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Friday,
23rd October**

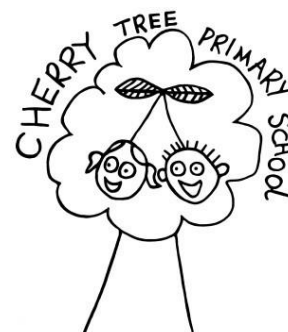
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Friday, 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

We made it! A full half term, under strict safety measures is now complete and I hope you agree that it has been successful for our children. I would like to thank our whole school community for being willing to work with us and follow the government guidance around face masks, one way systems, and parents not being allowed to come into school without an appointment. It has certainly been a challenge but an absolute privilege for all of us to work with, and support your children during this difficult time. I could not be more proud of your children. They are upbeat, polite, happy, resilient and have coped with the changes to their routines remarkably well.

Diabetes Award

I am pleased to tell you that we are one of the 151 schools who have received the 'Good Diabetes Care in School Award'. This is an award of great value to our staff, pupils and governors, showing the wider community our schools' commitment to supporting pupils with type 1 diabetes.

Staffing News

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Perrin is expecting her second baby! She is hoping to continue working until towards the latter part of the Spring Term. Her baby is due in April.

Mrs Barton is reaching the end of her year's maternity leave and will return to school after the half term. Her gorgeous son Billy, will be one in November.

Our former Class F teacher, Mrs Kennedy has been away from Cherry Tree for a while now due to a long-term illness. Sadly she has handed in her resignation this week and will not be returning to Cherry Tree after the half term break. Mrs Kennedy has made the decision to focus on her own health and that of her children and we respect her decision. We will really miss Mrs Kennedy being part of our team and hope that she returns to full health soon.

Visits, Visitors and Trips

It has become increasingly difficult to arrange school trips during the current restrictions. We have already had to postpone the Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport and the Year 1 trip to Staircase House. However, one of the things we passionately believe in at Cherry Tree, is giving the children enrichment opportunities and chances to learn away from the classroom. With this in mind, we have found a way to safely bring these experiences to the children so that they do not completely miss out. The African Drumming Workshop was an example of this, as was the Year 3 Stone Age Workshop which took place on Tuesday. Workshop leaders stay 2m+ away from the children and staff at all times and wear a mask when moving about school.

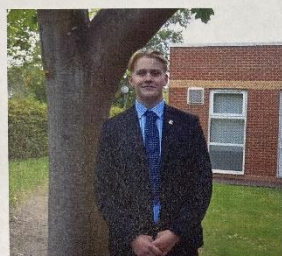
To be able to afford these experiences we are asking for donations from parents, just as we would do for a trip.



Ex-Pupils Success

It gives me great delight to share the successes of some of our former pupils. Harry Charvill, aged 17 has been elected to the position of Head Boy and Susie Underwood, also aged 17 is the new Deputy Head girl at Lymm High School. How fantastic to hear that two of our ex-pupils have been granted such prestigious positions!

Head Boy, Harry Charvill









-  Dunham Hall
-  Lives in Lymm
-  Went to Cherry Tree Primary School
-  Hobbies include cricket, football and rugby
-  Supports Notts County Football Club
-  Interesting fact: Harry enjoys drama and has taken part in three school productions

During my tenure I would like to improve not only links within school but also links with the wider community. I am also aiming to improve the well-being of students across the school. Obviously within the current climate, school will be slightly different, however I hope to ease the transition back to normal school life. I would love to inspire the next wave of student leaders who will help lead the school in the future.

Deputy Head Girl, Suzie Underwood



-  Walton Hall
-  Lives in Lymm
-  Went to Cherry Tree Primary School
-  Hobbies include handball, netball, dance, trumpet, singing, skateboarding, anything outdoorsy!
-  Supports Vendsyssel Håndbold (Danish women's professional handball team)
-  Interesting fact: Suzie plays for Women's U19s GB handball team

To me, some of the most important things for a student are freedom of creativity and expression. My aim is to enhance the environment in which everyone is comfortable being themselves and expressing their interests free of judgement, and with facilities to do so. Whether that is extracurricular activities or topical representation, I would like to encourage as many people as possible to take an active role in the school community and speak up for whatever concerns them 😊

Virtual Tour of the School

We are unable to show prospective families around school at the moment and therefore we have tasked a group of keen Year 6 pupils to create a 'virtual tour' of the school using I pads. Millie Legge, James, Mayne, Isabelle Barnes and Sophie Burke have worked together to script, film and edit a promotional video of our school. They have worked completely independently and I am incredibly proud of the final result! We were approached by a media company who offered to create a virtual tour for £500. I feel that asking Year 6 to do this showcases the talent we have at Cherry Tree and offers FAR greater value for money.

