if there are enough weeks but this will not be guaranteed.

Days to remember:

Monday	Olivia – PPA (Natalie teaching PM)
Tuesday	Book Change Library slot
Wednesday	PE – come in PE kit please
Thursday	PE – come in PE kit please Cherry Meet the Teacher (3.25pm)
Friday	Mike's Meadow – please bring wellies and a coat

Phonics this week – we will be revising the sounds that the children learnt in Apple Class so please feel free to go through these with your child.

My door is always open so please do come and chat if you have any questions or concerns.

Olivia