

**AUTUMN TERM
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Friday,
6th November**

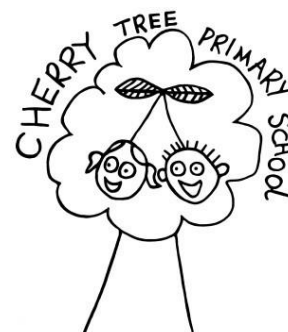
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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,

Finance Update

Unfortunately, due in part to the pandemic, this year Cherry Tree is facing a £37k deficit budget. Being one of the lowest funded schools in Warrington, coupled with increased COVID costs and a significantly reduced income stream this year because of COVID measures, this has meant we have been unable to balance the budget. The Governors and I work very hard throughout the year to scrutinise spending, ensure value for money and find new ways to generate income. However, due to a significant loss of rent from After School Club and Preschool as well as not being able to run holiday camps, after school activities and fundraising events has resulted in a £13k loss of income, since April. This combined with the fact that our costs have increased has put us into a deficit. To date, additional, and essential Covid expenditures have included:

- Essential sanitiser products;
- PPE equipment;
- Additional resources for separate bubbles;
- Staff overtime to cover key worker camp during holidays and extended school hours;
- Supply cover for staff who have had to isolate;
- Subscriptions for online resources.

These unexpected additional COVID costs have to be met from our school budget. I'd like to thank you for supporting us by purchasing individual stationary packs for your child- this has saved us hundreds of pounds! (For example, 200 glue sticks costs £100 for the cheaper version!). Thank you for also contributing to the additional activities that we offer in school such as the African drumming day. These offer children a wealth of important experience and we are grateful to parents for their support. We are also grateful to all our families for supporting PTA fundraising efforts wherever possible.

Despite the deficit, I would like to reassure you that the staff team, Governors and I are working hard to ensure that we continue to provide outstanding education to all those at Cherry Tree. Our excellent staff team are working together, going above and beyond, to deliver high quality lessons under unprecedented conditions.

The Governors and I wanted to make you aware of our financial situation. It is taken for granted that schools have enough money to buy everything they need. This year we do not. Warrington LA is well aware of our situation and are making regular pleas to the government to recognise the financial strain being placed on ALL schools as a result of the pandemic.

We are grateful to have been allocated £16,000 COVID Catch-Up Fund. This is being used to pay for additional teaching assistant hours, meaning that we can provide more support for children across the school.

We appreciate that times are hard at the moment but, if you can, please do support the PTA's fundraising efforts and requests for contributions to schools activities. We do this only when we absolutely have to. Where possible, please consider a regular donation to the 'Development Fund' (Form saved in letters home on the App). The money is used to ensure we can continue to provide the necessary resources to everyone at Cherry Tree.

Volunteers and Visitors

Due to the National Lockdown, we will not be allowing parent volunteers or visitors into the building. The only exceptions are: parents who run extra-curricular clubs (mainly taking place outside and in their normal bubble); governors; professionals who deliver support/lessons for children and student placements.

We are unable to arrange any face to face meetings with parents or ask them to support in school, until after the lockdown ceases.

Virtual Tour of the School

Our 'Virtual Tour' of the school, created by a group of Year 6 pupils, can now be found on our website. This will hopefully give any new families who cannot visit in person a chance to see our school in action and to receive an enthusiastic commentary from Millie, Isabelle, James and Sophie. You will find the Virtual Tour under 'Parent/ New Reception Class'. Their voices can also be heard on our answerphone messages! 😊

Anti-Bullying Week

We are very fortunate to have excellent behaviour at Cherry Tree. Our children work hard, are thoughtful and compassionate and treat one another with respect. This is not something that happens by accident; we constantly reinforce the positive behaviour that we wish to see throughout the school. We have a 'Behaviour Charter' that we

follow, a copy of which can be found at the end of this Newsletter. However, we feel it is very important to emphasise that any form of discrimination or bullying is unacceptable and to give our children the skills and knowledge to know what to do should they come across it occasionally.

During the week commencing Monday, 16th November, our children will hear some important messages in relation to anti-bullying. We will begin the week with an '**ODD SOCKS Day**' in order to celebrate our individuality and differences. No donation required, just wear some odd socks!



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. 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.



LOOK out for PTA Christmas Events to Remember!!

Our PTA are planning a number of exciting Christmas events that you will hear about very soon. The PTA and Cherry Tree Staff team are working together to ensure that ALL of our

children can enjoy a fun, heart-warming and memorable Christmas. Whatever happens, Christmas is NOT CANCELLED at Cherry Tree!!

Our children WILL get to see the real Father Christmas, he has told me his magical powers that make him immune to any form of illness throughout December. Phew! More exciting news to follow... ho, ho, ho!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday morning- adult runners

Corona Couch to 5k has been completed ahead of schedule, and ahead of the next lockdown. Very well done to Ali Cookson, Linda Walsh, Gemma Peers, Karen Chorlton and Kate Thorpe! What an inspiring bunch they all are and they should be very proud of themselves!