'New' Eco Club

The Eco Club is new to the after school group of clubs and will be taking the lead in putting the Eco-Schools programme into place at Cherry Tree School. Anyone who joins will automatically have a place on the Eco-Committee.

The aim of the club is multi-functional:

- To help raise awareness of the environmental issues that affect everyone in school and our local community.
- Identify ways in which we can have a positive impact on our environment.
- Improve the school environment.
- Empower pupils to lead change by learning new skills.
- Develop self-confidence and leadership skills for committee members.
- Improve the well-being of everyone in school.
- Help to create financial savings for school by using fewer resources or ways of generating income for specific projects in school.



Years 5 and 6 have been identified as the two year groups that could have the greatest impact on the school's hope of achieving great things when it comes to making a big difference on the school environment and we would love to see some of them joining the club.

Eco-Schools is a global initiative so any pupil that joins the club will join millions of children from 68 countries in creating change for the benefit of future generations!

PTA NEWS



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. They need to purchase from the smile page (www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and select **Cherry Tree School Association** as their chosen charity.

Free Prize Draw! Halloween Hamper

Even though trick or treating isn't possible this year, there's still a chance to get your hands on some goodies in the PTA Halloween free prize draw!

One of our parents has kindly donated a large Halloween hamper packed full of sweets, toys & books that will go to one lucky winner.

Visit the PTA Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CherryTreePTAEvents> to enter the free prize draw - one entry per household. Sadly, we're unable to run our usual PTA fundraising events this year due to Covid and that means less funding in school for additional activities and items.

Last year we raised over £20,000 which helped to fund whole class music lessons, science equipment, new Chromebooks and other items.

This year, we need your support more than ever, so please consider making a voluntary contribution via ParentPay for your Halloween entry.



GOVERNOR NEWS

Curriculum Committee Update

An update from our 'Sport and PE Governor' – Georgina Walker

I have the fortunate position of being the "PE Governor" at Cherry Tree and this term have enjoyed watching and participating in PE lessons and sessions with most classes, as follows:

- 'Real Gym' with the online platform Jasmine (Class F, 4 and 6)
- Little Superstars with Jay (Class F)
- Warrington Wolves Rugby Coaching (Y3-6)
- PE lessons with Mr Morris (YF, 1, 2, 4)

I have also witnessed lots of laps of the run track and have been totally amazed by Class F and Y1.

I have been very impressed by the way children have been totally engaged in their PE lessons, whilst challenging themselves, supporting their peers and having a lot of fun. It is good to see yoga and mindfulness being practiced in classrooms too during the day.

We are incredibly grateful to Miss Flower, the PE Coordinator for Cherry Tree, for all the hard work she does behind the scenes to ensure that every child has exposure to different activities whilst they are at school.

Extra-curricular clubs

Along with Mrs Graham, Mrs Lynch has worked incredibly hard to make sure we have a wide array of extra-curricular clubs to allow children to continue to be active in these unprecedented times. Cherry Tree is fortunate to have many volunteers to run these clubs and staff who will stay after school for the children. This, as I am sure you are aware, is not typical in primary schools but is incredibly important at Cherry Tree.

We are very proud of the current links we have with sports clubs in the area. If you are a member of a local sports club or team I would love to hear from you and perhaps we could arrange some taster sessions at school?

As some of you are aware the running track was damaged over the summer, but the good news is that we have managed to source some identical all-weather surface and this will be repaired soon. It hasn't stopped us running on it but the yellow section has been renamed 'lumpy custard' by Class F!

