Friday 24th January 2025

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

We have come to the end of our third week of the term, which seems to be going by very quickly.

This Wednesday we had a visit from our Leading and Learning Partner. Every school in Hampshire has one of these and they are employed by the Local Authority to work closely with schools. On a regular basis they visit to work alongside the leadership team on strategic actions. They visited the school this Wednesday and joined me, Ms Wrigley and Mrs Plascott in completing lesson observations, looking at books and speaking to children as well as meeting with staff and governors. We were all very impressed with the quality of learning taking place in classes; children showed enthusiasm and great learning behaviours.

I am really proud of how well they represent the school values. I am certainly ending this week with a big smile on my face.

Attendance

Congratulations once again to Elm!

Data for 13th January to 17th January	
Ash	92.5%
Chestnut	89.33%
Elm	98%
Larch	94.09%
Oak	91.9%
Pine	89.3%
Sycamore	92.59%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 31st January— Reception (Ash Class) Workshop for Parents at Drop Off
- 3rd February—Online Safety Afternoon parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 7th February—Dentist coming in to visit Ash Class
- 11th February—Year 1 (Chestnut Class) Assembly parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 13th February— Year 3 (Larch Class) Exhibition parents / carers welcome at 9.15am
- HALF TERM—MONDAY 17TH—FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
- Monday 24th February—back to school after half term
- 25th February—Year 6 (Sycamore) computing workshop parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 26th February—Year 4 (Oak) class assembly parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 27th February—Hampton Court Palace Trip—Year 4 (Oak) and Year 5 (Pine)
- 4th March—Year 4 (Oak) girls trip to Edgeborough School for Forensics Day
- 5th March—Reception (Ash) vision check with the school nursing team
- 6th March—World Book Day
- 6th March—Parents / carers invited to come in and read with their child—2.45pm
- 11th March—Year 1 (Chestnut Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 12th March—Year 5 (Pine Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 13th March—Year 5 (Pine Class) computing workshop parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 14th March—Year 1 (Chestnut Class) Toys through time workshop
- 14th March—Year 3 (Larch Class) Mini Museum workshop
- 17th March—Year 2 (Elm Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 19TH MARCH PARENTS EVENING IN THE HALL
- 20TH MARCH PARENTS EVENING IN THE HALL
- 21st March—Year 5 (Pine Class) Climate Trackers Workshop in Hall
- 24th March—Year 2 (Elm Class) Exhibition parents / carers welcome at 9.15am
- 25th March —Reception (Ash Class) Easter Experience at Church of the Good Shepherd
- 31st March—Online Safety Afternoon parents / carers welcome at 2.45pm
- 3rd April—Year 6 (Sycamore Class) trip to Aldershot Military Museum

Easter Holidays Monday 7th—Monday 21st April

Celebrations —

We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Leo	Riley-Jay
Chestnut Class	Connor	Darman
Elm Class	Nasim	Safa
Larch Class	Vince	Nyasha
Oak Class	Nkeiruka	Toby
Pine Class	Liam	Tyler
Sycamore Class	Lorraine	Jasmine

