

**SPRING TERM
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NEWSLETTER 18
Friday, 12th
February**

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, 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

We successfully made it to half term! I am sure you are all ready for a break.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone for their immense team effort over the past six weeks. I know it has been tough at times.

- We have parents who are working in critical roles, helping to keep vital services running efficiently.
- We have parents who are trying their best to support their children's learning at home while also working remotely themselves.
- Our school staff have adapted quickly to another set of new routines and have managed to maintain some form of normality for your children.
- Our children (both those in school and those at home) have made a tremendous effort to complete all work set and maintain their focus and motivation under challenging circumstances. As the youngest members of our Cherry Tree 'family' they are the group that I feel deserve the most credit. (I think they deserve a treat..... ;-) but that is up to you... ☺)



MDUK Fundraiser

I am very pleased to tell you that our Go Bright / Whacky Hair Day raised an incredible **£500** for Muscular Dystrophy UK! Thank you for your support and for joining in the fun last week!

KS2 Physical Activity / PE Lessons (Year 3, 4, 5, 6)

In order to move on to the next topic, which involves skill development, it would be helpful if you could source some basic PE equipment. This will allow Mr Morris to vary his approach with the older children to maintain their motivation and develop their skills. For their PE lessons next half term, the children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need:

- **A large ball that bounces.** *This can be a beach ball, basketball, football- it does not need to be specialised or expensive, it just needs to bounce.*
- **A small ball to throw and catch.** *Anything similar to a tennis ball.*
- **Small obstacles to create a 'course'.** *In school we use cones, at home you could use, pebbles, socks, tins, plastic cups or you may have something similar to PE cones.*

The children in our younger classes will continue to have lessons planned that do not require specific equipment.



Love and Hope Theme

We have enjoyed sharing messages of Love and Hope this week. I hope this will carry on into the half term and that everyone will remember to fully appreciate their loved ones. Here are some images of the bunting which the children made in school.



PTA NEWS

PTA Book Club Thursday, 18th March at 8pm



Cherry Tree PTA presents a Book Club with a difference. Tickets are available for £5 to join a live chat with Yvonne Battle Felton, author of 'Remembered'. Yvonne won the Northern Writer's 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 are priced £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.



FINALLY

We should be informed by the Government on Monday, 22nd February what the plans are for the children's return to school. The staff and I hope we are able to welcome your children back to school at some point next half term. Keep your fingers crossed!

Have a wonderful half term break.

Kindest regards,

Helen Graham

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