

**AUTUMN TERM
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NEWSLETTER 9
Friday,
13th 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, 13th November 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

It was lovely to see the children in non-uniform today and enjoying a Pudsey biscuit at lunchtime. A number of children came wearing Pudsey themed clothes or accessories and some of our Class F children wore super hero t-shirts. We all need a superhero at the moment, thanks to Class F children for lending a hand!

Book Fund Appeal

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the amazing response to our book fund appeal this week. Thanks to all the generous financial donations from families, and a fantastic £2,000 donation from the PTA, we have exceeded our goal of raising £3,300. White Mountain Consultancy made a large donation, and therefore we would like acknowledge this generosity and thank Mr Antrobus.



We will now be able to replace a lot more of our old and tired reading scheme books, provide lots of modern books for our classrooms and replace essential resources like dictionaries, fact books and atlases throughout our classrooms. As part of this project we will also be ensuring that we increase the diversity within our books to challenge and engage our children. This really will have a direct impact on every child in our school.

We have begun the task of compiling a list of the books that we will buy and we hope to have many of them in circulation in the next few weeks. So, shortly you will see your children coming home with brand new books and talking about exciting books in their classrooms.

Thank you also to those who have donated books that they no longer need. We have had several boxes donated this week so there will be new books on the bookshelves in classes next week. These preloved books will be well loved in their new classroom homes.

We have also had more of our old Cherry Tree books returned this week. Thank you.

Our parent community has certainly risen to the challenge in our time of need and we are very grateful to you all.

Confirmed Case

We have been made aware of a member of our school community, in Year 5 who has tested positive for COVID 19. Following a detailed risk assessment in conjunction with the Warrington local authority, the DfE and Public Health England (PHE), we had to take the essential decision to ask the Year 5 children to isolate for 14 days. Initially, a staff member tested positive on Tuesday but as she works with a specific child and follows all our social distancing guidelines, only the positive staff member and two children who she sat with were sent home.

On Wednesday, a positive case was identified amongst the pupils. I had hoped to ask a small group to isolate but the advice from PHE and the DfE was that whole class should isolate as it could not be guaranteed that contact had not been made during a break time, when the children were at play.

The identity of the positive case remains confidential and I would urge parents to encourage their children to handle this information sensitively. None of us want any child or adult to feel it is their fault that a class has to isolate.

This is an unprecedented situation. The one and only reason that a class is asked to isolate is, to put it bluntly, to save lives.

Covid-19 is a very unpleasant virus and for a small minority is life-threatening. If we can play our part to prevent vulnerable relatives or friends from contracting the virus then it is worth it.

The children in Year 5 will now have their daily lessons delivered by Mr Adams and the Year 5 team remotely via Google Classroom and SeeSaw. A daily attendance register will be kept in the usual manner. We expect ALL children to engage with the lessons unless their parent rings school to inform us that their child is unable to participate. Please contact school by 8:40am if your child is poorly or you are having technical difficulties.

Our year 5 children must not come into school grounds to drop off or collect siblings and must not stand outside the school gates. We appreciate this may cause inconvenience to some of our families. However, there will be a staff member at the gate each morning who can accompany siblings in to school. Please speak to us if you have concerns about this.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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 school. However, 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. Our children will hear some important messages in relation to anti-bullying during the week. On Monday, 16th November, children are invited to wear '**ODD SOCKS**' in order to celebrate our individuality and differences. No donation required, just wear some odd socks! (I have hundreds! What happens to socks in the washing machine?!!)



Author Visit

All children have been involved in activities related to anti-bullying thanks to Barrister and author Sally Penni MBE who delivered an assembly and read her book 'Rosie and the Unicorn'. Our School Council also interviewed Sally about the kindness and equality themes contained in her book. This interview airs on www.lymmradio.co.uk in the 'Kids Live at 5' show, 5-6pm, on Sunday, 15th November. Children will also get to see the interview video in another assembly.

Thanks go to Sally for her time and also to 'Think Family Matters' wellbeing events run by parent Kirsty James for organising these activities.

Sally's book is available for purchase with proceeds to three charities, including the NHS. If you would like a copy, you can order a signed delivered copy for £7.99 by texting Kirsty on 07789852892 by 20th November.

Beyond this date, please buy directly from Amazon but don't forget to use the schools Amazon Smile link so we get a donation too.

Christmas Cards

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.

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

Children can come into school in their PE kit, on the days that they have PE and stay in their kit for the full day. We also use the running track frequently therefore if your child has a spare pair of trainers, it would be really helpful if they could bring these to school with a pair of socks and leave them in school. Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

Warrington Wolves are delivering Tag Rugby sessions to our youngest three classes for the next 5 weeks and so there is a slight alteration to their PE days, see below.

Our PE timetable is as follows:

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



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.

PTA Christmas Treats and Christmas Trees!!



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

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COVID SECURE MEASURES



COVID-19 Updates:

- ✓ We are maintaining good ventilation throughout the school by keeping classroom windows open. If the weather becomes cooler, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for a cooler room temperature than normal.

Reminders:

- ✓ 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
Odd Socks Day	Monday, 16th November	All years	ALL children invited to wear ODD SOCKS with their normal school uniform.
Parents' Evening 	Tuesday, 17th 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.
Lymm Meal Scheme Food Collection Day	Thursday, 19th November	All years	Food donations can be brought to school , see text within newsletter.
Flu Vaccination	Friday, 20th November	All year groups	Consent has already been requested and received for this national flu vaccination programme. No further action required.
Diwali Workshop NEW DATE 	Thursday, 26th 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. Pay via ParentPay
PTA Christmas Accessories day	Friday, 27th November	All year groups	Wear a Christmas Accessory, bring a bottle of red wine (to make mulled wine for the Christmas Hampers.)
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.
Year 1- 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 visitor into school to deliver an exciting workshop about the Great Fire of London.
Viking Workshop NEW DATE	Friday, 1st 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.)

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Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,
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REMINDERS

- Please ensure your child brings a coat to school. Even on cold days it is far better for the children to play outdoors than stay in the classroom all day.
- 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, carried separately to their books.