

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms in full bloom, set against a soft, out-of-focus background of more blossoms and a clear sky. The flowers are the central focus, with their delicate petals and yellow stamens clearly visible.

**Welcome to Year 5
Cherry Class**

**Class Teacher –
Mrs Bridgeman**

**Teaching Assistants –
Mrs Alexander**

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 on Thursday each week.

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

PE

Our PE day will be Friday.

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.

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.

Castlerigg

On the evening of Sunday 12th September or the morning of Monday 13th September, we require your child to carry out a CVD 19 lateral flow test. This will ensure the safety of your child, other children within the class, school staff and Castlerigg staff members. We appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe during this tricky time.

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

On Monday 13th September, any medication will need to be handed to myself, fully labelled including the prescription sticker attached.

Kit list can be found on the parents app.

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 end of Oct 2022, which doesn't give you a lot of time to make a choice if you leave looking around until next September.

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**Thank you for joining
me tonight.**