AUTUMN TERM 2021-22

NEWSLETTER 5

Tuesday, 30th 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

Cherry Tree News Headlines

COVID-19 Update at Cherry Tree

New guidance has been released from the DfE following the discovery of a new coronavirus variant of concern-Omicron. From 30th November, adults and children over the age of 11 who come into school are asked to wear a face covering unless exempt. This is a temporary measure introduced by the government for an initial period of 3 weeks.

We advise that you test your child regularly to help identify asymptomatic cases.

Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. If they are showing one of the Covid symptoms, please get a PCR test for your child before they return to school.

In a change to the previous rules, all close contacts of a person identified as having the Omicron variant must self-isolate, regardless of their age or vaccination status.

Covid Safety and Christmas Events

We are following **Warrington Public Health** advice as we organise our festive events this December. The following risk assessment guidance has been provided to schools in Warrington, to enable public events to take place:

Measures taken by the school-

- Reduced attendee capacity
- Maximum ventilation before and after the event
- Access/exit to the hall via the external door to the playground
- Measures to be taken by those attending-
 - Attendees to take an LFT before they attend
 - Attendees not to come if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or feel generally unwell
 - Attendees not to come if someone in their household is a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 10 days (before the date of the event)
 - We now require people to wear face coverings in school, unless exempt
 - We encourage handwashing or use of sanitizer prior to entry

Please be aware that-

• Should the school experience an outbreak or substantial rise in cases before the event, the event may need to be cancelled.

SPORTING NEWS

Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events			
Event	DATE & TIME	Details	
Girls' Football Competition	Friday, 3rd December	Taking place at Priestley College. Please provide consent via the App.	
Warrington Athletics Cross Country Competition	Saturday, 11th December	Children who attend Cherry Tree running club have been invited to participate in this event at Walton Gardens, Warrington.	

Christmas Events		
Event	Date/ Time	Information
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 3 rd December	Bring a gift for the Secret Gift Stall. Every child will be able to select and wrap a gift for their parent as a surprise, as part of the Christmas Bonanza Package.
Hope Journey	Friday, 3 rd December in the afternoon	Lymm Methodist Church will be telling the story of Christmas to Year 2. They will also meet the characters from the Nativity.
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	 Tuesday, 7th December at 2pm Thursday, 9th December at 2pm Thursday, 9th December at 6pm 	Due to Covid safety measures only two tickets allowed per child. This event is also being filmed and available to purchase as a download. Any spare tickets go on sale at 7pm on 30 th November.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 10 th December	Bring a bottle for the PTA tombola taking place during Dickensian day in the Village Hall.
Dickensian Day Parade	Saturday, 11 th December Parade attendees to meet at 1pm, parade will being at 1:30pm. Meeting point to be confirmed	Although this is not a fundraising opportunity we are very keen to be represented in this important community event. If you would like your child to participate, please sign up via ParentPay by Friday 3 rd December. Come and visit our PTA Stall at Dickensian.
Christmas Brunch	Monday, 13 th December	Christmas brunch themed school lunch. (All day breakfast.)
Staircase House Y1	Tuesday, 14 th December	Fire of London visit
KS2 Carol Concert	Tuesday, 14 th December at 6pm	This will be held at St Mary's Church. Tickets £1, on sale via ParentPay.
Rudolph's Bag of Treats	Wednesday, 15 th December	Rudolph themed lunch.
Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 16 th December	Wear a Christmas accessory/jumper.
Santa Dash	Friday, 17 th 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. Children to wear a Santa hat or headband on this day and wear their PE kit. Details and a sponsor form to follow soon.
Christmas Party Platter	Friday, 17 th December	Party platter school lunch to celebrate Christmas and our Santa Dash.
 Christmas Bonanza Breakfast with Santa Bauble Painting Story with Santa Visit the grotto and receive a gift Snow machine Online panto Wear a Christmas Jumper and hat or accessory Secret present stall 	Monday, 20th December Breakfast to be prepared by our cook Jenny. Santa to visit school.	A Christmas Bonanza will be held for the children with various fun and festive activities over the course of a couple of days. Payable via ParentPay. Funds raised will go to our PTA. Details to follow.

PTA NEWS

Over the coming year, our priority is to raise funds for outdoor play equipment to replace our old pirate ship. The planned events are shown in the Christmas Events calendar above.

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 <u>cherrytreepta@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions or you might be able to help out.

Forthcoming PTA Meeting				
Event	DATE & TIME	Details		
PTA Meeting	7pm- 8:30pm Wednesday, 1 st December	We are holding our next PTA meeting in school at 7pm. All welcome.		

REMINDERS

Amazon Smile



We now have an Amazon Smile account. Anyone shopping on Amazon can now earn money for us at no extra cost to themselves. As you shop in preparation for Christmas, please make your purchase from the smile page (www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and select **Cherry Tree School Association** as their chosen charity. It is REALLY easy to do and once set up any future eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation to Cherry Tree

School. We have raised £181 since September via this route.

Match Funding

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.



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We hope that your children will create some more happy memories during the coming weeks.

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