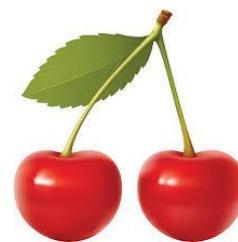


# Cherry Class News

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Welcome to the summer term! All Cherry staff would like to give you all a huge welcome to our new term. Here is a newsletter to keep you guys updated and in the loop.

## Drop off/Collection

Currently we ask parents to wear masks (unless medically exempt) during these times and that only one person drops off and collects. This is to minimize people gathering and to keep people on the school site to a minimum. We ask you to come through the top park, double green gates and follow the path, find a space outside our classroom on the yard and wait for your child to be greeted by one of us. Parents then follow the path marked out down the field and across the main yard around the back up the steps and then back through to the top park gates. Parents must also give notice to staff if someone else is picking up your child regardless if they are on the data collection sheet, as you can appreciate I have not been able to meet other family members during COVID times and need to be informed if another is picking up your child, which will allow me to give you a password so your child is collected safely!

## School 360

New parents in particular, you will receive an email to access your child's online learning journal. If you have problems getting on please inform me and I can get this sorted. Your child's online learning journal will consist of observations and pictures of your child in Cherry Class making memories, small learning goals and achievements, learning new skills and things they might need to learn/work on. You guys can also add to their learning journal (this would be amazing) as we feel very strongly in having good consistent partnerships with parents using the parent app.

## Summer months

As the summer months hopefully start to approach and we get hotter days, parents need to bring their child a **NAMED** sun hat and have sunscreen on ahead of attending their morning session. Sun Creams can be brought to class with your child's name on and we will assist your child with application, this can be left in their bag at school.

## School Bags

Currently all school bags stay at school on a peg with wellies. School bags should consist of their **spare clothes (full set)** and nappies and wipes if need be. We will keep parents up to date if they are running low. Your child should bring a **named water bottle** every day and this goes home with them after the session.

## Learning

There is significant evidence to suggest that young children learn best through play. We provide a varied range of resources and encourage the children to use them in ways that are meaningful to them. As staff, we ensure that we teach, model and support the children as they work on their next step across the curriculum. Please do not worry if your child

does not bring vast quantities of artwork or junk modelling home—it just means that they are busy learning different things! That said we will be focusing on some themed work such as minibeasts and spring. Also keep in mind you can add to the learning journals with your own home learning.

### **General Aims**

- Potty/toilet training (keep me posted how this is being done at home so we can be consistent at school)
- Learning to put shoes on/off
- Learning to put coats on/off
- Sharing with others
- General fine motor skills (pre/current scissors skills, pencil control and grip, tweezer work)
- Following simple instructions (2 word instructions)
- Following routines and boundaries

### **Staffing**

As you will be aware Jenny has taken a step back from Cherry Class as she is expecting her first baby and we wish her so much luck on her new journey becoming a mammy. In the meantime in Cherry Class you have myself “Claire” as lead, supported by the fantastic Katy and Olivia.

Let's hope for a safe and undisturbed last full term to get us through to summer. Any questions my email address is above and you can always contact me by phone 01665 606032. Claire :-)