If you wish to be involved with future adult running sessions, please contact Georgina Walker (Governor, Mum to Eddie Y4 and Ella Y6) 07775667945 wizzywalks@gmail.com

COVID SECURE MEASURES

COVID-19 Reminders:

- ✓ Our website and our App have a range of COVID-19 resources & guidance documents, saved under Parent/Covid-19.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **Parents need to wear a face covering on site and follow our one way system.**

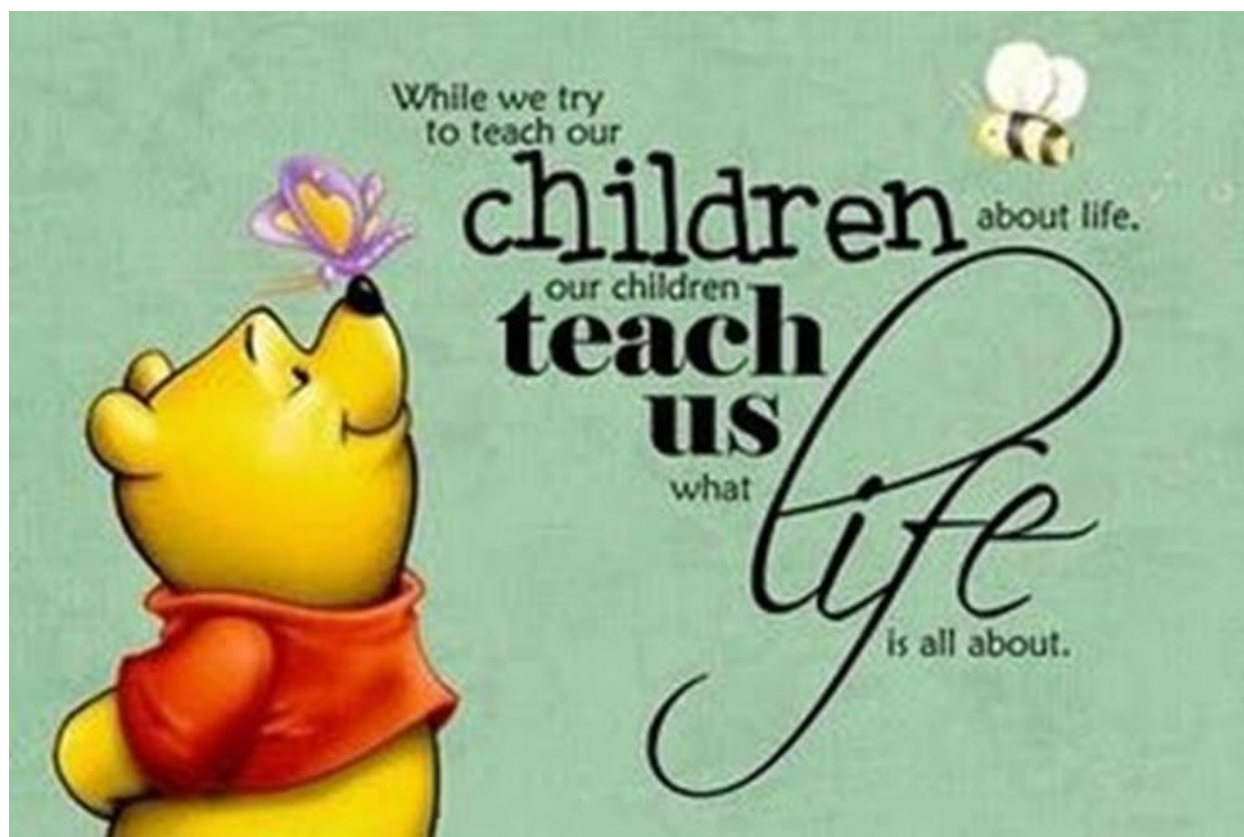
FUTURE EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	Who	ACTION
'Feel Good Week' 	Monday, 9 th to Friday, 13 th November	Everyone	We will be taking part in wellbeing activities all week. Joe Wicks will be posting free activities online that we can access each day.
Covid Infection Study	Monday, 9 th November to Wednesday, 11 th November	Staff and children who signed up	The deadline for signing up has now passed.
PTA Meeting via Zoom	Wednesday, 11 th November 7:30pm	Any parents	If you are interested in involved with our fantastic PTA, please get in touch via their Facebook page or email address: https://www.facebook.com/groups/CherryTreePTAEvents cherrytreepta@gmail.com
School Council to Interview Sally Penni	Tuesday, 10 th November	School council	Sally Penni is a high profile barrister, public speaker and author who has written a children's book. This interview will be broadcast on Lymm Radio on Sunday, 15 th November.
Sally Penni to deliver a virtual assembly and read her story to Y3	Wednesday, 11 th November	Whole school/ Year 3	The story reading will also be recorded and broadcast on Lymm Radio on Sunday.
Viking Workshop	Friday, 13 th November	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.)
Children in Need 	Friday, 13 th November	All years	Come in non-uniform. Our cook is making Pudsey biscuits. If you wish to donate to Children in Need, do this via the BBC website. Children don't need to bring any money into school.
Parents' Evening 	Tuesday, 17 th November 2:30pm – 3:30pm & 4:30pm-7:30pm	All years	This will be a virtual event, between 2:30pm and 3:30pm and then from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. Book an appointment via ParentApp. Our booking system will go live on Monday, 9 th November.
Diwali Workshop 	Thursday, 19 th November.	Year 5 & 6	As part of Religious Education, Year 5 and 6 will be having their Hindu topic delivered over the course of one day.
Flu Vaccination	Friday, 20 th November	All year groups	Consent has already been requested and received for this national flu vaccination programme. No further action required.
St Andrew's Themed Day Lunch	Monday, 30 th November	All year groups	Children can wear their community club uniform as such as Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs.
Year 1- Great Fire of London Workshop	Monday, 30 th November	Year 1 only	As Year 1 are unable to go on a trip to we have invited a visitor into school to deliver an exciting workshop about the Great Fire of London.

