

**SPRING TERM
2021-22
NEWSLETTER 8
Friday, 14th
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

KEY THINGS to REMEMBER:

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
ONS Covid Anti-Body Testing	Tuesday, 18th January	Anti-body testing for children who have been given parental consent. Consent is given via a link shared in a letter sent home- see ParentApp.
Class Assembly- Year 2	Friday, 21st January at 9:15am	Parents of children in Y2 are welcome to attend this class assembly. The parent audience will be asked to wear a face covering.
First Aid Workshop  <i>Rescheduled date</i>	Friday, 28th January	All children will be taught some age-appropriate basic first aid skills, including how to make a 999 call.
Y2 and Y6 SATs Workshop	Tuesday, 1st February	5pm for Year Y6 parents 5:30pm for Y2 parents Workshops in school, please wear a face covering.
Class Assembly- Year 1	Friday, 11th February at 9:15am	Parents of children in Y1 are welcome to attend this class assembly. The parent audience will be asked to wear a face covering, unless the guidance changes in February.

Cherry Tree News Headlines

Warrington Borough Council Update

Professor Steven Broomhead met with Warrington Head Teachers this week to give an update on the Covid situation across the borough. Professor Broomhead began his presentation with a thank you to all school leaders for their resilience throughout the pandemic, he also gave thanks to everyone within the Warrington community for their support and compliance in terms of following guidance and adhering to restrictions.

Below are some statistics to illustrate the current situation:

- 48 primary schools have with more than ten cases (Fortunately, Cherry Tree has a low number of cases this week.)
- Warrington hospital is under pressure but coping:
 - 98 people are in hospital as result of covid (17% of bed-availability, as a direct result of Covid.)
 - 6 patients are currently in the intensive care unit as a result of covid (this time last year there were 40 patients)
- 85% of eligible groups in Warrington are double vaccinated and 60% have had the booster dose.

Covid Update at Cherry Tree

This week we have had no new cases among staff and 3 cases among pupils.

Although our cook Jenny has recovered and returned to work, the school meals service we buy into is still being affected by staff shortages. This is causing unavoidable changes to the regular menu. However, we are still providing a hot, nutritious meal to those children who wish to purchase one.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to manage the ongoing situation.

Islam Workshops

Bethan Marrington and Sophie Lewis both from Y6, have provided the following report about the Islam workshops which took place on Thursday, 13th January:

On Thursday, Imran Kotwal came to visit. He did a whole school assembly which we all enjoyed to discuss the five pillars: Belief, Prayer, Charity, Fasting and Pilgrimage. He then visited each class in turn to discuss different topics all covering the religion of Islam. In our class he told us about his own experience of pilgrimage to Mecca. We loved being visited by Imran and he filled us with lots of new knowledge about Islam and Muslims.

Residential Visits

We have three residential visits coming up in 2022 for three of our older classes.

Year 4 Burwardsley trip at 4.30pm on Thursday, 31st March- Friday, 1st April 2022

Year 5 Conway trip on Monday, 25th April to Wednesday, 27th April 2022

Year 6 Thornbridge, Peak District trip on Wednesday, 20th to Friday, 22nd July

A meeting will be held for parents in school Thursday, 3rd February at 5pm for Y4, 5:30pm for Y5. During the meeting the class teacher will outline the activities that the children will be involved in and provide an opportunity for any questions to be asked. Please wear a face covering. (Y6 will have a meeting at a later date.)

PTA NEWS

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Our PTA are providing a regular second hand-uniform sale, online. If you have any school uniform that your child has out grown, please bring this to the school office by Friday, 14th January. Please could any donated uniform be washed beforehand. The sale will be via parent WhatsApp groups from Monday, 17th January.

This is a great way to recycle unwanted uniform and save our families money.

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.

Forthcoming PTA Meeting

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Book Club with the Author	Thursday, 27th January at 8pm on zoom	Clare Chambers will join our PTA book club to talk about her book 'Small Pleasures.' See flier below.
PTA Meeting	Wednesday, 9th March at 7pm- 8:30pm (Virtual)	The next PTA meeting is at 7pm. All welcome. Please contact the PTA Chair, Mark Swettenham if you would like to join the meeting via cherrytreepta@gmail.com
NEW EVENT Quiz Night	Friday, 11th February 7:30pm	Our popular Quiz Night is back! Quiz master, Steve Harper will be leading the quiz. Tickets are £5 per head. Bar provided. Bring your own food/snacks.

