

**AUTUMN TERM  
2021-22  
NEWSLETTER 2  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>  
OCTOBER**

# 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

### KEY THINGS to REMEMBER

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
<b>Book Fair</b> 	<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Book fair open each day from 3:15pm</b> <b>Located under the Class F canopy</b> <i>(In the library if the weather is poor- access via Class F outdoor area.)</i> <b>More volunteers needed please. To register as a volunteer use the link below:</b> <a href="https://volunteersignup.org/KRKX4">https://volunteersignup.org/KRKX4</a>
<b>School Photos</b> 	<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Returning on 23<sup>rd</sup> November to photograph any children who are absent on Tue 5<sup>th</sup>.</i>	<i>School photographer to take individual photos. Younger siblings may have a photo taken with their brother or sister at 8:30am. First come first served.</i>
<b>Our Wonderful School themed school lunch-</b>	<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>As it is school census day we are having a Cherry Tree themed lunch. Jenny (Our School Cook) will be serving 'All Day Breakfast', the children's favourite!</i>

### Cherry Tree News Headlines

#### Cherry Blossom Preschool

As previously mentioned, the management and administration of Cherry Blossom Preschool (formerly known as St Mary's Preschool) has transferred to Cherry Tree School. We are at the beginning of an exciting journey together as we strengthen the relationship between the two settings and further develop the provision in the Early Years. An external consultant is working with us to make enhancements to the outdoor and indoor environment and to provide staff training.



#### Year 6 Residential

The cancelled and re-scheduled visit to Burwardsley Residential Centre finally happened for the majority of our Year 6 children on Monday and Tuesday this week. They had a wonderful time and gave the following feedback:  
*"The best part was when we built dens in the forest... the food was good but not as good as at Cherry Tree!"*  
 Rayyan Adam

#### Covid-19 Update at Cherry Tree

On Monday morning we had a number of cases of Covid-19 within Year 6, reported to us ahead of their residential visit. This meant that unfortunately, five children were unable to attend the trip. Having five or more cases in one class meets the threshold for further protective and preventative measures and is known as an 'outbreak'.

We have been advised by Public Health Warrington to reduce interaction between the Year 6 class and other cohorts, therefore Year 6 will: have their own area of the playground at break times; go for their lunch first; join assemblies virtually; pause their roles such as being a Buddy or Receptionist. These measures will be in place for the shortest amount of time necessary, i.e. until cases have returned to below the threshold.

**Face to face education remains the priority for all pupils**, including trips and residential visits. Any child who tests positive for Covid-19 is required to isolate for ten days. If a child is not unwell but has to isolate due to current guidelines, we will provide them with remote learning activities during their isolation period.

Children who are off sick will not be set remote learning activities as they obviously need to focus on getting better and resting.

### **Covid-19 Symptoms in Children** (Source NHS.co.uk)

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, (for more than an hour) or having 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

- Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test.
- [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate](#)

Please refer to the following link for further information regarding Covid-19:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-Covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

### **Lymm May Queen**

Congratulations to Maggie Clair in Year 6 who won a competition to design the cover of the May Queen Programme. Maggie is a talented artist who is developing her own unique style; she is a very worthy winner.

The May Queen Committee are donating £50 to our school as a thank you for taking part.



### **Parent Volunteers**

Over the years we have been fortunate to have invaluable support from parent volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering we are once again able to allow parents into school for this purpose.

Please contact the school office if this is something you are interested in.

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## **SPORTS NEWS**

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### **European School Sports Day**

Last Friday our PE Subject Leader, Jayne Flower, organised for us to take part in European School Sports Day. Every class was challenged to walk, jog or run 2021 laps of the running track; some children went further than this and ran into the next century! The children were also encouraged to be active for 120 minutes. At the end of the day an 'Active Superstar' was nominated and they received an imoves water bottle and a certificate. Our Active Superstars were:

- *Class F: Alexander Thorpe*
- *Class 1: Alex Stroud*
- *Class 2: Henry Watson*
- *Class 3: Aaron and Louis Kimmel*
- *Class 4: James Burt*
- *Class 5: Emily Zverblis*
- *Class 6: Lulu Horner*



## Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
<b>Warrington Athletics Cross Country Competition</b>	<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <b>Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children who attend Cherry Tree running club have been invited to participate at Walton Gardens, Warrington.

## FORTHCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

**Please refer to ParentApp for forthcoming dates, including term dates.**

School events that are planned for this half term have been added to the App and can be found as follows: ParentApp Home screen/More/Events. These dates can easily be added to an electronic calendar by pressing the + symbol.

*This is a live section of the App which will be updated as new events are arranged.*

## PTA NEWS

### Junior Fun Night

Thank you to our PTA for organising a brilliant Junior Fun Night. We took on board feedback given in the summer term around the tuck shop and managed this differently. The new system worked very well and I have received highly positive feedback about the event. The Year 3 children were particularly excited as it was their first experience of this event, they exclaimed on the night, "We are having SO MUCH FUN!" Isn't it fantastic to see our children enjoying themselves and mixing with one another once again?! 😊

We have the following events confirmed so far, with more to follow:

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
<b>Round Table Fireworks Display</b>	<b>Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	This will be organised by Lymm Round Table and a professional fireworks company. Our PTA will run the bar and 'Light Up' stall.
<b>PTA AGM followed by PTA Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>ONLINE meeting</b>	As a parent at our school you are automatically eligible to attend PTA meetings. All parents are very welcome to join this meeting which will be held via Zoom. For more information contact <a href="mailto:cherrytreepta@gmail.com">cherrytreepta@gmail.com</a>

## REMINDERS

### Match Funding

Many companies have 'Match Funding' schemes, which could generate double the funds raised for our school.

If you work for an organisation that has a 'Match Funding' policy, and are able to help us this way, please let one of our office team know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you.



## 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:

<b>Comms Platform</b>	<b>Used by / Audience</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Points to Note</b>
<b>Parent App</b> <i>Important information</i>	Office team and senior leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide key dates, information and reminders about school.</li> <li>To notify us of an appointment or an absence.</li> <li>To notify us of a change of collection arrangements.</li> <li>To provide information about school meals and school uniform.</li> <li>To survey opinion.</li> </ul>	
<b>ParentPay</b> <i>Cashless payments</i>	Office team and parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To facilitate cashless payments.</li> <li>To provide consent for trips and clubs.</li> <li>To book extra-curricular clubs and holiday camps.</li> </ul>	
<b>SeeSaw</b> <i>Sharing what happens in class</i>	Teacher and teaching assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To share images, videos and documents in relation to classwork; a way to share praise and celebrate the children's successes with parents.</li> </ul>	Please do not use this platform to communicate about concerns or absences. This platform is not checked 'out of hours' and teachers are not expected to respond to queries at the weekend or evening.
	Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To respond to work shared and give praise.</li> </ul>	
<b>Website</b> <i>Effectively our shop window</i>	General Public, Ofsted, Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide statutory information about our school, such as key policies.</li> <li>To provide contact information and a list of staff/governors.</li> <li>To share term dates.</li> <li>To share information about the school's curriculum and statutory assessment data.</li> <li>To provide SEND information.</li> <li>To share links to support services in the local area.</li> </ul>	Please refer to the website for term dates- this is your quickest option to find general information.
<b>Email</b> <i>Individual communication</i>	Any member of staff to an individual or group, such as PTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate directly with a member of staff. If you wish to communicate with a teacher, please do this via <a href="mailto:CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk">CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>	
<b>WhatsApp</b> <i>Like a parent support group</i>	Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most year groups have a WhatsApp group set up <b>by</b> parents <b>for</b> parents.</li> </ul>	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.
<b>Phone call</b>	Office team, members of staff, parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To pass on messages which are urgent, time-limited or sensitive.</li> </ul>	

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Although Covid-19 continues to cause disruption for us, please be assured that increased hygiene measures are still in place and will remain for the foreseeable future.

Providing a high quality, face to face education for our children is our main priority. We also aim to bring back whole school community events as soon as possible; being part of a supportive, cohesive community is really important for all of us. However, with the number of infections present in our community at present, we are taking the cautious approach and are not yet able to invite parents to assemblies, or to join us for school lunch etc.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, we feel very fortunate to have such a great parent community!



Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

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NOTE our email addresses changed from the end of July 2021 to include '@sch'-  
see above