

**SPRING TERM  
2020-21  
NEWSLETTER 21  
Friday, 19<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*



## SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, 19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Families,



### Red Nose Day

As a result of being able to purchase Red Noses via ParentPay, you have helped to raise £253.50 for Comic Relief. If you bought a Red Nose for your child, they will bring it home with them today. 😊

### Clothes and Shoes Recycling Bank

In the corner of the car park nearest to the school gates, you may have noticed a Clothes Bank. If you have any clothes, shoes, belts, jewellery, swimwear, handbags that you no longer need, these items can be recycled using the Clothes Bank on our car park. Once it is full, we will arrange collection. Every tonne generates £350 for school. This is an easy way for you to help us raise funds while giving away items you no-longer need.

### Office for National Statistics (ONS) School Infection Study (SIS)



As our school is one of 145 schools selected to take part in Office for National Statistics (ONS) School Infection Study (SIS). ALL staff and children have been invited to take part in a testing programme whereby those who give consent are tested for anti-bodies and the Covid-19 virus. This will take place once per half term.

***Our next testing date is Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021***

This is an important research study which is helping scientists to fully understand the transmission of the virus. Being part of the survey so far has helped us to reduce transmission within our school community. Data gathered is helping scientists and our government to understand the virus and pandemic. It also informs policies to manage risks of transmission and helps to ensure that schools can operate safely. A leaflet with further details was sent home last week, and an explanatory video has been sent via the app. For further information visit our website under the 'About Us' tab where there is a 'Covid-19' section. Alternatively contact the SIS team on 0800 917 9679.



### How is the nasal swab taken?

- Taken by a nurse or trained professional
- Goes gently in the tip of the nose
- Does not hurt and takes just a few seconds

**Your country needs you!**

**Join the mission and take a simple test to help keep your friends, family and community safe.**

**Every test makes a difference.**

## Isolation Periods

Please refer to Newsletter 20 sent home on 12<sup>th</sup> March for detailed information about actions taken if we are made aware of a positive case of Covid-19 among our staff or children. You will also find lots of information on the government website about isolation periods etc. GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



## Behaviour

I must congratulate your children on their excellent behaviour since we have returned to school. When I called in on each class yesterday morning at around 9:05am, every child in each class was fully engaged in their lesson. It was great to see how quickly they had come into school, settled down and become engrossed in their learning. There was a calm and purposeful atmosphere in every room and I felt immensely proud of the children. ☺

## Homework/Reading

As our children have completed a huge amount of work 'at home' recently, we are not setting the usual amount of homework until after the Easter break. However, we do still expect the children to learn any spellings or times tables each week. It is also essential that children read at home as often as possible. Please record your child's reading practice at home in their 'Reading Record Book' as this is how the class teacher/TA knows that reading books need to be changed. If there is no written comment or signature in the reading record book, we can only assume that the books have not yet been read therefore new ones will not be issued.

Children in our youngest classes (Y1/Y2) will be issued three books per week as their books are shorter.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

For the safety and security of our children who attend extra-curricular clubs, the school gates will be locked from 3:40pm after children have been collected from school.



Gates will then remain locked until 4:30pm when the clubs have finished. The car park double gate will not be open, as it is not a safe pick up point at a time when staff are leaving school in their cars.

Please do not arrive at school before 4:30pm to collect your child from a club; the gates will be locked. As you wait to collect your child, please maintain a safe distance from other parents and wear a face covering.

If you need to collect your child early due to exceptional circumstances, please come to the main entrance/school office.

Each club has a designated 'pick up point' as follows:

- Clubs which take place indoors (drama, craft) collect from Class F porch
- Running clubs collect from the outdoor classroom/gazebo
- Netball- collect from the Y1/Y4 middle porch
- Karate- collect from St Mary's pre-school
- Tennis and multi-skills- collect from the Y2/Y3 porch
- KS1 and KS2 football club - collect from the Y5/6 white porch
- Girls' football with Miss Metcalf Y1/Y4 middle porch

Please use our ONE WAY system when children have been collected and exit via the Class F stepped gate, or by crossing the car park if you need a ramped exit. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS CROSSING the CAR PARK.

May we also ask that you exit our site quickly as we aim to lock the pedestrian gates again at 4:40pm for the safety of our After School Club children.

Reminder of when PE lessons take place				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3		Y2		
YF	Y5	Y3	Y5	
Y4	Y4	Y1	YF	Y2
Y6		Y6		

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## FUTURE EVENTS

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### Easter EGGStravaganza

CHERRY TREE PTA'S  
**EASTER  
EGG-STRAVAGANZA  
DAY**  
**Wednesday 31st March  
(during the school day)**

- Easter themed lunch (normal payment applies)
- Non-uniform
- Bingo Games (3 per child) with prizes
- Juice and biscuits during the bingo
- Easter Egg Decorating Competition
- Make an Easter Basket
- Easter Egg Hunt

£5 donations via ParentPay



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 309937

*On Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March the PTA and school staff have joined together to plan a day of Easter fun.*

*Jenny our school cook will prepare an Easter themed lunch, (normal charge of £2.40 applies.)*

*The children are allowed to come in non-uniform on this day and will be able to take part in bingo games, an Easter Egg hunt and other art and craft activities. Every child will come home with an Easter basket containing a small treat.*

*The week before this event, the children will bring home a polystyrene egg to decorate however they like. If your child would like to enter their egg into our Easter Egg Decorating Competition, they will need to bring their finished egg back to school on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March for judging.*

*There will be several prizes awarded for:*

- Bingo
- Egg hunt
- The best decorated 'easter egg'

*A donation of £5 can be made for this event via ParentPay.*

### 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 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> to Friday 25<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.

### Term Dates 2022

Following on from the message and short survey sent home yesterday, I can confirm that our Term Dates for 2022 have now been finalised. The amended dates have been included at the end of this Newsletter.

**The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm.**

(NOT 4<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised.)

*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.*

## PTA NEWS

### Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Easter EGGStravaganza	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	During the school day, details above.
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.

## FINALLY

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,



Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,  
[CherryTree\\_Primary\\_Head@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:CherryTree_Primary_Head@warrington.gov.uk)



### Term Dates 2021-22 (Updated 19-03-2021)

#### AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

*Half term break*

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

#### SPRING TERM 2022

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

*Half term break*

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February - **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

*Easter weekend is during the Easter Break:*

*Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April*

#### SUMMER TERM 2022

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

*There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2022*

*May Day Bank Holiday is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May*

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

#### INSET DAYS FOR STAFF (closed for pupils)

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### NOTIFICATION OF EARLY CLOSURE (2.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022