

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms with yellow stamens, set against a soft blue sky. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing their centers and others as buds. The background is a blurred mix of pink and blue.

# **Welcome to Year 5 Cherry Class**

**Class Teacher —  
Mrs Bridgeman**

**Teaching Assistants —  
Mrs Alexander  
Miss Martinez**

# **Welcome letter**

**(A copy of this can be found on the class page  
on the school website)**

**<https://www.st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/classes/class-7.php>**

# Reading

**Reading is key!**

**\*Children are expected to read at least four times per week at home. When your child has read, it should be recorded in their home reading diary by an adult or older sibling (children are not allowed to record themselves in their reading diary). Reading diaries will be collected and checked on a Friday.**

**\*Children can select a book from our class library or select an appropriate levelled book from home. Reading books and diaries are to be brought to school each day, as they will be given additional opportunity during the school day for independent and supported reading.**

**\*When children have finished a book they will be expected to complete a book review to demonstrate their understanding.**

# **Spellings**

**A spelling grid will be sent home for each half term, informing you of the spellings your child needs to learn and the date of each test.**

**Please look at the definition of each word and ensure your child is able to use each word in the right context.**

**Learning spellings will form part of your child's weekly homework. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday.**

# **Times tables**

**Times tables are essential to each Maths lesson, therefore it is important that your child practices their times table each week at home.**

**Your child has been tested on the 3 times tables today. If your child gets full marks, then they will move on to practicing the 4 times tables. If they didn't get full marks, they will be tested again the following week. They will only move on to the next times table when they have achieved full marks on the previous one.**



# Homework

A piece of English homework; grammar, punctuation or comprehension, and Maths calculations homework, will get sent home each Friday.

It must be returned to school by the following Friday, ready to be marked and new homework to be send home.

If your child is struggling with their homework, they can ask me for support at anytime.

# PE

Our PE day will be Tuesday for the first half term.

Children should wear their tracksuit, with shorts underneath on this day. If the weather is dry, we may be outside so it is important that track suits and trainers are worn.

If your child has earrings, please ensure they are removed on this day.



# **Jewellery**

Just a reminder that children are allowed to wear a small pair of stud earrings and a watch only.

# **Walking Home**

If you would like your child to walk home from school on their own, a letter must be sent into school informing us of your intentions.

# **Termly / Yearly Overviews**

On our class page you will also find  
Autumn 1 overview as well as our yearly  
overview.

# HRSE

HRSE stands for Human Relationships and Sex Education.

This subject was made statutory in 2020 and is especially important after the pandemic as it relates to children's relationships with themselves, others and God.

We have incorporated PSHE objectives into our HRSE curriculum to ensure all children have the skills and understanding to lead confident, healthy and independent lives, building on their relationships with God and others.

Please see the HRSE section on the school website for more information about this.

# Castlerigg

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

At drop off, all parents need to accompany their child in to the school hall, where you will need to sign that your child is fit and well for the trip. The children will leave their bags in the hall, say their final goodbyes before heading up to class.

We will not be leaving until after lunch, so if your child usually has a packed lunch, then please send one in for them on the Wednesday.

Anyone having a school lunch, will do so as normal.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, any medication will need to be handed to myself, fully labelled including the prescription sticker attached.

# High school

Most high schools are offering opening evenings throughout the Autumn Term this year.

You may need to visit their websites or contact the schools you're interested in to find out the dates.

Applications for high schools need to be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024, which doesn't give you a lot of time to make a choice if you leave looking around until next September.

Corpus Christi's Open Evening is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

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