

CHERRY GARDEN SCHOOL

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



Springtime!

Dear parents/carers, friends and families

It is the end of a super term with so many achievements and wow moments to celebrate. The children have been as busy as ever and are very rarely in school with so many trips going on!

We really are making the most of the amazing community we are based within and the opportunities available to the children. Being out and about enables the children to generalise skills they learn in school in different environments.

Some local trips have included; the local market to buy ingredients for cooking (some serious negotiations take place to get the best price!), rhyme time at the library, visits to the train station, sessions at flying fantastic and plenty of sensory walks. Trips further afield have included the sea life centre and bowling. There are also a number of summer term trips planned.....we just need the summer weather to arrive!

The sensory gym has also been in full swing with a number of children benefiting from the sensory opportunities. There is a busy timetable in place and it is very popular. Staff have received training from our Occupational Therapist to ensure the room is used to maximise learning opportunities. I am sure you have seen some of our children using the room on our social media sites.

As the number of parents/carers have increased who bring their children to school and pick them up, I am aware that drops off/parking and access has become more difficult. This is something that I am now working with Southwark Highways Team about to see if there are any alternative options available. Health and safety is always at the forefront and I will keep you updated as our Facilities Manager and I continue to liaise with relevant parties.

I wish you all a lovely warm break. Happy Easter for some and Happy Eid for others.

Kelly

Headteacher



Reminders

The school term finishes this week on Thursday at 1.30pm for all pupils.

We look forward to welcoming all the pupils back on Monday 15th April



Assembly

Assembly plan for next half term:

- Week 1: Eid
- Week 2: Earth Day
- Week 3: Meditation
- Week 4: International Nurses Day
- Week 5: Inspirational Person
- Week 6: INSET day



Staffing Update

A warm welcome to our new Teacher in Turtle, Charlotte and our new Teacher in Dolphin, Josie!

We say goodbye to one of our Learning Support Assistants, Kelly S, who will leaving us just after Easter. We wish her all the very best.



Working in Partnership

The children love opportunities to work together - just look at these buddies and how much they are enjoying each other's company!



Empowering Community

We have been getting out and about in the warmer weather and enjoying lots of trips in our local community and a bit further afield!



Child centred learning



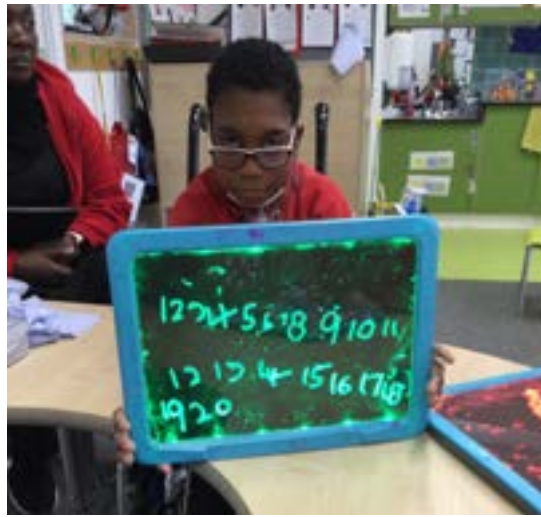
We celebrated World Book Day in style with lots of fun, fabulous costumes and of course, plenty of time exploring stories and books!



Inspiring Life-long Development



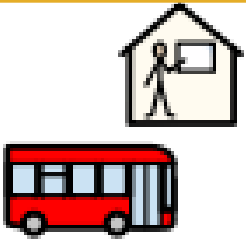
Our practical counting activities have been inspiring a love of numbers in our children recently!



Respect and Compassion

Everyone has been getting involved in spring cleaning this half term - we are very lucky to have such helpful children in school!





Transport

As a school we are always happy to support families with anything relating to school transport, however we do not manage transport and you will need to liaise directly with them regarding any questions or concerns. We are happy to support with this if needed.



Policies

As you are aware we have a number of school policies that are all available on our website. However, if you would like a hard copy of any school policies please let the office know and we can print these for you and send them home in your child's home/school book.



Privacy Notice

We have recently updated our privacy notice for all parents/carers and children. It contains information about how we collect, store and share data concerning pupils and their families. To read our updated privacy notice [click here](#), or request a paper copy by writing in your child's red book.



Cherry PIE is our school partnership group between families and school.

We are always welcoming new parents and carers who want to get involved and take part in building our school community and social events - please contact school if you would like more information and everyone is welcome!

We will be starting to plan some community events for the summer, including our now legendary summer disco - if you would like to be involved please email Lianna or the the school office for more information.



