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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, 21st September 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

Another interesting week for all of us!

It has been great to welcome Year 5 back to school after their period of isolation. I received some lovely feedback from a Year 5 parent that I felt was worth sharing as it may reassure parents in other classes:

Please will you pass on my thanks to Mr Adams and his team for the huge support they have provided during this tricky time. The online learning was implemented within 24 hours of the children being sent home and has covered topics such as RE, Science and History as well as Maths and English. In my experience it has provided as much of a

normal school day as is possible in this situation which has been a great benefit to Jessica.

When the letter first came through to say there was a case in Jessica's class, I must admit, I was quite fearful of what the next two weeks would bring. Now, having gone through the last two weeks, with as far as I know, no other children in the class developing symptoms I am primarily relieved but also in some strange way reassured. From the parents' Whatsapp group it would seem that the virus did not pass to any of the other children which is reassuring in many ways, not least that the measures Cherry Tree are putting in place are working.

Many thanks. Shelley

NEW ROUTINES and SAFETY MEASURES



Latest COVID-19 Update

We have put a few additional things in place this week to support everyone in managing the pandemic.

- Our website has a range of COVID-19 resources and guidance documents, saved under Parent/Covid-19. These resources include our full Covid-19 Risk Assessment (RA). The RA is a working document which is reviewed at least weekly.
- ParentApp now has a separate folder for all letters related to Covid-19 in one place.
- ParentApp has also been set up with a tab on the homepage to allow you to inform us of any Covid-19 test results. We cannot insist on parents notifying us of test results, but everyone so far has willingly let us know. For your reassurance, if someone tests positive and they have had close contact in our school, we will be informed by Public Health England, even if the individual does not let us know.
- Test results that are logged via the App are emailed immediately to my Cherry Tree Head Teacher email address and also to our Business Manager, Mrs Lynch. This means that we take swift action, as soon as we are informed of a case, to let parents know if their child's 'bubble' needs to isolate.





Themed school lunch to celebrate our lovely school on Thursday, 1st October!

We check our emails daily, including over the weekend. (We do go to sleep thoughso bear in mind that late evening notifications will not be acted upon until the next day!)



- The government are keen for everyone to download the new NHS Track and Trace App. See App logo shown here:
- Should another class (bubble) have to isolate, please be assured that we are ready to switch from lessons in school to remote lessons. Our aim is to make this as seamless, and normal as possible to reduce any anxiety for all concerned.
- From Thursday, 24th September, we asked parents to come onto site wearing a face covering. This is in line with the guidance from Warrington Borough Council and is a measure that is in place in all the other local schools. I was so pleased to see little or no change in the children's behaviour towards me at the school gate! I still received the same cheerful greetings from your children as I had the day before without a face covering. Your children are truly remarkable and are very adaptable! ©

How do we use 'SeeSaw'?

All parents should now be set up with a SeeSaw account enabling them to view posts from their child or teacher/TA. If you are not able to use SeeSaw in this way, please contact school and someone will be able to help you.

What SeeSaw is used for:



- ✓ View photos of your child during school time
- ✓ See work that has been set
- ✓ Read reminders about upcoming events
- ✓ Homework may be set via SeeSaw

What SeeSaw is NOT used for:



- Please do not use SeeSaw to notify of any absences; our office team do not have access to class SeeSaw accounts.
- NEW INFORMATION: Please be respectful of our teachers' time, especially out of school hours. They are not expected to engage in an in-depth conversation with parents via SeeSaw. If you need a conversation with a teacher, please arrange this by appointment.

ParentApp is the correct avenue to record an absence or appointment.

FUTURE EVENTS

Welcome Back to Cherry Tree- Themed Lunch

On Thursday, 1st October we will be holding a Welcome Back to Cherry Tree Themed Lunch. The kitchen will be decorated and the menu for this day will be an 'All Day Breakfast' (Sausages, bacon, egg, beans, hash brown, with a vegetarian option and vegan options available too.) For dessert there will be a Cherry Tree themed cake.

Class 2 Visit to Manchester Airport

On Tuesday, 13th October, Class 2 will visit Manchester Airport as part of their topic about travel and transport. They will find out about the history of flight and have a look inside an aeroplane. More details to follow.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy week.

Kindest regards,

Helen Graham Head Teacher Please feel free to contact me with any queries, CherryTree_Primary_Head@warrington.gov.uk