Friday morning- adult runners

Our 'Adults Couch to 5k' group on a Friday morning has reached week 7 and we have bravely ventured out onto the roads (in socially distanced groups of 6 or less) to enjoy the trails around Lymm. We are starting a new group after half term which will be held on the running track at 9am Friday mornings. We only have 5 slots this term so please sign up quickly!

We have continued to organise runs for our past graduates (in groups of 6 or less) and operate a booking system to ensure everyone has a group to run with and a route planned. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Georgina Walker (Governor, Mum to Eddie Y4 and Ella Y6)

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COVID SECURE MEASURES

Covid Infection Study

Our school is one of only 150 schools across the country that has been randomly selected by the Office of National Statistics and Public Health England to take part in a COVID-19 infection study. The study will require staff and parental consent of course, but I view this as a great opportunity for our school to gain information about whether any of our children or staff have COVID, as well as support the national effort to tackle this virus. We will also be tested for antibodies. A separate letter with more information will be posted on ParentApp *inviting parents to give consent for their child to take part* and receive a regular test over the next 6 months.

The tests they will be using are non-intrusive and will be carried out by a registered nurse and a team of study workers.

COVID-19 Reminders:

- ✓ Our website has a range of COVID-19 resources & guidance documents, saved under Parent/Covid-19.
- ✓ ParentApp 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 and let parents know if their child 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.
- ✓ **Parents need to wear a face covering on site and follow our one way system.**



FUTURE EVENTS

Viking Workshop- Friday, 13th November

Year 5 are studying the Vikings this half term and therefore will be involved in a Viking workshop on Friday, 13th November. During the day they will find out about Vikings battles, be able to view some artefacts and will be involved in making a Viking game.

To make the day more special the children can come dressed as a Viking. Only a simple costume is required- natural coloured trousers or leggings. We do have some tabbards in school for anyone who can't find anything suitable. (Top Tip: Mr Adams pointed out that Viking helmets did not have horns!)



Parents' Evening- Tuesday, 17th November

Next half term we will be holding our usual parents' evening but as a virtual event, on Tuesday, 17th November between 2:30pm and 3:25pm and then from 4:30pm until 7:25pm. After half term you will be able to book an online appointment with your child's class teacher, via ParentApp. More details to follow after the half term break.

Diwali Workshop for Year 5 and 6- Thursday, 19th November.

As part of Religious Education, Hinduism is included in the Year 5 and 6 curriculum. However the national lockdown meant these lessons did not happen. In order to give the children their full entitlement to a diverse RE curriculum, Year 5 and 6 will be having their Hindu topic delivered over the course of one day. We have invited a professional team to deliver a workshop, during which the children will learn an Indian dance and make a clay diya lamp to take home.



Halloween Run for River Reeves Foundation

The River Reeves Foundation was set up by Ben and Sharon Dunne, Dad and Step-Mum to River John Reeves in 2016. River was a member of the Warrington band Viola Beach.

On 13th February 2016 River alongside his bandmates and manager was killed in Sodertalje, Sweden as they travelled back to Stockholm following their first European gig. Posthumously, the band achieved a Number One spot in the charts with their 10 track eponymous album, thankfully recorded by Communion Records early in 2016.

The driving force behind the River Reeves Foundation, is to create 'alternate futures' for young people across Warrington who through disadvantage, might not be able to make their dreams within the performing and creative arts a reality. We fundraise through a range of activities including Vintage Viola,

a fabulous shop in the heart of Warrington's Golden Square shopping centre selling pre-loved clothes and accessories.

Over the half term, your children could take part in a run to support this local charity. All they need to do is record their run, post it to the Riv's Runners Facebook page, make a donation and they will receive a glow in the dark Halloween medal. A good way to motivate your children to keep active!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/riv039s-halloween-howler?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR2tIVnBukOBsGildGdmwhERNb56iDukOogNrtAu-KZ8LkjGtvdyJZ2t7F8

FINALLY

I look forward to sharing more of our plans for next half term in my next Newsletter. We are determined to make sure that despite current restrictions, our children have a memorable and fun time this Autumn and in the lead up to Christmas

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and manage to stay healthy and free from the virus.

Kindest regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,
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REMINDERS

- Please return your child's replenished stationery wallet after half term.
- Check at home to see if you have any of our Cherry Tree library books or reading books. Please return these when your children return to school.