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NEWSLETTER 14**

**Friday,
22nd January**

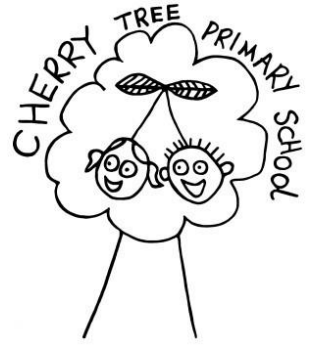
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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, 22nd December 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you and your families are all healthy and managing to remain optimistic during Lockdown 3.0...

After everything we have had to endure, it was hard to believe that we then had to face Storm Christoph and local flooding. I sincerely hope that everyone within our Cherry Tree community and your wider friends and family have not been too badly affected. For advice and guidance regarding flooding in Warrington please visit the council website: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/flooding> If there is anything we can do as a school to help, please get in touch.

Remote learning

Please don't be offended if work posted after 5pm is not marked in depth. After 5pm, teachers aim to stop feeding back and marking the work submitted that day; they then begin to work on planning and uploading work for the next day based on how the lessons have gone.

Our teachers are working hard to deliver new learning and help the children make progress. The methods we are using to deliver lessons are responsive to how the children have engaged with the daily tasks.

To do this they need time away from communicating on Seesaw to plan the next set of lessons.

During these unusual times we are all spending a lot more time working, teaching and learning on-screen. I would like to commend all of our families for doing their best to make this work for them. I know it is difficult to balance work and home-schooling. Adults are beginning to get 'Lockdown fatigue'; I have to admit I am longing for the days when I can meet with colleagues face to face instead of on screen! Remote learning is continuing to be effective; we know this to be the case because of all the positive feedback we've received from our children and parents. I received the following message yesterday from Joanna Denton (Amelia is in Year 4):

'I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you, teachers and school staff who are all working hard for the organization of all the weekly programs and ensure that the children have a challenging learning time without too much pressure. I think the day-to-day tasks are balanced, challenging and entertaining. Thank you again for the fantastic job.' Joanna Denton



Love and Hope

During the final week of this half term, we will be holding a '**Love and Hope**' themed week. Our cook Jenny, is using this theme to inspire her school meals. Those children who are in school are making bunting by hand with messages of 'Love and Hope'- this will be proudly displayed in our entrance hall for all to see. Each class will be set a relevant art activity during the week too, to be completed at home or school. I do hope you will find your own ways to join in with this theme and share them with us in the usual ways.

Physical Activity Bingo

Physical Activity
Bingo

Physical Activity for
the Whole Family
#StayHomeStayActive

Jump up and down in a space 40 times

Play musical statues

Ride a bike, scooter

Balance on a part of your body for 60 seconds

Jump or Move over a pillow 40 times

Play hide and seek

Hop, jump or stand on the spot for 60 seconds

Balance in a plank position

Pass a ball around your waist or head 25 times

Balance an object on your head

Keep a balloon in the air for 60 seconds

Perform 50 star jumps

Complete 20 shuttles (running, walking or moving)

Skip or Move for 2 minutes

Roll a ball across a table 10 times

Perform 40 of the same type of jumps

Create and complete an obstacle course

Throw or roll an object into a target 10 times in a row

Dribble a ball in and out of objects

Perform 40 squat jumps / sit forwards

Throw or roll a ball against a wall with a sibling

Move and complete 10 laps of your house or garden

Perform 40 jumps

Play a new game with a sibling, parent or carer

Perform 30 push ups

Perform dance movements

Perform a short fitness workout

Perform 30 sit ups or lean forwards

Perform a gymnastics routine

Invent and play a new game

How to play:

- Once you complete a physical activity tick it off.
- Can you complete the activities in the blue squares in less than 60 seconds?
- If you are finding some of the activities hard, change them or have a rest and then continue.
- When performing the activities make sure that you are **honest**.

Achieve Gold
Complete all the activities on the card

Achieve Silver
Complete a horizontal or vertical line of activities

Achieve Bronze
Complete one activity from each line

If you have chosen to take part in Physical Activity Bingo, remember that we are having a prize draw for any child who achieves the Gold Standard. Gold can only be achieved by completing all of the activities. Post photos as evidence on your child's class Seesaw page. A winner will be picked from all those who reached Gold on Friday, 12th February. The full-sized bingo card can be found on ParentApp.

