

**AUTUMN TERM
2021-22
NEWSLETTER 3
Friday, 15th
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
Black History Workshop To celebrate Black History Month, Years 1 to 6 will be taking part in a theatre workshop covering 'The Windrush'. Further details have been posted on SeeSaw.	Tuesday, 19 th October	For information only
NEW DATE: KS1 PJ and POPCORN Night	Wednesday, 3 rd November	See details under PTA News below

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

School events that are planned for this half term can be found as follows: ParentApp Home screen/More/Events. Dates can be added to your calendar by pressing the + symbol. This is a live section of the App which will be updated as new events are arranged.

Cherry Tree News Headlines

Runners' Success

On 2nd October, our Cherry Tree running team were proud to enter the Warrington Athletics cross country event at Walton Gardens. The determination and teamwork shown by our children was incredible; they looked smart too in their new PE kits. Eddie Walker won the Year 5 race Georgina Walker, (run coach/governor) has given the following feedback:

'Some brilliant examples of team work and support was shown by all children who supported their team mates in their own races and their school mates in other races. Huge thanks to the parents for bringing them. I suspect every single adult involved enjoyed it more than they expected - lots of proud tears!'

The following link gives a full report and further photos, as published in the Warrington Guardian.

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/19623591.results-warrington-schools-cross-country-walton-gardens/?fbclid=IwAR04onE3T886hOmr0CXoPw2zsGyK5PRUqeDjYnF3VjWWq4PwUKlwPppp8VayiqU>



Flying Visit to Manchester Airport for Class 2



We could not contain the excitement of the Year 2 children as they went on their first 'class' trip. Whilst at Manchester Airport they watched many planes take off and land; went inside a plane including the cockpit; found out about all the different jobs that happen at an airport and saw Concorde. They all had an 'uplifting' day and fortunately weren't tempted to fly off to Spain! ;-)

Covid-19 Update at Cherry Tree

Fortunately Covid cases at Cherry Tree are declining at the moment with only three cases among our pupils and one among staff. We hope the situation remains stable but obviously are unable to predict how things will unfold in respect of the virus. As always, we are doing our very best to minimise the impact on the children. Children who have had to isolate due to testing positive have been given work to complete remotely. For clarification purposes, we do not set work for children who are absent due to being poorly. A separate letter from the Director of Education and the Director of Public Health for Warrington is also being sent home today.

Covid- Schools Infection Survey (SIS)

Last academic year we took part in the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Schools Infection Study. The ONS have asked our school to help in a different way this academic year. I have received the following information from the ONS:

Thank you for your school's contribution to the Schools Infection Survey (SIS) during the last academic year. Your help made this important scientific study a huge success. It provided vital information to support decisions about the safe return of children back into schools in England. Last year we learned a lot about the transmission of COVID-19 in schools and the effectiveness of control measures put in place to reduce infections. This academic year, we are pleased to inform you that the survey will be continuing, and we would like your school to participate again. The new study (SIS-2) will address emerging research needs around the recovery of schools.

*This year we still need to collect information about the level of immunity in school children. We are inviting schools to continue with onsite testing for **antibodies** using the oral fluids (lollipop) test. This will allow us to understand how many children have immunity from exposure to COVID-19, or through vaccination. It will also provide insights on the duration of immunity in children. We are currently looking to conduct three rounds of testing in your school, on dates agreeable to you, in November 2021, January 2022 and March 2022. We may also invite parents of primary school pupils to take part in short questionnaires. These will accompany each round of testing.*

The Governing Board and I have agreed to our school's involvement in this important study. Parents will be asked to give consent for their child to take part. Further information will follow from the ONS / SIS team.

Parents' Evening

This term's Parents Evenings will be online, via Zoom. Appointments to be booked nearer the time. The meetings will take place as follows:

Class	Teacher	Date
F	Mrs Baines	Weds, 17 th November or Thursday, 18 th November
1	Mrs Kinzett / Mr Hughes	
3	Miss Flower	
4	Miss Birchall	
5	Mr Adams	
2	Mrs Greason	Tues, 9 th November or Thurs, 11 th November
6	Mrs Bottomley	

Book Fair

Book fair sales totalled a fantastic £1700 which was our best ever total to date! As a result, our school receives £1000 in rewards to spend with Scholastic.

