

**SPRING TERM
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JULY**

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, 8th July 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

One of our parents made a useful suggestion to highlight the dates and events that you need to remember, therefore a new feature has been added to the Newsletter see below.

MOST IMPORTANT THINGS to REMEMBER

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
YOGA for all classes in school	Thursday, 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear non-uniform, suitable for Yoga £1 payable on ParentPay
Class Photo- YF, 2, 6	Friday, 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear uniform / Y2 bring PE kit
Annual Reports	To be sent home by 17 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check ParentApp/Letters Home
Y6 DT Workshop	Friday, 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3.20 via ParentPay
Teddy Bear's Picnic	Wednesday, 14 th July (We are hopeful this WILL still go ahead...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 parent can attend per Class F child £3 via ParentPay

Cherry Tree News Headlines

St Mary's Transfer Opportunity

I am delighted to inform you that we have been in discussion with the committee and staff of St Mary's Preschool about transferring the running of the preschool to our school. The preschool committee and staff, plus the governors of Cherry Tree all agree that this offers a positive future for St Mary's.

We believe that there will be many benefits of this transfer such as:

- Greater future stability for St Mary's
- Increased collaboration between preschool and the reception class
- Joint training for St Mary's and Cherry Tree staff
- Better terms and conditions for the staff of St Mary's

The preschool committee are holding a meeting on the 19th July via zoom for their parents to discuss this further. For details of the meeting please contact the Chair of St Mary's Preschool, Claire Caton.

I look forward to sharing more news about this exciting development.

Latest Covid-19 News

Most importantly, I have not been informed of any complications being experienced by any of the children who have tested positive. The children are recovering well. ☺

It was great to welcome Year 6 back to school after their period of isolation. Year 4 will return to school next Monday.

I am currently 'working from home' and isolating as my son has tested positive. I will be back in school next week. I can still be contacted via email so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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From August 16th fully vaccinated people in England will not have to self-isolate if a close contact tests positive for Covid. The health secretary, Sajid Javid told MPs the same policy would also apply to anyone under the age of 18 from that date. More news on this can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-57733276>

Warrington Borough Council is set to begin 'door to door' coronavirus tests from this weekend. All residents of addresses visited aged above 11 will be encouraged to take a PCR test. This 'surge testing' is being undertaken in response to the borough's high Covid-19 case numbers, which have continued to rise in the past few weeks.

Read the following article for more information:

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/19425420.door-to-door-covid-19-surge-testing-begin-warrington/>

Updated News: Annual Pupil Reports

Our priority has had to switch to dealing with an increase in cases of Covid-19, this is more time-consuming than you would imagine and therefore Annual Reports for each child will be sent slightly later than originally planned. Reports will be sent via ParentApp over the course of the next week. Please check ParentApp/ 'Letters Home' section and let us know if you have not received your child's report by the 17th July.

Attendance

The DfE has agreed that schools do not need to report attendance figures to families this academic year. This is in recognition of the fact that attendance has been unavoidably affected by the pandemic.

Scarecrow Trail

Congratulations to St Mary's Pre-School for their winning entry into the Scarecrow Trail! Their scientist has made us all smile as we arrive at school each day.

Pedigree Chicks

Sadly, only one chick lived beyond two weeks old and therefore the remaining chick- Lucky, has been returned to Uncle Tony's farm rather than be alone at Cherry Tree. ☹️

We aim to have another batch of eggs after the summer holiday in the hope that these will hatch and grow to be mature hens.

New Intake for September

It was a pleasure to meet the children who are due to start school in September. We are looking forward to getting to know them properly when they become our new Class F.

FUTURE EVENTS



NEW DATE: Class Photos for YF, 2, 6 Friday, 9th July **WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Due to previous absences, we are aiming to capture all of the children one final time. The children in YF, 2 and 6 will have a further photo taken to mark the academic year. ALL children in YF, 2, 6 to come to school in their Cherry Tree school uniform, not PE kit. **Year 2 to bring PE kit separately on this occasion.**

School Trips/ Visitors

The following trips/visits are planned over the next two weeks:

Year	Date	Where to?	Details
Year 6	Friday, 9 th July	AT SCHOOL	Year 6 Design Technology Workshops
Year F	Friday, 9 th July	Smith's Nursery	'Knowledge and Understanding of the World' Focus Walk to a local nursery to find out about plants
Year F	Wednesday, 14 th July	AT SCHOOL	Personal, Social, Emotional Development Focus Teddy Bear's Picnic- at school, see details below
Year 6	Friday, 9 th July	AT SCHOOL	Design Technology Focus Fairground rides
Year 6	Friday, 9 th July	Thornbridge, Peak District	Personal Development Focus Outdoor adventurous activities and team building skills