Share A Story

A reminder about our book lending service! You can borrow books and symbols from school to share at home with your child. Scan the QR code below or [click the link](#) to sign up!

Don't forget to send any books you have borrowed back to school when you have finished them - your child's class team will then swap them and send something new home to enjoy!



We also love seeing your photos and videos on Tapestry of what story time looks like for you at home - so do please keep sending them in!



lunch



vouchers

If you qualify for the free school meals benefit you should have received an email from Southwark containing a voucher for meals in the holidays. If you haven't got your voucher and are expecting one, you can use the [Holiday Free School Meals e-form](#) to make an enquiry.

LOCAL OFFER

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

Southwark's Local Offer for children with disabilities and their families has been hugely updated recently, and contains lots of information about clubs, activities, support groups and places to get help and support across the borough. It is definitely worth checking out, and if you need help accessing any of the organisations listed, please ask Lianna at school!

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Music Therapy
for children and young people with SEND

Free group sessions led by qualified music therapists

Summer 2024 Dates

Ashmole Primary School -SW8

6.30pm-7.30pm

18th April
16th May
20th June

Every 3rd Thursday

Places are free,
Please email emma.chapman@in-deep.org.uk or call 07761263105 for your child to be placed on the waiting list.



The Great Easter Bunny Trials

📍 Blue Elephant Theatre, 59a Bethwin Road, SE5 0XT
📅 Wed 20th March 2024 - Sat 30th March 2024

The reigning Easter Bunny has decided to retire - who will take their place?

With all the bunny rabbits after this egggiest of jobs, there's only one thing for it. They must complete a series of trials to see who is most suitable.

A new interactive performance for all the family.

Best suited to ages 3+
Running time: Approx 45 mins



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SPRING HOLIDAY FOOD & PLAY ACTIVITIES FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN AGE 6-15

Arts & Crafts, Music & Dance, Sports & Play, Trips Out, Sensory Activities, Food & Nutrition & Many More.



**Dates: April: 2nd, 3rd, 4th., 5th,
8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th
9:30am - 2:30pm**

**Lambeth site: 161-167 Clapham
Manor St. SW4 6DB**

**Southwark site: Neckinger TRA
Hall, 87 Spa Rd, London SE16 3SG**

For bookings contact 07460399290 or
autismvoice1@gmail.com

Remember to always state the site you're booking
to attend

**The London
Community
Foundation**

Our Supporters



SENsational Stay & Plays and Short Breaks – Easter 24

Bank Holiday	Tuesday 2 nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April	Saturday 6th April
<p>*At Ann Bernadt and Ivydale there are a few spaces for parents that wish to leave their child to take a break (subject to assessment of need, pre-booking and availability). Please contact childrencentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk</p>	<p>*Location: Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, SE15 3BU Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 5-11 years</p>	<p>Location: Crawford Children & Family Centre, Crawford Road, Camberwell, SE5 9NF Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years</p>	<p>Location: Dulwich Wood Children & Family Centre, Lyall Avenue, Dulwich, SE21 8QS Time: 10am – 11.30am Ages: 5-11 years</p>	<p>*Location: Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, Chandler Way, Peckham, SE15 6DT SE15 3BU Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years</p>	<p>*Location: Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, Nunhead SE15 3BU Time: 10am – 12noon Ages: 0-8 years</p>
<p>Monday 8th April</p> <p>Location: 1st Place Children & Parents Centre, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN Time: 2pm – 3.30pm Ages: 0-5 years</p>	<p>Tuesday 9th April</p> <p>Location: Ellen Brown 145 Grange Road, Spa Park, SE1 3EU Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm Ages: 0-5 years</p>	<p>Wednesday 10th April</p> <p>Location: Crawford Children & Family Centre, Crawford Road, Camberwell, SE5 9NF SE5 9NF Time: 10am – 11.30am (Please note, we break for lunch and resume in the afternoon) Time: 1pm – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years</p>	<p>Thursday 11th April</p> <p>Location: Dulwich Wood Children & Family Centre, Lyall Avenue, Dulwich, SE21 8QS Time: 10am – 11.30am (Please note, we break for lunch and resume in the afternoon) Time: 1pm – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years</p>	<p>Friday 12th April</p> <p>*Location: Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, Chandler Way, Peckham, SE15 6DT Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 5-11 years</p>	<p>Saturday 13th April</p> <p>*Location: Ivydale Children & Family Centre, Bellwood Road, Nunhead SE15 3BU Time: 10am – 12noon Ages: 0-8 years</p>

