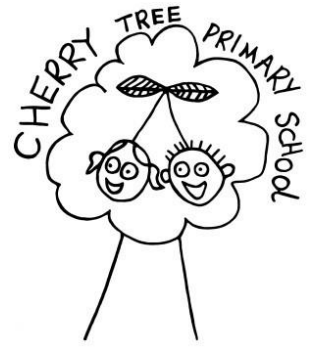


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2020-21  
NEWSLETTER 19  
Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>  
March**

# 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*

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

We are really looking forward to welcoming ALL of our pupils back to school on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

This week I am providing you with further reminders about the Covid-19 Control Measures we have in place at school. Please refer to these in order to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible.



The majority of school staff and parents would agree that remote teaching/learning has been a challenge. In addition, not being able to do our normal social activities has made this more difficult. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we will be dedicating some time to the children's social, emotional and physical health when they return to school.

I have heard many negative reports in the media about how our children have had part of their education ruined. Although, I do recognise that your children's education has been affected and that the things they have learned have not been exactly as planned for the past year, I strongly believe that we should give our children (parents and teachers) more credit. Children are adaptable and resilient, especially when following strong role models, such as yourselves and our staff. We have had excellent engagement and attendance from our children during each lockdown and also during any periods of isolation. The children in every year group have worked extremely hard under difficult circumstances. They deserve to be praised for the resilience they have shown and the sacrifices they have made, not told they have 'fallen behind'.

I passionately believe that the most important thing we can do for our children, as they return to school, is show them that we believe in them and that we value the skills and knowledge they have learned during lockdown- including those additional skills that are not within the National Curriculum.

We are exceptionally proud of all of our children at Cherry Tree.

### Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please also make sure your child arrives on time. The school doors open at 8:45am and gates are locked at 9am and the register is taken immediately after this. Please use our Parent Connect app to inform us of any absences, changes to collection arrangements, notify us about anyone who is awaiting Covid results.

### Outdoor Play Equipment

Please be aware that until further notice our outdoor play equipment (pirate ship etc.) are out of use.

### Lymm Radio- World Book Day

Congratulations to Oscar Wilkinson who read a story on Lymm Radio on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. A small group of children were chosen to celebrate World Book Day by sharing an extract from a book they were reading. Our Year 3 children were thrilled to get a mention too! Next week the children will bring home a World Book Day voucher entitling them to money off a book.

[www.lymmradio.co.uk](http://www.lymmradio.co.uk)



## Preparing to return to school

### Parents

#### What happens when we arrive at school?

- ❖ Please **wear a face covering** at all times when on our school site.
- ❖ Only **ONE adult to drop off/** collect your child or children please.
- ❖ The 'drop off' window is between **8:45am and 9am**. Doors will be open for children to walk straight in during this time. Please do not arrive earlier than 8:45am.
- ❖ School doors and **gates will be locked at 9am**. Any arrivals after this time need to be via the front entrance and will be classed as LATE.
- ❖ Please **follow our ONE WAY system**, enter our site via the pedestrian gate nearest to St Mary's Pre-School. Then exit round the back of school, past the allotment and through either of the two black gates. NB the car park exit is better for prams/wheelchairs.
- ❖ If your child is upset as you drop them off, we respectfully ask that you quickly hand them over to the member of staff on the door and leave our grounds as soon as possible. Prolonged goodbyes are often counter-productive. We will contact you if your child is unable to settle.

#### What time shall I drop off/ collect my child?

Year Groups	Where	Drop off	Collection
<b>Class F</b>	Class F porch door	<b>Between 8:45am and 9am.</b>	<b>3:15pm</b>
<b>Class 1 and 2</b>	Playground porch doors		<b>3:15pm</b>
<b>Class 3 and 4</b>	Playground porch doors		<b>3:25pm</b>
<b>Class 5 and 6</b>	Playground porch doors		<b>3:30pm</b>

- ❖ Please allow children in Year 5 and 6 to enter and leave the playground unaccompanied; drop them off/meet them on Hardy Road to reduce the amount of adults who need to be on site.

#### Can extra-curricular clubs take place?

- ❖ Our extra-curricular clubs will re-start from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings that were taken for clubs last half term, have been transferred to this half term.
- ❖ Government guidance asks that we encourage parents to limit use of multiple out-of-school settings providers. They suggest that you only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible.

### Children

#### What should I bring to school?

**NO LARGE BAGS / RUCKSACKS PLEASE**

- ❖ **Please return CGP books/handwriting books that were sent home last half term.**
- ❖ **Water bottle**, re-filled with fresh water daily and a fruit or vegetable **snack**.
- ❖ **Your own stationery kit**: green/black pens, pencils, coloured pencils, felt tips, ruler, rubber, scissors, glue stick in a NAMED CLEAR WALLET, NOT A BIG PENCIL CASE
- ❖ **Coat / hat / gloves**, depending on the weather.
- ❖ Your own **tissues** if you have a runny nose / cold.
- ❖ Your **reading book/** reading diary.
- ❖ Spare trainers, socks to leave in school each day- we will be using the running track daily.

#### What should I wear?

- ❖ Normal school uniform. Please come to school in PE uniform on your PE days. (See table below.)

### PE Lessons

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Y3		Y2		
	YF	Y5	Y3	Y5	
	Y4	Y4	Y1	YF	Y2
	Y6		Y6		

### Curriculum

There will be a focus on mental health and well-being. The curriculum will be bespoke to the needs of individual children and cohorts, based on the teacher's knowledge of the children. There may be an initial higher focus on basic Maths and English skills for some children in the short term however we aim for all children to receive a fully broad and balanced curriculum by 19<sup>th</sup> April.

