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Friday,
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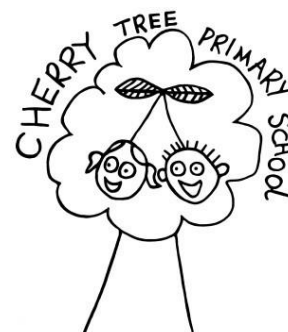
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

*Bringing out the best in each other as we blossom &
grow*

Our Values

Happy, Aspirational, Resilient, Independent, Open-minded, Compassionate



SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

Today marked the start of our Christmas activities with the children coming to school wearing a Christmas accessory. Thank you for the donations of wine for the Christmas hampers our PTA are selling. We have a packed itinerary for the rest of the half term. Please refer to the dates on this newsletter or our Christmas calendar (A Cherry Tree Christmas) for more details.

Class 2 and Class 5

We really missed the children in Year 2 and 5 during their unfortunate but necessary period of isolation. The children received a very warm welcome when they returned this week. All classes are back in school again, I hope and pray that this will continue.

Changes to Dress Code

Friday 4th- Christmas Jumper (Bring a gift or wrapping paper for the secret gift stall.)

Friday, 11th- Christmas Jumper (Bring a donation for 'Save the Children' charity.)

Wednesday, 16th December (Wear a Christmas hat or accessory.)

Friday, 18th- Pyjama Day (Wear your PJs to school for a relaxed last day of the term.)



Bringing a Little Sunshine



This is a new section of our newsletter where I aim to spread some joy and happiness and lift your spirits. If you have any 'Good News' stories you would like to share please email them directly to me. Last week I received a lovely email from a couple who live on Highfield Road who told me about two of our pupils who had been especially kind:

Dear Mrs Graham.

I am writing to you as a resident of Highfield Road. My husband and I live next door to the Barnes family. We have been shielding since March and because of circumstances unable to see our family who live hundreds and thousands of miles away. But Izzy and Luke have continually shown us kindness and care.

We have chatted over garden fences and even with distancing still have constant contact. They have brought us plates of delicious homemade cakes and left them on the doorstep. Izzy and Luke have kept us very happy in this difficult time.

All best wishes to you all and stay safe.

Regards,

Phil and Sue Brownhill.

Virtual Carol Concert

We are planning a treat for all of you to enjoy. Each class are going to perform a Christmas song or carol for you. In addition, our Year 6 children are going to St Mary's church where they will narrate the Christmas story. This will be filmed, along with the class songs, then collated and sent out to our families to enjoy at your leisure. More details will follow next week.



Book Fund Appeal

To date our appeal for your help with reading books has generated £1650 via ParentPay, plus a few parents have made larger donations through their businesses as previously mentioned, meaning that we have over £5k to spend on books! We cannot thank you all enough for this amazing support.



We have begun to clear out old and tatty books from our stocks in readiness for the new books we can now afford to purchase, thanks to the generosity of our parents. Thank you also for the large number of good quality books that have been donated to us. In the coming weeks we are ordering hundreds of new books for our reading scheme collection and our library. We will soon be able to share photographs of them being used by your children.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Sadly we cannot allow children to bring individual Christmas cards into school this year to distribute to their friends... Handing out 30 individual cards does not fit with our risk assessment where we are limiting sharing of any resources or equipment. We sanitise essential, shared equipment such as PE, Science and music resources between each use. This is not possible with Christmas Cards. If they would like to write one card to the whole class, we are happy to put this on display in each classroom.

A number of parents have asked if they are still able to send a gift to members of staff. This is definitely not expected, but always appreciated. We are still able to accept gifts, if parents wish to send them in, and will arrange for appropriate quarantine arrangements. As much as we love homemade items, we'd be grateful if you don't send in homemade edibles this year.

Lockdown Book- ON SALE NOW via ParentPay

This unique book captures the children's thoughts and reflections on a year that none of us will ever forget. Every child in school in the Autumn Term of 2020 is represented within the pages of our 'Lockdown Memories' book. I hope you enjoy reading about this year, through the eyes of our lovely children.

When 2020 began, we were unaware of how events were going to unfold, not just in the UK but globally too. We had no idea that we were about to be challenged in a way we had never known before. Most of our children started the year not knowing the words pandemic, hand-sanitiser, unprecedented or coronavirus. Covid-19 began to spread and our vocabulary was soon to change.

Many of the goals, resolutions and plans made at the start of the year have understandably been cancelled or postponed. As a nation, we like to plan ahead, maybe book a holiday or arrange a birthday party. As more and more events had to be cancelled the ever-changing situation was unsettling for everyone.

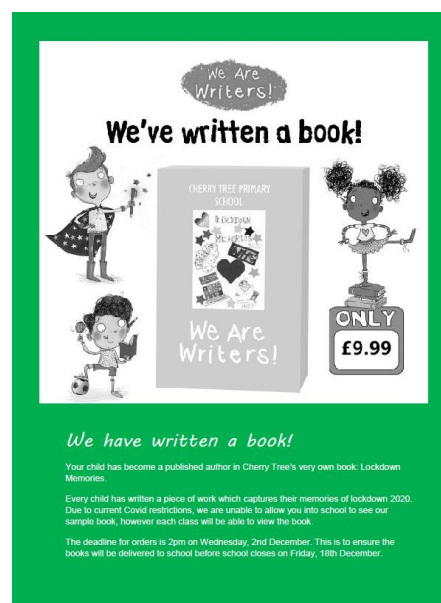
However, lockdown wasn't all 'doom and gloom'. Staying at home brought us time to reflect; to consider what was really important in our lives; and to learn from our children. We began to spend more time in the 'great outdoors' and our carbon footprints rapidly reduced.

