



Time for School

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Calling all existing Cherry Blossoms!

Please remember to bring your forest school kit back into school in September. **All welly boots and waterproofs must be clearly named.** Your child's items need to be placed in a drawstring bag. Please write your child's name on the outside of the bag. This helps the staff to locate your child's belongings easily. We will be keeping your child's kit on their peg.



Library time!

I am passionate about books and supporting children to enjoy and cherish stories. I will be starting a mini library, so children will be able to borrow a book from school. Children will need to have a suitable bag big enough to carry a book that is A4 size. (This could be the same bag as your change of clothes bag)

Once all the new children have settled into our routine we will start the library and this should be in the second half of the Autumn term. I will update you nearer the time.

Things to know

Please could you bring a carrier bag or equivalent into school - clearly labelled with your child's name. This will help us collect together all your child's special things ready for the last week of term.

We will start handing out the children's belongings during the last week of term week commencing 15th July. We will leave the sun screen bottles out daily for you to collect when you want to but all must be collected by 19th July 2024.

Thank you!

Last day of term - 19 July 2023

Highlights from this year!

What an amazing year we have had in Cherries and Cherry Blossoms! We have painted, glued and created masterpieces. We have played musical instruments and sung lots of nursery rhymes and songs! We really liked our Herman the Worm and our Jellyfish song!

Messy play has been fun, we made lots of muddy potions, drinks and soup in our mud kitchen. We enjoyed serving these up for others to "consume"! We have explored cornflour and water as well as modelling with playdough. We have baked bread and we have grown a wonderful crop of potatoes.

We have grown taller and stronger. We can push tyres around our playground safely. We learnt to listen carefully during our PE lessons. We can put our shoes and coats on and we really like putting our work on the "wonder table"!

We enjoyed a mischievous visit from an elf on the shelf at Christmas time - and we even had a visit from Father Christmas and his elf. A mysterious large egg arrived one day! We learnt to be gentle with it. We enjoyed all our messages from our special dinosaur called Rex!

We can share our resources with our wonderful friends. We do love to play "my name is!!" We have written many shopping lists and prescriptions for our friends. Our adults helped us to make "good choices" and should we make a mistake we just need to find a way to fix the problem. It will be okay.

We count every day and listen for sounds in words. We certainly enjoy trying to find words that rhyme and found quite a few that didn't! We listened to many different stories and answered lots of questions. We also asked quite a few as well!

We learnt that Mrs Chan really likes lids to go back on felt tip pens and how to tidy up! So much so we have our very own tidy up music to remind us how to do it!

Thank you for the grown-ups who volunteered to help us with our learning. We really appreciate your help and expertise.

The team and I all feel that it has been an absolute privilege to be part of your child's learning journey here at Cotton End Forest School. To those who are moving on we wish you every success!

To those lucky Cherry Blossoms, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to our classroom in September from Tuesday 3rd September 2024 with your new sessions. All the new children will be starting week commencing the 9th September 2024.