We are hopeful that the following two outdoor events will go ahead as planned:

Year F Teddy Bear's Picnic



Year 6 Leavers' Festival

Thursday, 22nd July at 2pm

It is our aim to hold our Leavers' Festival for our Year 6 parents and children outdoors, weather permitting. Each child will be able to invite two family members to join us on the playground for a celebration assembly. Please bring a chair and your own drinks. Jenny Roberts, our school cook will provide cup-cakes for parents and children, plus juice for Year 6. Fran, our specialist music teacher will support the children with their performance.

Key Stage 2 Talent Show

The children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to audition for our annual Talent Show. The finalists, will perform to the rest of the school, virtually. See ParentApp for details.

PTA NEWS

Summer Festival



As an alternative fund-raising event to the Summer Fair, we are holding an in-house 'Summer Festival' for CHILDREN ONLY on Wednesday, 21st July. This special themed day will be filled with lots of celebratory fun and games such as 'dunk the Head Teacher', plus a treasure hunt, a magic show, an online theatre production of Alice in Wonderland, ice cream, juice and a picnic. See the flier on ParentApp for more information.

Our PTA are asking for a **suggested £10 donation per child**. You may have been willing to spend more than £10 at our Summer Fair and feel that this event is a bargain, therefore if you wish to donate a larger amount, we would be very grateful!

Ice Pop Friday- 16th July (Alternative date for Y6)

It has become an annual PTA tradition to sell Ice Pops on a Friday in July for 50p.

To purchase an Ice Pop for your child, please visit ParentPay. This is a fundraising event so we would appreciate this small donation being made by everyone. Thank you.

FINALLY

As a community living in area where the infection rate is high, and where classes have had to isolate, we are undoubtedly being 'tested'. **But, we can do this!**

We are so close to restrictions being lifted and the guidance changing. We all know that Coronavirus is here to stay; but in my opinion the change in guidance, which is based on scientific evidence, will bring greater stability for school attendance.

The children will remain a priority in everything we do over the next couple of weeks and in the new school year.

Let us stay strong together and find time to show kindness and compassion to each other in these difficult times.
My very best wishes to all of you,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Please feel free to contact me with any queries,

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NOTE my email address is changing from the end of July to include '@sch' - see above

REMINDERS

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- EXTRA Day Holiday in 2022**

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 there will be an additional national bank holiday. This EXTRA day off school will be Friday, 27th May 2022.

Our school term dates have been amended accordingly- see our website.

www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk

- PE Kit to Change from September**

From September we will have a new, school PE kit. This will include a green, technical fabric t-shirt, black shorts/ 'skort', black- slimfit tracksuit bottoms and a dark green hoody. Our logo will be embroidered onto the t-shirt and hoody. Uniform can be ordered in the usual way from Touchline.

Dates for your diaries

Forthcoming SCHOOL and PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
YOGA DAY	Thursday, 8 th July	Rescheduled date: £1 payable on ParentPay
Y6 Design Technology Workshop	Friday, 9 th July	Further information to follow
YF	Friday, 9 th July	Walk to Smith's Nursery
PTA YF Teddy Bear's Picnic	Wednesday, 14 th July	More details to follow nearer the time
Y6 Residential Visit	Wednesday, 14 th to Friday, 16 th July	Rescheduled and rearranged for Thornbridge Outdoor Centre
PTA Ice-Pop Friday	Friday, 16 th July (Y6 on Monday, 19 th)	Ice Pops on sale, payable via ParentPay
Leavers' Lunch- for all classes	Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 children to choose the menu on this day
PTA Summer Festival	Wednesday, 21 st July	Fun and games to celebrate our wonderful school, flier to follow.
Y6 Leavers' Festival	Thursday, 22 nd July	A celebration assembly for Y6 parents- outdoors if the weather allows, indoors if not
BREAK UP for SUMMER- EARLY FINISH	Friday, 23 rd July 2:30pm	
PTA End of Term Celebration (TBC, weather dependant...)	Friday, 23 rd July	We are hoping to be able to serve drinks on the final afternoon when the children break up for the summer- this will only take place if the weather is fine.