28th March 2024

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

We have reached the end of the spring term. Although it has been 12 weeks long it seems to have flown by. The children are now two thirds of the way through this academic year and, as you will have heard from your parents' evening appointments, are working hard to ensure that they have secured the skills and knowledge they need ready to move to the next year group.

I really hope that you have enjoyed the additional items we have been adding to our newsletter this term. The children get really excited when we talk about what is being shared and they are eager to see their contributions or photographs. If you have any further suggestions of what you would like us to include please do let me know.

I have some exciting but sad news to share with you. Miss Guest will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Not only is she leaving the school but she is also leaving the country, moving to the Netherlands. This is such an exciting adventure for her. We still have her for a whole term and she has plenty of time to ensure that she passes all of her knowledge onto her replacement.

Today has been incredibly wet but we have had a lot of Easter related fun, including treasure hunts which the children loved.

I would like to wish you all a restful break and I hope you get the chance to spend time with family and loved ones.

Best wishes

Mrs Lewis

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 15th April—Back to school after the Easter Break
- 24th April — Larch (Year 3) & Pine (Year 5) trip to Legoland
- 6th May—Bank Holiday School Closed
- 11th May—Larch (Year 3) Computing Workshop—2.45pm
- 27th—31st May Half term
- Please remember INSET day Monday 3rd June
- 4th June—Back to school after May half term
- 5th June—Chestnut (Year 1) Computing Workshop—2.45pm
- 12th June—Oak (Year 4) Computing Workshop—2.45pm
- 13th June—Elm (Year 2) Assembly—2.45pm
- 13th June—Ash (Year R) & Chestnut (Year 1) trip to Wellington Country Park
- 26th June—Pine (Year 5) Exhibition—9.30am
- 27th June—Oak (Year 4) & Elm (Year 2) trip to Watts Art Gallery
- 2nd July—Raising Aspirations Day
- 3rd July—Ash (Year R) Assembly—2.45pm
- 15th July—Oak (Year 4) Music Assembly—9.30am
- 18th July Cherrywood's Big Picnic
- 22nd July—Leavers Assembly (Sycamore Year 6) - 2.30pm
- 24th July—Last day of term

* PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS

Celebrations—





We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Vinny	Zain
Chestnut Class	Ronak	Theon
Elm Class	Holly	Luchiana
Larch Class	Gracie	Krishon
Oak Class	Roshni	Tyler
Pine Class	Laylah	Freya
Sycamore Class	Gracie	Theia

Play Leader Awards

Key Stage 1	*Key Stage 2*
Leon	Krishon

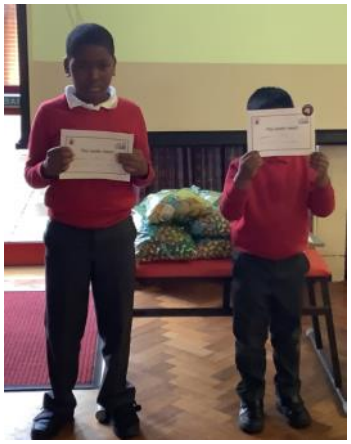
Our Value Ambassadors— recognised for showing great teamwork



Stars of the Week— recognised for their efforts this



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



Question of the week



Last week our school council asked ‘Do you think it is important for children to go on educational trips?’

Of the 51 people who spoke to councillors 49 said ‘YES’.

This does not surprise us and we are very aware that educational visits can really enhance our curriculum and provide children with rich and varied experiences. You will have seen through the photographs shared in this newsletter how much children enjoy these experiences.

There was a wide range of trips that you felt were important—historical, science, going to museums, cultural, Lego Land.

As you will know we often take children to the Church of the Good Shepherd. It was suggested that we try to include other places of worship. Last year years 5 and 6 visited a mosque in Woking, also enjoying taking the train to get there. Mr Wilde is currently developing connections with a range of places of worship so that we can expand these cultural visits further.

We are aware that paying for educational visits can be a financial burden. We do subsidise these with school funds but are also finding this more challenging. Miss Guest is currently reviewing the visits that support our curriculum to try and ensure that there are not too many costly visits per year . The information shared by parents regarding the visits you think are important will support her in finalising this.

Easter Winners—It was lovely to see Mandy and Dianne from Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday. As well as sharing an Easter Assembly with us they also presented a number of children with prizes from their recent Easter colouring competition. Well done to everyone who impressed the judges with their art work.



Oak Class put on a great musical performance on Monday. They have been learning about African drumming and percussion. They took the audience on a trip through the African Savannah and drummed animal rhythms alongside some traditional African songs. Next term they will be learning the violin so look out for the next performance.













UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

It's almost time for the Easter break and we recognise this time off can be both cherished family time and a tricky balancing act for many. We have been sent a range of **practical resources focussed on emotional health** at www.inourplace.co.uk our school is in a pre-paid area meaning we get it all **completely free to access**!

Hampshire County Council has partnered with the Solihull Approach to provide **free, evidence-based online courses** with practical tips and advice to boost parent's and carer's confidence, help them navigate family life, and strengthen their relationships. Whether you are a mum, dad, foster parent or grandparent, there is a course for you. Once registered, families receive unlimited access to the courses and can go back to them as their children grow. The interactive courses cover topics like:

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby (Antenatal)
- Understanding your baby (Postnatal)
- Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19 years)
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child/teenager
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only)

Developed by psychologists and professionals, they have been designed to help you understand your child's feelings, development and behaviour, as well as focus on your own feelings as you grow as a family. To register for parent courses, you will need to have a Hampshire postcode and complete the following steps:

1. Visit **https://inourplace.co.uk/**
2. Select '**Apply Access Code'**
3. Enter the access code: **FAMILY**
4. Enter your information and select the relevant course

Further information can be found at: https://www.hants.gov.uk/solihullapproach

New School Menu After Easter

After the Easter holidays a new school menu will be available. There will be a mix of new dishes, popular past dishes and current favourites on the menu to ensure as many pupils as possible enjoy our freshly cooked school meals. The menu still meets the School Food Standards for portion size and food groups to ensure it's nutritious and balanced to help children flourish. All menu formats for downloading are now available online and the new menu can be viewed on the school website:-

https://www.cherrywoodprimary.co.uk/school-lunches/

Our school caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, formerly known as HC3S. Visit the pages on their website for their menus and other information.

News | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6

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Hampshire County Council
Education Catering

www.cm-sports.co.uk
02392 987 881

After School Club



Football Club

Cherrywood Primary School

Years 1 to 6 only

Friday 15:15 - 16:30
£71.50 (13 Weeks at £5.50)

April 19th and 26th
May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
June 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
July 5th, 12th and 19th

Payment is required in full before your child attends

CM Sports and your school have teamed up to give your child the opportunity to attend one of our popular after school sessions and learn new skills with our enthusiastic coaches.

Our team can be found throughout Hampshire providing schools with quality sports coaching and childcare. We have many years experience teaching sport and are fully aware of how to ensure that children take the maximum from our sessions.

To enrol on this club please visit our website on www.cm-sports.co.uk or phone our office on 02392 987881. Childcare vouchers also accepted.

Please note that all of our staff have an enhanced DBS check, have attended child protection workshops and hold first aid qualifications.

We are very excited for our football club to start on Friday 19th April. There are still spaces available so please get in touch to book yours.