FINALLY

As a nation, we are facing difficult times at the moment. I do hope you are managing to find some 'down time' for yourselves away from the rather gloomy news.

You will be pleased to hear that the children at Cherry Tree are truly demonstrating our Core Value: 'Happy' and also our mission statement to **"Bring the best out in each other as we blossom and grow."** We always appreciate working with your children, but especially at the moment as we try to bring some sense of normality at a very strange time.



Kindest regards,

H Graham

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,
[CherryTree Primary Head@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:CherryTree.Primary.Head@warrington.gov.uk)

REMINDERS

- Check at home to see if you have any of our Cherry Tree library books or reading books, we are really low on book stocks at the moment. Please return these to school.
- Send your child to school with a named water bottle each day please.

	Green (Often)	Amber (Occasionally)	Red (Rare)
	Behaviour that we expect the majority of children to exhibit the majority of the time- our expected standard.	Misdemeanours that may need a small sanction to be given.	Poor behaviour that needs a more serious consequence.
	Happens a lot= a reward	Happens more than 2x= speak to parents. More than 3x = Refer to SMT	Involve SMT
T Y P E S O F B E H A V I O U R	<u>Social Behaviours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect and kindness towards other children & adults/ school property/others around you. Polite, truthful and have good manners. Sensible, considerate behaviour for the environment you are in (e.g. walking inside/not chatting through classrooms/staying in seat when eating/working) <u>Learning Behaviours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening in class/not talking over others in class e.g. on carpet/input. Good attendance. Working hard, doing their best, taking pride in work, concentrating. Remembering to adhere to school values/ethos/rules/uniform. Fully engaging in the lesson. 	<u>Social Behaviours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor behaviour - during assemblies/playtimes Disrespect/rudeness/arguing back – (Inc. Equipment/damaging property) Breaking boundary rules inside and out Unkind action/behaviour/teasing/name-calling Dishonesty/spreading rumours <u>Learning Behaviours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking at inappropriate times Uniform, PE Kit, Homework, Reading Records & Books Not staying on task or lack of care with work Being disruptive- repeatedly or distracting others Refusing to do work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliberately hurting someone Damaging property Bad language Bullying Swearing Safety issues Stealing Fighting Very poor attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repetitive amber behaviour that does not improve will move to the red category.
P R O M O T I O N / P R E V E N T I O N	Praise and Promote by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforcing/promoting positive behaviour with the spoken and written work or visually (See Saw) Whole school projects/teamwork. Having high and consistent expectations of children/staff. Building positive relationships with each child Special events, fun times such as Yoga/Class party/trip/Non-uniform day. Rewards for good behaviour or work: House points/certificates/raffle tickets/stickers/ Praise Assembly/Go to Mrs G/extra playtime/Golden Time/note or phone call home. Showing work to rest of class. 	Prevent by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff (including MDAs/ supply) aware of any SEND or pastoral issues impacting on behaviour. Clear, consistent expectations plus reminders of what good behaviour looks like/visual timetable/Golden Rules on display. Unpicking and understanding the reasons why the behaviour happened/is unacceptable. Sanctions: missing break/football/pirate ship or walk beside teacher on duty/complete work in a different room or sit away from other children. Keep reactions to negative behaviour to a minimum. Issues at playtime dealt with immediately so not taken into class. Close communication with parents Reinforce that all adults in school have authority to give sanctions. Build a culture where the children can self-regulate & reconcile themselves. 	Sanctions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call parents of all children involved (victim/perpetrator) or speak to them face to face where possible Make behaviour rules really clear Liaison book/card between parents and staff Talk to Mrs Graham Excluded from trips or special events due to safety concerns Stand outside head's office Miss all of playtime- if v severe, miss all of Golden Time.