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NEWSLETTER 11

Friday,
11th December

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, 11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you are all keeping well and are feeling festive despite the restrictions placed on our social activities.

Extra-Curricular Clubs FINISHED

Our extra-curricular clubs have now finished until January. The new club list will be published on later today.

Spring term clubs will commence on Monday, 11th January.

Changes to Dress Code

Wednesday, 16th December (Wear a Christmas hat or accessory.)

Friday, 18th- Pyjama Day (Wear your PJs to school for a relaxed last day of the term.)

Year 1 and 2 Remote Learning

We are very proud of our resilient Year 1 and 2 children who have been working really hard whilst at home. I have received some lovely feedback from parents about how their children have responded confidently to the variety of lessons and activities on offer for their children. We look forward to seeing them back in school next **Monday**, **14**th **December** as per the latest guidance published today.

Flu Vaccination

All children have now had the flu nasal spray vaccine apart from Year 2. The vaccination for Year 2 will take place on Thursday, 17th December.

Drama Workshop- Elf Themed

Miss Ali is delivering a drama workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday, 17th December. This is part of their Christmas Bonanza package.



Donation from Karl Welsh Floral Design

Thank you to Karl Welsh Floral Design, for their support for our PTA. A number of our families have ordered flowers, plants, Christmas trees or wreaths via the PTA flier sent home, meaning that we will be given a donation from Karl Welsh. We have also been given a beautiful Christmas tree in our hall, thanks go to this local business!



Happy NEWS This week's uplifting news



Plea for Action

I was really impressed to hear about one of our pupils writing a letter independently, about global warming. Joshua Peers (Year 2), is keen to make a difference not just in his local community but across the whole world! Please see his letter written to our local MP, Andy Carter.

Dear Mr Carter MP,

We're killing ourselves.

When we burn fuels and factories make smoke, we make the environment worse. Cars are also bad for the environment. We're starting to make the environment too warm. In the end, all the animals, bugs and people will die.

First, we need to tell rich people to give some money to poor people so they have enough money to buy electric things like electric boilers and stoves, and green electricity from windmills.

Second, we need to make electric things cheaper and smoke things much more expensive. Because if we don't do that then people will not buy electric things and will keep buying smoke things.

If we stop using fuels then everything will stay alive. Factories, cars and houses should just use electricity.

I would like you to send this letter to the Government, because if we don't stop global warming it will kill the human race.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Peers (age 7)

Aston Villa Card Competition

Jake Harrison has made headline news on the Aston Villa website with Jake being the winner of their Christmas card design competition. His winning design is being sent out to all Villa members. It's also due to be on their social media later. Toby Harrison also entered and his design is shown on the website.

MERRY

Run Club Trophies

Last night, our Run Club leaders announced a couple of worthy trophy winners. The two trophies were awarded to James Burt and Poppy Hopkin, both from Y3. They received these awards for:

Getting ready quickly.

Trying so hard in EVERY session.

Always volunteering for a role when we asked.

Always being polite and thanking us for the session.

Just being an absolute joy to be around.

Both are really talented sprinters too!

Book Fund Appeal

A brief update to let you know that many of the books we ordered have arrived and are now in use. We also have new bookshelves that were purchased using money donated from the Co-op community fund. Reading resources at Cherry Tree have been given a huge boost thanks to the generosity of our local community. THANK YOU!!



Book Early for St Mary's Lymm Christmas Services

Due to COVID restrictions, St Mary's Church Lymm has to limit numbers attending their Christmas services this year. We will still have our usual Sunday and YouTube services, but it is very special to be in church for the Christmas period. In order to manage the number of free tickets for the Carol concert, Christingle, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services can be obtained via Eventbrite on links below or also on our website also www.stmaryslymm.org

6.30pm Sunday 20 December Carol Concert https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130872123043

4.00pm Christmas Eve Christingle https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130604959951

11.30pm Holy Communion Midnight Communion https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130871304595

10.00am Holy Communion Christmas Day morning https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/130873354727

COVID restrictions means the congregation cannot sing in any services, but St Mary's Choir can sing so there will be music. The candles in our carol concert will not be possible. Please follow the one way system in church, sanitise on entering and exiting, keep to the marked social distancing and wear face masks at all times. Please sign in for the NHS Track and trace or fill in a form if you do not have the NHS app.

PTA NEWS

Christmas Bonanza

Thank you to our parents for the overwhelmingly positive response to our Christmas Bonanza package. The children thoroughly enjoyed breakfast with Santa, listening to him read a story then deliver presents. This was a completely new way of running this event and one that I would be happy to continue with. By holding the event in

classrooms and with the full support of school staff, we were able to accommodate ALL the children in school. This aligns perfectly with our school ethos. The previous approach meant that some children missed out as we reached capacity when the event took place in the hall and with parents joined us. Covid-19 has made us change and adapt the way we do things and in this case made us think of a more inclusive alternative.

Secret Gift Stall

The 'Secret Gift Stall' usually takes place during the PTA Christmas fair. But again we have found an alternative that has allowed every child to purchase a gift for a loved one. Today children in Classes F, 3, 4, 5, and 6 have all had the opportunity to buy and wrap a gift. Then next week, we will re-open the stall for Y1 and Y2. Thank you to everyone who donated a gift or wrapping paper last week. Hopefully your children will have bought you something that you didn't send in as a donation!!

Christmas Hampers

Hampers have now been delivered and distributed to those who ordered them. I hope you enjoy the homemade tasty treats created by our talented PTA members.

I look forward to informing you of the final profits made with each of our Christmas events.



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.

FUTURE EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	Who	ACTION
Christmas Brunch	Monday, 14 th December	All year groups	Christmas brunch themed school lunch.
Reindeer Day (Part of Christmas Bonanza package.)	Tuesday, 15 th December	All year groups	 Rudolph's bag of treats themed lunch Two reindeers to visit us Virtual Panto- Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday, 16 th December	All year groups	Wear a Christmas accessory or hat.
Elves Christmas Party	Thursday, 17 th December	All year groups	Elf themed lunch. Elf themed drama workshop for Year 1 and Year 2.
Pyjama Party	Friday, 18 th December	All year groups	Wear your PJs to school for a relaxed last day of the term.
Hansel and Dettol - Panto	Friday, 18 th December	All year groups	We have managed to book a live panto which will be safely performed at a distance to each bubble separately.

FINALLY

We have only five school days left in 2020 and we intend to make sure these days super-special and fabulously-festive! Let's end this year on a high!

Kindest regards,

Helen Graham

Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries, CherryTree Primary Head@warrington.gov.uk