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## FUTURE EVENTS

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### Yoga Workshops- Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March

We had a day of yoga workshops planned in January where each class would have a session with a qualified yoga teacher. This had to be cancelled. We have now booked a new date on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a great way to end the first week when all the children are back in school. Please could we ask for a contribution of £1 per child for this workshop. Payments can be made on ParentPay. If you paid in January, you do not need to pay again.



### Office of National Statistics (ONS)/ School Infection Study (SIS) - Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

As with any involvement in a project, the governors and I reviewed our participation in ONS/ School Infection Study Covid study or more specifically the School Infection Survey. It was unanimously agreed that being part of the survey has been a worthwhile exercise for our school community and we will continue to be part of this study until the end of the summer term. Being part of the survey helped us to reduce transmission within our school community and the data gathered is helping scientists and government to understand the virus and pandemic. It also informs policies to manage risks of transmission and helps to get everyone back to school safely. Further information about the study and how you can sign up if you have not already done so will be sent home next week. The 'comms' team who work for SIS have worked hard to improve upon the clarity of information they send home and have increased their capacity in terms of support via the telephone helpline.

### Virtual Parents' Evening- 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> April

Under normal circumstances, we have a Parents' evening in the middle of March.

As all know, this year has been far from normal. Therefore, the decision has been taken to delay parents' evening to April. This will allow our teachers to carry out informal assessments with your children in school and to gather a full picture of the progress your children have made during lockdown. Any identified gaps in understanding can then be addressed and shared with you during the meeting.

Appointments will be 10 minutes long and will take place via Zoom. Booking details will be available soon.



## Residential Visits

Residential visits planned for Year 5 and Year 6 during the last academic year, have been rescheduled to June 2021. Year 6 will visit the Conway Centre, Anglesey for two nights/2 days on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Year 5 will spend one night at Burwardsley on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. Further information has been sent out to the parents of these children.

Please make any outstanding payments for these trips via ParentPay.

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## PTA NEWS

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### PTA Book Club Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vardye@gmail.com) for details**

**Once registered you will be sent a Zoom link.**



Following last night's PTA meeting, I am excited to be able to share some forthcoming PTA events with you!

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Easter Bingo Party	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	During the school day, details to follow next week.
Virtual Pet Show	Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	During the school day, details to follow before the Easter break.
Infants PJs and Popcorn Night	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	5-7pm Children only.
Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30pm to 7pm, for Year 3 to Year 6.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tombola donations please.
Summer Fair	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Details to follow nearer the time.
Ice-Pop Friday	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Details to follow nearer the time.

**The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm.**

*Everyone is welcome to join our PTA. Please contact our PTA chair, Mark Swettenham if you would like to attend the meeting via [cherrytreePTA@gmail.com](mailto:cherrytreePTA@gmail.com)*

*Zoom links will be sent to everyone who has expressed an interest.*

## FINALLY

Today marks the end of 'remote learning' for the foreseeable future. As a community, we deserve to feel proud of what we have managed to achieve during the lockdown. I have seen some fantastic work completed at home and in school and have heard about the children developing their ability to work independently.

We do still need to be cautious as we return to school next week, but we can also feel optimistic about what the future holds.

Kindest regards,

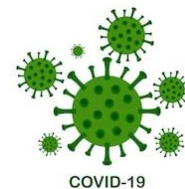


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Head Teacher

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# Cherry Tree School

## COVID SECURE Measures



### A REMINDER OF MEASURES IN PLACE TO REDUCE RISKS

#### **1. Health and safety is everyone's responsibility**

*As a community we need to work together to continue to keep everyone safe, thus enabling risks to be reduced and children to be able to return to school safely.*

#### **2. Social distancing continues to be VERY IMPORTANT**

*Adults on the school site must maintain a safe 2 metre distance from others.*

*Please follow our ONE WAY SYSTEM when dropping off and collecting your child from school.*

*Do not linger on site for social interaction. Play areas are out of bounds before and after school unless being used by school staff.*

*Wherever possible ensure that you are not a close contact of someone else. As defined by:*

- *Being coughed on*
- *Having a face to face conversation within one metre*
- *Extended close contact with an infected person, defined as: between 1m and 2m for 15 min or more*
- *Any contact within 1 metre for more than a minute*

#### **3. Face Coverings** *Face coverings must be worn onsite both inside and outdoors for anyone over the age of eleven. When teaching, face coverings can be removed by adults but maintaining a safe distance from the children is advised.*

#### **4. Visitors**

*Visitors will continue to be kept to a minimum. Any visitors MUST wear a face covering at all times apart from if delivering a lesson to children. Visitors are asked to keep 2m away from the children at all times.*

#### **5. Communication**

*Any updates will be quickly and succinctly communicated to our community via ParentApp.*

#### **6. Classroom layout**

*Over the past year, we have carefully considered how we can reduce any risks of transmission in the classroom. This work will continue by:*

- *Removing non-essential furniture to create more space.*
- *Considering whether teaching children in forward facing rows is workable. (Not in our youngest two classes.)*
- *Minimising the need for children to move around the room or school.*

#### **7. Ventilation**

*Windows will be open for increased ventilation. If it is really cold, the doors will be opened at break times to purge the air, then closed when the children come back in.*

#### **8. Sanitisation / Hygiene**

- *Children will be supervised as they come in and out of school to ensure that they sanitise or wash their hands.*
- *Any resources that need to be shared such as chrome books, tables, PE equipment, etc. will be wiped down / after use. A sign will indicate this has happened.*
- *Touch points will be wiped down each morning and again at lunchtime.*

#### **9. Outdoor as much as possible**

*Where practical and weather conditions permitting, lessons to take place outdoors. Increased use of the running track to improve overall fitness. Outdoor PE lessons.*