Fortunately, we had some of the best weather I have ever known during the spring and summer of 2020. The sunshine lifted our spirits as we attempted to maintain some form of normality.

The children of Cherry Tree have been with us every step and I am eternally grateful to have been able to continue working in school, throughout the lockdown. Initially, only children of keyworkers came to school. In June three year groups could return to school and in September were fully open again.

What an absolute privilege it has been for all of us at Cherry Tree to support the children in their journey through 2020. They have given us meaning and purpose at a time when the virus felt all-consuming. Our children have continued to embody our core values: to be happy, resilient, compassionate, open-minded, aspirational and independent.

We hope you enjoy this special book; available to purchase for just £9.99 on ParentPay.



PTA NEWS

Christmas Bonanza

We have a number of PTA events taking place this term, including the Christmas Bonanza; this is an array of fun Christmas events for just £10. Book via ParentPay. We have had over 150 bookings so far!

Santa is looking forward to visiting the children IN PERSON, to deliver a gift to each child and read a story to them as they eat a delicious breakfast in their class 'bubbles'. A visit from Santa's 'real' reindeers is included plus two pantomime's- one virtual and one recent addition to the Bonanza package, a live panto called Hansel and Dettol.



The Cherry Tree

CHRISTMAS BONANZA

Thursday 3rd December

- Breakfast served at 9am in each class (choice of bacon or sausage sandwich - vegan/vegetarian and gluten free available)
- Santa will read a story virtually while the children enjoy their breakfast
- He will then visit each class to give each child a gift. He will also accept handwritten Christmas letters from the children.

Tuesday 15th December

- Two of Santa's reindeers will come and visit Cherry Tree. Each class will have time to go and see them and each child will be given a bag of reindeer food.
- Virtual Pantomime - 'Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men'.

All this for £10
Available to book on ParentPay



Cherry Tree PTA

Christmas Treats

Treat yourself to a hamper filled with homemade Christmas goodies

- 500ml bottle mulled wine
- Two homemade mince pies
- Four homemade gingerbread biscuits

£10 each via ParentPay
Only 100 available so get ordering now

Treats will be distributed on the 2nd week of December
Sorry no alcohol free or gluten free options available

Registered Charity Number 1019937

Christmas Treats

Why not buy a hamper filled with homemade treats- a perfect gift for a friend or relative, or a treat for yourself to enjoy while doing your Christmas wrapping?

We still have some available to order via ParentPay.

Deadline extended to Friday, 4th December.

We are able to apply for 'match funding' for this fundraiser, meaning that whatever money we raise will be DOUBLED! Even more reason to purchase one!



Amazon Smile

We now have an Amazon Smile account. Anyone shopping on Amazon can now earn money for us at no extra cost to themselves. As you shop during 'lockdown' or in preparation for Christmas, please make your purchase from the smile page (www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and select **Cherry Tree School Association** as their chosen charity.

FUTURE EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	Who	ACTION
St Andrew's Themed Day Lunch	Monday, 30th November	All year groups	Children can wear their community club uniform as such as Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs. (NO SPORTS KITS please.)
Great Fire of London Workshop 	Monday, 30th November	Year 1 only	As Year 1 are unable to go on a trip to we have invited a group into school to deliver an exciting workshop about the Great Fire of London.
Covid Infection Study	Wednesday, 2nd December	Children and staff who have signed up	Day two of the Covid infection study. More details have previously been posted on ParentApp.

Breakfast with Santa (Part of Christmas Bonanza package.) 	Thursday, 3rd December	All children- PTA event, payable on ParentPay.	Breakfast and story with Santa. A gift per child. £10 payable via ParentPay.
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 4th December	All year groups	Bring a gift or wrapping paper for the secret gift stall. More details to follow.
Viking Workshop NEW DATE	Friday, 4th December	Year 5 only	Pay via ParentPay, Year 5 children can come dressed as a Viking. (Or in non-uniform- we have about 15 Viking tabbards in school.)
Hope Journey	Thursday, 10th December	Year 2	Lymm Methodist Church will be telling the story of Christmas to Year 2. They will also meet the characters from the Nativity.
Christmas Jumper Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secret Gift Stall Save the Children Fundraiser 	Friday, 11th December	All year groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can make a donation for the Save the Children charity via ParentPay. Children may bring a small amount of money to purchase and wrap a gift for a parent from our 'Secret Gifts Stall'.
Christmas Brunch	Monday, 14th December	All year groups	Christmas brunch themed school lunch.
Reindeer Day (Part of Christmas Bonanza package.) 	Tuesday, 15th December	All year groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rudolph's bag of treats themed lunch Two reindeers to visit us Virtual Panto- Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday, 16th December	All year groups	Wear a Christmas accessory or hat.
Elves Christmas Party 	Thursday, 17th December	All year groups	Elf themed lunch
Pyjama Party	Friday, 18th December	All year groups	Wear your PJs to school for a relaxed last day of the term.
Hansel and Dettol - Panto	Friday, 18th December	All year groups	We have managed to book a live panto which will be safely performed at a distance to each bubble separately.

FINALLY

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, maybe some of you will be putting up lights or decorations.

Kindest regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,
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REMINDERS

When Does my Child Have PE / Need to Wear Their PE kit?

Please can children leave a spare pair of trainers in school? Ensure all belongings are labelled.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YF, Y1 and Y2 with Warrington Wolves	YF- wear trainers with school uniform for a running track session	Y2		
Y3		Y3	Y5	
Y4	Y4	Y1	YF	
	Y6	Y6		Y5