

**SPRING TERM  
2021-22**

**NEWSLETTER 7**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>  
January 2022**

# 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

### Happy New Year

#### KEY THINGS to REMEMBER:

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
<b>Year 4 Trip to Chester</b>	<b>Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	As part of the Y4 History topic on The Romans, the class will visit the museum in Chester. Details sent to Y4 families.
<b>Islam Workshops led by Imran Kotwal</b>	<b>Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Workshops for Y1, Y2, and for KS2 classes covering key aspects of the Islamic religion such as Ramadan, Eid, Prayer, the Mosque and The Holy Qu'ran.
<b>ONS Covid Anti-Body Testing</b>	<b>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Anti-body testing for children who have been given parental consent.
<b>Class Assembly- Year 2</b>	<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 9:15am</b>	Parents of children in Y2 are welcome to attend this class assembly.
 <b>First Aid Workshop</b> Rescheduled date	<b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	All children will be taught some age-appropriate basic first aid skills, including how to make a 999 call.

### Cherry Tree News Headlines

#### Thank you

On behalf of our team, thank you so much for the cards and gifts that were given to staff at the end of term! Your generosity was very much appreciated.

#### Covid Update

As you know, businesses, hospitals and schools are experiencing significant challenges as a result of staffing shortages due to Covid-19 which is effecting continuity and provision. This means that we may need to move staff around to cover absence or book a supply if we cannot cover in-house. Our first priority continues to be face to face education in a safe environment. We are fortunate to have an experienced, dedicated and flexible staff team at Cherry Tree who tirelessly adapt to change. It is always our aim to maintain consistency and high quality education whatever the challenges we face.

This week we have 4 staff members who are off sick with Covid. In addition, the cleaning and school meals services that we buy into from Warrington Borough Council are also suffering with staff shortages.

The adaptations in place to cover these absences are as follows:

**School Meals:** Jenny our cook is absent; cover has not been possible to arrange on Thursday and Friday this week. Therefore, we are only able to offer a packed lunch not a hot meal. For those who pay for school meals you may prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch from home. We hope to return to normal service next week.

**Class F:** Mrs Baines is absent and will be covered by Mrs Bolger and Mrs Oldham. Covering a teacher absence with a familiar member of staff is particularly important for our youngest classes.

**Class 3:** Mrs Barton and Miss Flower are absent. A regular supply teacher, Mrs Forshaw, who is known to the children is covering Year 3 until Miss Flower returns.

## After School/Breakfast Club

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, the After School Club/ Breakfast Club childcare provision which operates from our school hall, transferred under the management of Cherry Tree School. Most of the staff remain the same other than Sue and Yvonne who left at Christmas. Sue and Yvonne's positions are being covered by extending the hours of existing staff and with one new 'play-worker', Louisa James. Now that the transfer is complete, we are in a position to advertise for a new manager and deputy manager.

Anyone wishing to book a childcare place should do so by contacting the school office. A small number of ad hoc places are currently available; if you need temporary childcare cover, contact the office to see if we can help.

All enquiries about After School Club/Breakfast Club should now be directed towards our school office via telephone 01925 755885. Non-urgent matters can be emailed to [CherryTree\\_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk)

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## PTA NEWS

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### Christmas Bonanza

Our Christmas Bonanza proved once again to be a very successful event both in terms of the children's enjoyment and as a fund raiser. We raised a total of £1626.83! Thank you for your donations!

### Santa Dash

I wrote to you at the end of last term to announce the incredible total raised at our Santa Dash. Since then further donations have arrived **bringing the total to a huge £4059** making this our most successful sponsored event to date. I would like to once again thank the staff, governors and parents who made this event possible plus congratulate the children on their amazing achievement! We have some very talented, strong runners among our community.

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](mailto:cherrytreepta@gmail.com) if you have any questions or you might be able to help out.

### Forthcoming PTA Meeting

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
PTA Meeting	<b>7pm- 8:30pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January (Virtual)</b>	We are holding our next PTA meeting VIRTUALLY at 7pm. <b>All welcome.</b> Please contact the PTA Chair, Mark Swettenham if you would like to join the meeting via <a href="mailto:cherrytreepta@gmail.com">cherrytreepta@gmail.com</a>

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As we navigate our way through a further period of uncertainty, we fully appreciate your support and understanding. We will endeavour to keep you abreast of any further adaptations that we need to make to our usual systems and procedures.

Wishing you all the best for a happy and healthy 2022.

Kind regards,



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