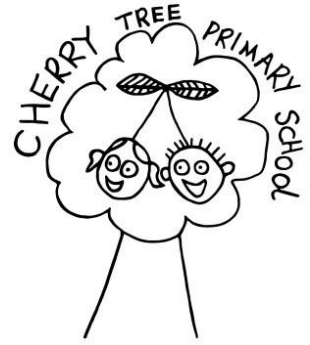


**SPRING TERM
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NEWSLETTER 23
Wednesday, 28th
April**

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

Wednesday, 28th April 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you enjoyed the dry, sunny Easter break and the chance to get together, outdoors with friends and family. The children certainly appear to be refreshed and ready to do their best in school.

School Improvement Partner Feedback

In my last newsletter, I briefly mentioned a visit we had from our School Improvement Partner, Liam Trippier who praised our Remote Learning during lockdown. I have now received the full report from Liam and wanted to share some of the findings with you:

The return to school has been successful, pupils are calm, enthusiastic and working hard. Classrooms are presented to a good standard and displays reflect good quality remote learning and current work. Teachers and Teaching Assistants model approaches clearly and well. Reading is promoted throughout reading areas and libraries are attractively decorated. The Key Stage 2 library has a beautiful new mural. Libraries are well stocked with fiction texts and the school reading scheme.

Next Steps:

- Improve the stock on non-fiction texts
- Complete an Upper Key Stage 2 transition plan for writing.



Reading

Please encourage your children to read on a regular basis (Three or more times a week ideally).

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 assume that the books have not been read, therefore new ones will not be issued.

We will issue three books a week to children in the youngest classes if they are reading regularly. We will know they have read regularly if parents have commented in the 'Reading Record'.

Dance Lesson- Year 3

Mrs Lynch and I had the pleasure of being invited to watch Class 3 perform their 'Pirate dance' on Monday. Every single child was engrossed in their atmospheric performance and managed to keep in character throughout the dance. I hope you enjoy watching the video of the children that Miss Flower posted on SeeSaw.

No Earrings in PE/Swimming Lessons

As per the Safe Practice in PE Guidance (page 212) 'all personal effects should be removed at the start of a PE/Swimming lesson; this applies to ALL ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings. We suggest that children do not wear earrings on PE/Swimming Days.

Virtual Pet Show



Friday, 30th April

As part of our pet and animal themed week, children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday, 30th April. The children are also welcome to wear animal print or come dressed as an animal if they wish to do so.



Communication

Good communication between home and school is very important to us at Cherry Tree, hence the reason we invested in ParentApp and also SeeSaw. Here is a reminder of the usage and purpose of the communication platforms that are used:

Comms Platform	Used by / Audience	Purpose	Points to Note
Parent App <i>Important information</i>	Office team and senior leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide key dates, information and reminders about school. To survey opinion. To notify us of an absence. 	
ParentPay <i>Cashless payments</i>	Office team and parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate cashless payments. To provide consent for trips and clubs. 	
SeeSaw <i>Sharing what happens in class</i>	Teacher and teaching assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share images, videos and documents in relation to classwork; a way to share praise and celebrate the children's successes with parents. 	
	Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To respond to work shared and give praise. 	Please do not use this platform to communicate about concerns.
Website <i>Effectively our shop window</i>	General Public, Ofsted, Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide statutory information about our school, such as key policies. To provide contact information and a list of staff/governors. To share term dates with families. To share information about the school's curriculum and statutory assessment data. 	Please refer to the website for term dates- this is your quickest option to find general information.
Email <i>Individual communication</i>	Any member of staff to an individual or group, such as PTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate directly with a member of staff. If you wish to communicate with a teacher, please do this via CherryTree_Primary@warrington.gov.uk 	
WhatsApp <i>Like a parent support group</i>	Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most year groups have a WhatsApp group set up by parents for parents. 	These groups can be very supportive for parents. However, if you need to ask a question, or seek clarification please ask us directly. Some important messages have been misinterpreted via WhatsApp.
Phone call	Office team, members of staff, parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To pass on messages which are urgent, time-limited or sensitive. 	

Extra-Curricular Clubs Safety Reminder

Our new club list for Summer 1 has been launched and clubs have started this week. For the safety and security of our children who attend clubs we have the following measures in place:

- School gates will be locked at 3:40pm, after children have been collected from school.
- Gates will remain locked until 4:30pm when the clubs have finished.
- The car park double gate will not be open, as this is not a safe pick up point at the end of the day.
- Please do not arrive to collect your child from a club before 4:30pm; the gates will be locked.
- To collect a child early due to exceptional circumstances, please come to the school office.
- Each club has a designated 'pick up point' these are on the Club Register.
- Please use our ONE WAY system and exit our site quickly as the pedestrian gates will be locked again at 4:40pm for the safety of our After School Club children.

Book Appeal Update

We have purchased a total of £4,000 of reading scheme books and fiction books, which cater for the needs of each class. Next half term we will be supplementing our non-fiction books with texts relevant to National Curriculum topics covered across the year groups; as per the guidance from Liam Trippier. Thank you once again for your generous donations, you have enabled us to achieve our goal of having well-stocked books shelves.

Parking

The school car park is for STAFF USE ONLY. This is to minimise traffic coming on and off the car park for safety reasons and also as we have limited space for staff to park. Parents collecting children from After School; Club, AFTER 5:15pm can use the car park as it there are fewer staff/children on site.

Please park considerately on Hardy Road before and after school for the benefit of our neighbours and the overall safety of our community.

FUTURE EVENTS

Residential Visits

NEW DATE: Year 6 will visit the Conway Centre, Anglesey for two nights on Monday, 5th to Wednesday, 7th July and Year 5 will spend one night at Burwardsley on Thursday, 24th to Friday 25th June. Further information has been sent out to the parents of these children. Please make any outstanding payments for these trips via ParentPay.

PTA NEWS

Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Virtual Pet Show	Friday, 30 th April	During the school day, details on ParentApp.
Book Club with the Author	Wednesday, 5 th May	See flier for details. Book via ParentPay.
Infants PJs and Popcorn Night	Thursday, 13 th May	5-7pm Children only.
Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 26 th May	5:30pm to 7pm, for Year 3 to Year 6.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 2 nd July	Tombola donations please.
Summer Fair	Sunday, 4 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.
Ice-Pop Friday	Friday, 16 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.

Book Club with the Author

Wednesday 5th May at 8pm

IN CONVERSATION WITH
KATHRYN MANNIX ON HER BOOK
'WITH THE END IN MIND'



Tickets £5 (E5.85 via Eventbrite)
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.

'It's a simple truth we all die'. With her skilled way of writing and experience as palliative care consultant working in the NHS, Kathryn's Sunday Times Bestselling book is an 'attempt to capture the wisdom of dying and death, distilled into stories that take us to those places we believe are too dark to endure, and yet that are illuminated by human resilience, hope and love.' Come with Kathryn to visit these extraordinary dying people. They are just like you.

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The next PTA meeting is on
Tuesday, 11th 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
Zoom links will be sent to everyone who has expressed an interest.

FINALLY

As I reflect upon the challenges of the previous year, I will never fail to be inspired by your optimistic, enthusiastic children who bring joy to our school each day!

In the words of Gordon B. Hinkley:

Those who move forward with a happy spirit will find that things always work out.

Kindest regards,

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,
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