

**AUTUMN TERM
2021-22
NEWSLETTER 4
Friday, 19th
NOVEMBER**

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
Warrington Athletics Cross Country 	Saturday, 20th November 10am start	<i>Fingers crossed for our AMAZING runners!</i>
Parent Forum	Monday, 22nd November 2:15pm to 3:15pm	<i>Book a place via Parent App. Places limited to 12 on a first come first served basis. However parents can also contribute via email to gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com</i>
School Photos (<i>Only for those who were absent last time</i>)	Tuesday, 23rd November	<i>Any child who missed having their photo taken in October will have their photo taken on Tuesday, 23rd.</i>
 First Aid Workshop	Friday, 26th November	<i>All children will taught some age-appropriate basic first aid skills, including how to make a 999 call.</i>
Year 2 Change for Life Festival	Tuesday, 30th November	<i>Year 2 have been invited to a Change of Life festival at Priestley College where they will be involved in lots of active games. Please provide consent via the App.</i>
St Andrew's Day 	Tuesday, 30th November	<i>Children can wear community club uniforms (Beavers, Brownies, Cubs etc.)</i>

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 Content/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

PTA Headlines:

- **KS1 PJ and POPCORN Night-** This was an enjoyable event attended by the majority of our youngest three classes. Our thanks go to the many parents who volunteered on the night; their support was invaluable in making the event successful. Our PTA raised a total of £275 at this event.
- **Roundtable Fireworks-** A crowd of over 800 people came to watch a spectacular fireworks display within our grounds. This event was organised and run by Lymm Roundtable, under the excellent leadership of Peter Leach, one of our parents. We were impressed with the professionalism of the volunteers from the Roundtable; it was our pleasure to host this community event. Refreshments and 'Light Ups' were sold by PTA volunteers and we raised £400 at this event. ('Match Funded' by Nick Caton/Barclays to bring the total up to £800 for the PTA- THANK YOU!)

Reading Books

Thanks to the generosity of parents and to some local businesses, we raised £6700 when we made an appeal for funds to replenish our Library and reading book stocks. As a result, we now have high quality books, not only in our infant and junior libraries but also in reading areas in every classroom. In a recent pupil survey, 100% of the children asked said they loved reading and enjoyed having easy access to new and exciting books. Below are some photos showing three of our reading areas. We have also purchased hundreds of new reading scheme books.



Thank you to our generous families for helping us to inspire children to read. 😊

Covid-19 Update at Cherry Tree

We currently have no known cases of Covid-19 within our pupil/staff community. Keep your fingers crossed that this remains the case.

Covid Schools Infection Survey

Last Wednesday, three Covid-Study Workers from the Office for National Statistics came into school to administer anti-body tests for those children who were given parental consent. For more information see ParentApp/Content/Covid-19 information. The link is still live should families wish to sign their child up for future anti-body testing.

Parents' Evening

Thank you for your attendance at our virtual Parents' Evening. We had 98% attendance at this event demonstrating how engaged and supportive our families are.

Christmas Events

We are pleased to be able to re-introduce some festive events this term. We will be following Warrington Public Health advice as we organise these events so there will be some changes to our usual arrangements such as, reduced capacity, increased ventilation and asking attendees to take a LFT test before they attend. The planned events are as follows:

Event	Date/ Time	Information
Christmas Tree Festival	Friday, 3 rd December until Sunday 5 th December at St Mary's Church	We will be displaying a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree with baubles created by the Year 3 children at St Mary's Church.
Infant Christmas Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday, 7th December at 2pm• Thursday, 9th December at 2pm• Thursday, 9th December at 6pm	Tickets will be on sale by the 30 th November and due to Covid Safety measures will be restricted to two tickets per child. Year 2 will be given priority access to booking tickets as this is their final infant production.
KS2 Carol Concert	Tuesday, 14 th December at 6pm	Tickets will be on sale by the 30 th November.

SPORTING NEWS

Football Competition

Huge congratulations to our Y5/6 football team who won the 'Under 11's Schools Cup Football Qualifier' last half term. They are now through to the next round which takes place in Crewe in January.

Mr Adams, their coach, reported that:

"They are a great team of talented players who support each other and were worthy winners."



Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
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.
Girls' Football Competition	Friday, 3rd December	Taking place at Priestley College. Please provide consent via the App.

PTA NEWS

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
Book Club with the author	Tuesday, 23rd November at 8pm	Lucy Pollock is the author of 'The Book About Getting older for People Who Don't Want to Talk About It'. Lucy is our guest author at this month's PTA Book Club.
Mulled Wine Stall: Dickensian Day	Saturday, 11th December	We are looking for volunteers to support on our Mulled Wine Stall in the Village Hall. This event raises around £400 for school. Please help if you can.
Dickensian Day Parade SAVE the DATE	Saturday, 11th December Time and details to be confirmed	Although this is not a fundraising opportunity we are very keen to be represented in this important community event. Please contact the school office if you can help. Details to follow regarding signing children up for the parade.
Santa Dash	Friday, 17th December (During the school day)	On Friday, 17 th December, our Friday morning parent running club and our PTA are organising a sponsored Santa Dash for the children. Details to follow soon.
Christmas Bonanza, including Breakfast with Santa	Monday, 20th December (All day) (Breakfast to be prepared by our cook Jenny.)	Last year we held a Christmas Bonanza for the children on a school day rather than having a Christmas fair which was not possible because of the pandemic. This proved to be a really popular event and one which we are repeating this year, Details to follow.

REMINDERS

Match Funding

Thank you to Nick Caton and Barclays bank for their recent support via the 'Match Funding' scheme. The PTA stall at the Fireworks event on 6th November raised £400. This was then doubled to £800 via a 'Match Funding' application.

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.



REMINDER: Communication

A reminder about the rationale and purpose behind our different methods of communication:

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H Graham'.

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