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NEWSLETTER 6
Friday,
2nd October

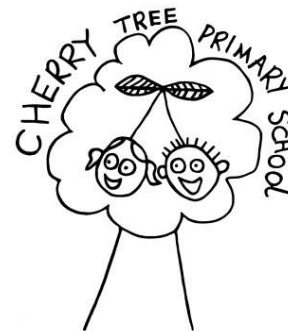
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents and Families,

It is October already and I wonder what this month will bring? Whatever comes our way, we will deal with it with the compassion and resilience that our children demonstrate every day in school!

Well-Being

During the current time of uncertainty, as we all play our part to control the spread of the virus, it is particularly important to look after our own well-being and that of our children. The additional measures we have in place at school are effective but put an additional pressure on the team. To combat this we have introduced a 'dress-down' day for staff on a Friday, to keep morale high.

We also have a number of activities for your children's well-being in place too.

These include:

- yoga;
- mindfulness colouring;
- relaxation and breathing techniques;
- use of our running track;
- 'I-moves' physical activity routines.

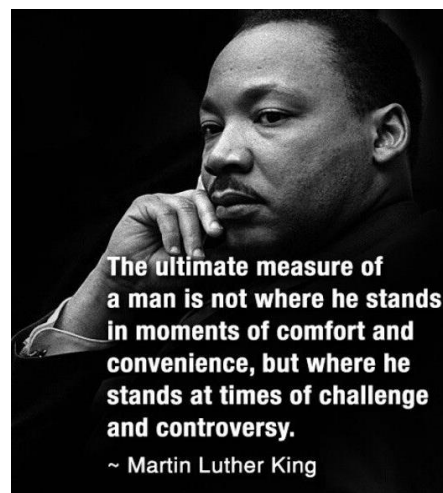
Our aim is to help them build strategies to cope with the challenges that normal life inevitably brings. We also feel passionately that the children should not be disadvantaged by the pandemic. Many social events are cancelled and mixing with friends away from school is restricted. Therefore, it is even more important that we continue to make our school the vibrant, happy place that it is. To achieve this, we have increased the number of themed lunch days on offer and also aim to have a fun workshop or a non-uniform day, each half term for all children. More details can be seen in the Future Events section of this Newsletter.

Postponed Book Character Day

A few parents have approached me to ask about events that are normally timetabled for the Autumn Term. We are unable to organise any of our usual community events, with the current restrictions in place, therefore we will not be having a book fair or a Book Character Day this term. Our aim is to hold these events around the time of the National World Book Day, in March 2021. (No need to create elaborate costumes, just yet.... ;-))

Foodbank Charity

Sadly the safety measures in place also mean that we are not able to hold a Harvest/Charity assembly this term. We would still like to support local charities and therefore will be sending out information soon about how you could donate to the Lymm and Warrington Foodbanks. It is shocking to think that there are people within our local community who are struggling to buy enough food, but this is sadly the case. Look out for more information in the near future.



Ex-Pupils Success



It is always heart-warming to hear about our ex-pupils and the great things they go on to achieve after leaving Cherry Tree. This year we were thrilled to hear of the brilliant GCSE and A Level results that a number of our children achieved, as shown in this newspaper report:

Jasmine Lee (pictured here) somehow managed to get a scarcely believable ten grade 9s at GCSE. Scarlett Wright picked up seven grade 9s and Alice Edgar picked up six of them. In addition, Finlay Williams, and Jada Moses gained at least three A or A grades.*

Congratulations to our ex-pupils, we continue to be proud of them all!

BBC Bitesize Live

We were recently approached by BBC Bitesize to get involved in some of their 'live' lessons. Seven of our Year 5/Year 6 children were filmed alongside their parent last week, in our school library. Look out for them on BBC Bitesize. If I am told when the footage will be aired, I will let you know.

Football

We are proud of our Sports Coach, and semi-professional footballer, Mr Morris. He has recently been signed by Hyde United Football Club who are in the Northern Premier League. This is the same league as Warrington Town Football Club!

When Hyde play Warrington, which team will you support?!



NEW ROUTINES and SAFETY MEASURES



COVID-19 Reminders:

- Our website has a range of COVID-19 resources and guidance documents, saved under Parent/Covid-19.
- ParentApp now has a separate folder for all letters related to Covid-19 in one place.
- ParentApp has been set up with a tab on the homepage to allow you to inform us of any Covid-19 test results.
- Test results that are logged via the App are emailed immediately to my 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.
- 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 local schools.



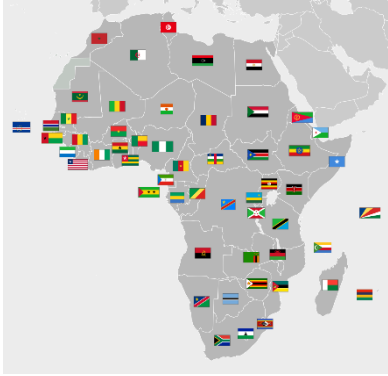
FUTURE EVENTS

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.

African Drumming Workshop

October is Black History Month. Black History Month was created to recognise and celebrate the contributions that African, Caribbean and other people from black backgrounds have made to our country.



Yesterday the children took part in a virtual assembly about Martin Luther King and how he helped to bring equality for all. To further celebrate Black History Month, we are having an African Drumming Workshop on Thursday, 15th October. On this day the children will be invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing bright colours or African style clothes. There are many colourful flags representing different countries within the African continent; you could choose to represent one of these countries with your choice of colours!

Much as we would love to be able to pay the £500 for the workshop out of the school budget, our funds are very tight this year. Therefore, **please could each child contribute £2.50** to cover the cost of the drumming workshop? **Payments can be made via ParentPay.**

The school meal on Thursday, 15th will also have an African theme.

Parents' Evening

This year our parents' evening, planned for next half term, will be a virtual event as this will be much safer than meeting face to face. You will be able to book an online appointment with your child's teacher via the app. More details to follow nearer the time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H Graham'.

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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