Cherry Tree PTA presents
a Book Club with a difference

Book Club with the Author

Thursday 27th January at 8pm on Zoom

**CLARE CHAMBERS ON HER BOOK
'SMALL PLEASURES'**



Tickets £5 (£5.85 via Eventbrite)
For Cherry Tree Parents please purchase your tickets through ParentPay.
For those outside of school tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, at tinyurl.com/cherrytreesmallpleasures

Small pleasures is set in 1957 in the suburbs of London. Jean Swinney is a journalist for a local paper, disappointed in love and — on the brink of forty — living with her mother.

When a young woman, Gretchen Tilbury, contacts the paper to claim that her daughter is the result of a virgin birth, it is down to Jean to discover whether she is a miracle or a fraud. As Jean investigates her life is turned upside down, giving her an unexpected chance at love and happiness. But there will be a price to pay.

Long listed for the womens prize for fiction 2021 and Book of the Year for: The Times, Daily Telegraph, Evening Standard, Daily Express, Metro, Spectator, Red Magazine and Good Housekeeping

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SPORTING NEWS

Lunchtime Physical Activity

As you know physical activity has a high priority at our school. We have a great reputation among the community for running a wide variety of clubs and events and for keeping children active. In case you are not aware, I wanted to inform you of our lunchtime activity program, run by an amazing group of Year 5 and 6 children, with support from Jane Sampson and Georgina Walker.

Ned Martin (Y6) has provided this quote:

'The amazing sports crew have done some exhilarating Dodgeball this week. Your child will try some epic sports this year as we keep everyone fit and healthy.'



Lunchtime Physical Activities

Activity	DAY	Details
Sports Crew	Mondays	Our Sports Crew made up of Year 6 children meet to discuss which sports they will lead over the course of the coming week.
Sports Crew	Tuesdays	Our Sports crew teach the younger children the skills involved in a particular sport; this week the sport was Dodgeball.
Change for Life	Wednesdays	A group of Year 5 children arrange playground games for our younger pupils, such as 'Duck, Duck Goose'.
Running Track	Thursdays	Sports Crew encourage as many children as they can to use the running track and to challenge themselves to complete more laps than the week before.
Sports Crew	Fridays	Our Sports crew teach the younger children the skills involved in a particular sport; this week the sport was Dodgeball.

Football Competition

Our Y5/6 football team who won the 'Under 11's Schools Cup Football Qualifier' last half term have made it through to the next round which takes place in Crewe. We wish them the very best of luck!

Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Under 11's Football Qualifier	Thursday, 27 th January 12 noon – 4pm	Our mixed football team are hoping for another win at Crewe!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our School Council have provided the following report:

The very first thing we planned and achieved last term was to do with Lymm Radio. We split into groups and asked the presenter from Lymm radio some questions. He also interviewed us about Cherry Tree. Also the juniors recorded Christmas Lullaby and it was broadcast on Lymm Radio. Mrs Mitchell-Brown, our Chair of Governors also came to the interview.

This half term our School Council are working with Mrs Lynch to finalise plans for a significant investment into new playground equipment. The councillors are hoping to negotiate a cost-effective deal with the playground equipment contractors. The £4000 raised at the Santa Dash will go towards this project along with other funds saved by our PTA.

FINALLY

As I have said many times before, we have a fantastic community of children, parents, staff and governors at Cherry Tree. The combined passion and effort shown by all stakeholders is what makes our school a great place for your children to be educated.

If you have any ideas regarding how we could further improve or develop, please come along to our termly Parent Forum meeting where the agenda is set by parents.

If you have a more urgent concern, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, a member of the office team or myself. Our aim is to work closely with all of our parents for the benefit of your children.

Kind regards,



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REMINDER

After School/Breakfast Club- *under new management*

As Cherry Tree School now manages After School Club / Breakfast Club, anyone wishing to book a childcare place should do so by contacting the school office. (01925 755885)

A small number of ad hoc places are available; if you need temporary childcare cover, contact the office to see if we can help.

All enquiries 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