Play Leader Awards — **Key Stage 1**

Gerald

Our Value Ambassadors—recognised for showing great resilience



Play Leader Awards for children demonstrating the school values in their play

Stars of the Week — recognised for their efforts this week

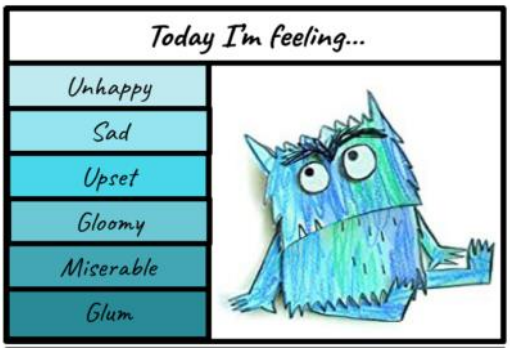


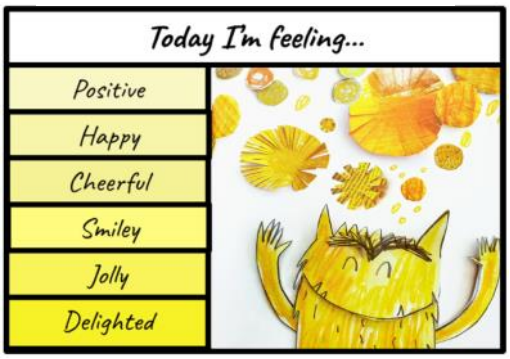


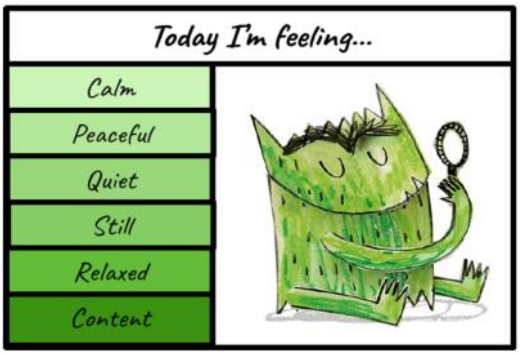
School Council—Question of the week

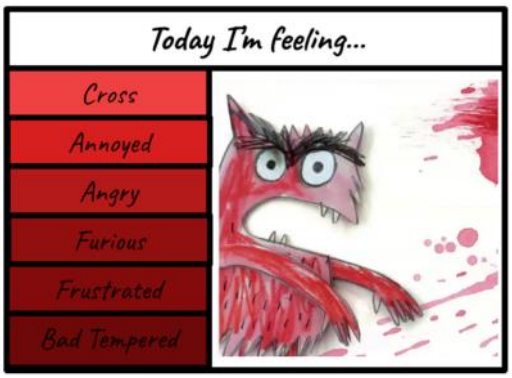
This week our school council talked to parents about the colour monsters we use in school. The children use them to identify how they are feeling each day and this is a really good visual tool to help our children learn about their emotions and is also very helpful to staff in supporting those children who may be having a tricky day. When our school council asked parents if they knew about the colour monsters many of you said that you did. Our school councillors did a really good job at explaining to those parents who weren't aware how we use these in school. These could be a really useful way of supporting your children at home too as it brings some continuity between school and home.

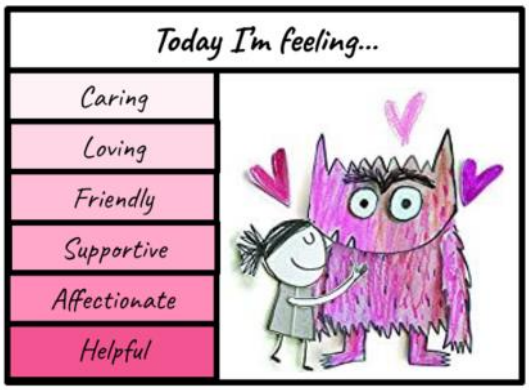




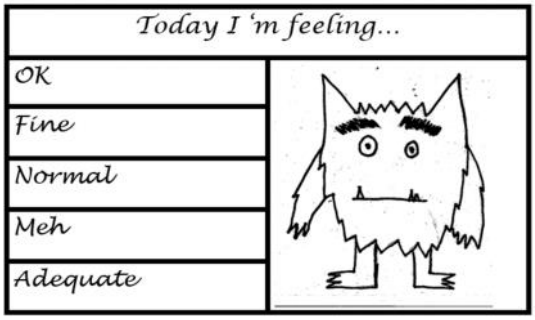












Safeguarding

We are aware that some children may have watched, with or without their parents knowledge, Squid Game.

What is Squid Game?

Squid Game is a South Korean television series streaming on Netflix. The plot centres on a group of adult debtors, thieves, and gamblers competing against each other in a series of childhood games for a grand cash prize. However, there is a dark twist to the game i.e. losing competitors are violently killed. Since its release in September 2021, Squid Game has become number one across 90 different countries in Netflix's ranking of most watched TV shows, this includes the UK.

Harmful Content in the Show

Squid Game is brutal and violent, with Netflix stating on the UK site that it has a **rating of 15.** On the website for the British Board of Film Classification, the organisation outlines that Squid Game contains '**sexual violence references, injury detail, crude humour, sex, suicide, sexual images, violence'.** The BBFC emphasises that this means that this 'particular form of media is suitable only for persons aged 15 or over'.

How does my child know about this?

As this is a cultural phenomenon, Squid Game has become a popular subject of memes, games, and online conversation. It is entirely possible for a child or young person to know all about Squid Game – ***without*** actually watching the show. Popular gaming platforms such as Roblox and Fortnite have also seen a sharp increase in user-designed games recreating those in Squid Game. These can be played by anyone. They are also being heavily livestreamed by many gaming streamers on YouTube and Twitch. Parents and carers should be aware that video content from this show is found extensively on TikTok, which could also increase interest in watching the show. **Remember: even if you restrict the child in your care from watching Squid Game, they may be able to access content on other platforms.**

What can trusted adults do?

As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up on any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix, in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a good opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

For further advice regarding online safety please visit: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

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Saturday 1 and Saturday 8 February 2025, 10.00 - 10.50am

We are looking for Year 4 or 5 students to be the next generation of tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba players

The Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their highly successful Endangered Species programme on Saturday 1 & 8 February 2024 . Students will take part in fast-track learning every term-time Saturday at our rehearsal base in Perins School, Alresford, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band

FREE RESOURCES!



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH BAND

Scan the QR code to register your interest

Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/hms

FEBRUARY 2025 HALF-TERM

Princes Hall
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Play IN A DAY

Play In A Day



Tuesday 18th February **10am to 4pm**
7-11yrs **£21**
Topic: The Wizard of Oz

A must for all drama fans! Our expert leader, Debi will give you the opportunity to learn new theatrical skills, meet new friends, build confidence and work on a short play that will be performed to parents at the end of the day.

Dance IN A DAY

Dance In A Day





Wednesday 19th February **10am to 4pm**
7-11yrs **£21**

A must for all dance fans, movers and shakers! Our expert leaders, Justine and Sian will give you the opportunity to learn new dance moves and skills, meet new friends, build confidence and work on a number of short choreographed pieces that will be performed to parents at the end of the day.

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