THANK YOU for supporting our Book Fair and especially to those of you who volunteered.

SPORTS NEWS

The return of external sporting events has been very welcome at Cherry Tree. We have some very talented children who are keen to represent our school. I look forward to being able to share more news and events with you as the year progresses.



'This Girl Can' Festival

The girls from Year 3 took part in a 'This Girl Can Festival' at Priestley College on Thursday, 14th October. The aim of this festival was to inspire more girls to take up sport as a regular activity as national research shows that more boys than girls attend sports clubs.

Whilst at Priestley College, the girls enjoyed playing Quidditch, Kin Ball and Rugby League. Just look at their happy faces! 😊

Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Y5/6 Football Competition	Tuesday, 19th October	Under 11's Schools Cup Football Qualifier
Warrington Athletics Cross Country Competition	Saturday, 20th November Saturday, 11th December	Children who attend Cherry Tree running club have been invited to participate in this event at Walton Gardens, Warrington.

PTA NEWS

On Monday our PTA met to review last year's events and plan new events for the coming year. Despite the disruption of the pandemic our amazing PTA team raised over £9,000 from events and sales. In addition we raised over £15,000 from grants and donations. This was an incredible achievement in the year that we weren't able to hold social events in school. Huge thanks goes to the parents and staff who found new and creative ways to raise funds and ensure that the children still had lots of fun.

Last year we invested in reading and library books for all year groups, specialist music tuition, a circus workshop, reindeers in December, and a virtual pantomime. In addition, grants gained via the PTA have paid for CCTV and new library furniture.

Over the coming year, our priority is to raise funds for outdoor play equipment to replace our old pirate ship.

All parents and teaching staff of both Cherry Tree and Cherry Blossom Preschool are members of the PTA. In addition to the committee who plan the events, we require lots of volunteers to help set up and run the events. Please contact cherrytreepta@gmail.com if you have any questions or you might be able to help out.

We have the following events confirmed for the Autumn Term:

Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
NEW DATE: KS1 PJ and POPCORN Night	Wednesday, 3rd November 5pm until 7pm	Children in classes F, 1 and 2 are invited to come to school in their PJs to enjoy a film and have a hot dog, juice and popcorn. Bring a beanbag or cushion to sit on (optional).

		A huge thank you to the parents who have offered to help.
Round Table Fireworks Display	Saturday, 6th November 6pm to 9pm	This will be organised by Lymm Round Table and a professional fireworks company. Our PTA are selling refreshments 'Glow Sticks/Light Ups'. Volunteers needed please, sign up using the link below: www.volunteersignup.org/3PWA
Christmas Cards	Deadline for orders: Friday, 5th November	The children are creating a design that will be turned into a Christmas card by a professional printing company. Designs to be shared on SeeSaw and orders taken via ParentPay.
Cherry Tree Tea Towels	Deadline for orders: Friday, 5th November	Every child will draw their face/ write their name which will be printed onto a commemorative Cherry Tree Tea Towel.
Dickensian Day Parade- <i>Help needed please</i>	Saturday, 11th December Time and details to be confirmed	<i>We are very keen to be represented in this important community event but to date have been unable to find any volunteers to organise a parade. I this is something you could support us with please get in touch with the school office.</i>

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

In my last Newsletter I explained the rationale and purpose behind our different methods of communication. I know you are keen for communication to be effective both to and from school and therefore, one point which needed further clarification was the use of SeeSaw.
SeeSaw is used to share photos of work and activities that are happening in school. It is an important and valuable link between the class teacher and the parents. However, in order to protect the work-life balance of our team, our staff are not expected to respond to messages outside of their working hours or at weekends.

In addition, if your child is poorly please use ParentApp to let the school office know by 9am on the day that they are absent- all matters regarding attendance are dealt with by our school office not the teachers or teaching assistants.

If you have an important or urgent message for one of our team, please phone school. Less urgent matters can be passed on via email to CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

FINALLY

It has been my absolute pleasure to share the photos included in this Newsletter. Being able to enrich the children's experiences by taking them out of school is extremely important to us; we are so thankful that this can happen again.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

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