Happy NEWS

This week's uplifting news

Mrs Gibson has kindly updated the artwork that I have on display in my office. Four children from Year 2 had their work chosen as 'Artist of the Moment' during the Autumn term. After having their work on display in the classroom, their creations are now on my office wall. Thank you to Freya Inskip, William Paramore, Alexander James and Grace Chorlton for creating beautiful artwork! 😊

Lateral Flow Rapid Testing (LFT)

Next week we will be introducing regular Lateral Flow Testing for all staff who are coming into school during the lockdown. The staff will take a test kit home and carry out the LFT test before coming in to school. This measure is to help us identify any asymptomatic cases within our staff team. The test will be taken twice a week by those who are currently working face to face with children.

Office of National Statistics (ONS)- Covid Infection Study

Following on from the recent poster we sent home regarding the antibody testing kits, we have been asked questions about whether those who have already signed up need to do so again. Please read the information below.

'Only students/staff that haven't previously registered need to register. If previously registered pupils/staff have not previously taken part in an antibody test, they should be contacted by our partners and asked if they would like a kit sent to their home.

Any pupils/staff registering as a result of receiving this leaflet (new registrations) should also be contacted by our partners and asked if they would like a kit sent to their home.

The leaflet states that if someone registers 'you will also be included in future school testing days'. This is for consent purposes, to prevent the need to have to register again. It would also enable them to partake in any future home testing without the need to re-register.'

The NEW deadline to sign up for an anti-body test (home testing kit) is now 27th January. See attached flier.

PTA NEWS

PTA Book Club

Cherry Tree PTA presents a Book Club with a difference

IN CONVERSATION WITH

YVONNE BATTLE-FELTON ON HER BOOK 'REMEMBERED'

Book Club with the Author - Thursday 18th March at 8pm

Yvonne Battle-Felton won the Northern Writers fiction award for this book. It is a beautifully written story set in two different periods of history examining the themes of motherhood, slavery and the bonds that keep people together. A story that will remain with you for some time.

Tickets £5

For Cherry Tree Parents please purchase your tickets through ParentPay.

For those outside of school tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, contact vardye@gmail.com for details

Once registered you will be sent a Zoom link.

Contact our PTA via their email cherrytreepta@gmail.com for more information regarding how to get involved with our fantastic PTA.



Amazon Smile

Online shopping is our saviour at the moment! Please remember to select **Cherry Tree School Association** as your chosen charity. Amazon is thriving as a business during the pandemic; they can easily afford to give our school a donation each time you purchase eligible products, so please help us to gain this extra funding at NO COST TO YOU.

FINALLY

Each week we try hard to bring the whole school together for our Friday Praise Assembly. We have tried numerous methods to allow each class to be able to see and hear the assembly. This is proving to be a little problematic. I am sorry if you missed all or part of today's assembly due to connection issues. Please bear with us. We haven't exhausted all options to make this work reliably! ("God loves a trier!" ;-)

Wishing you all a happy and healthy weekend!

Kindest regards,

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,
CherryTree_Primary_Head@warrington.gov.uk

COVID–19 Schools Infection Study

Yet to take part?

There is still time to register and receive a Home Antibody testing kit.

Thank you to all pupils, staff and parents who have already contributed to this important study. **Your support will inform policies to manage the risks of transmission in schools and help identify ways to protect students, staff and the wider community.**



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Not yet registered?

We will be sending antibody home test kits to all new participants or participants who missed previous rounds due to unavailability e.g. absent from school.

The latest date that you can register for pupils and staff to receive a **FREE** home Antibody testing kit is **the 27th January**. You will also then be included in future school testing days if your age group is selected.

Sign on via the unique link: [https://www.oc-](https://www.oc-meridian.com/Desktop/Portal/signup?id=cisschools&referralcode=111150)

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For help or enquiries please contact the public helpline on 0800 917 9679

- Parents/guardians to select 'NO' for student or staff member on drop down boxes, complete the first page with parent/guardian details and give consent for the first part of registration.
- Confirm the registration by clicking on the validating email which will be sent to you (check spam)
- Login back into the system by entering your email address and password. Click on 'Child Registration Page' and register your child/children, providing consent as required. Your unique school code is: **111150**
- After registering your child/children, click on 'Home' and complete the enrolment survey for each child.