

**SPRING TERM
2021-22
NEWSLETTER 9
Friday, 4th
February 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
Hindu Workshops	Monday, 7th February	Workshops for Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 (Y4 have already had a Hindu workshop this year). Please give consent via the app if you allow your child to have a henna tattoo. (Non-permanent)
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday, 8th February	Each class will be involved in activities in relation to how to stay safe when using the internet.
Y6 SATs Workshop	Tuesday, 8th February	5pm for Year Y6 parents Workshop in school with a live link on the Y6 google classroom for those who cannot attend in person. Face coverings are now optional in school.
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.

Headlines

Covid Update at Cherry Tree

This week we have had no new cases among staff or pupils this week. 😊
Face coverings are now optional for any adults who come into school.

Covid Anti-Body Study / School Infection Survey (SIS2)

I have been given the following update from the SIS2 team:

SIS2 is the only study in the UK that is actively testing school pupils for COVID-19 antibodies and the results of these tests and data from the questionnaires are being used by the Government and SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies) to help inform their planning and understanding of the pandemic, the current and longer- term effects of COVID-19 on the health and wellbeing of children and how we build back from it.

This week has seen the first publication using data from SIS2 questionnaires in Round 1 (November – December 2021). These questionnaires completed by yourselves, the parents and the pupils play a critical role in understanding the impact the pandemic is having on the health and wellbeing of school children. This information will play a key role in future policy and decision making. Here is the link that will take you to that publication:

[COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey, England: Attitudes to Vaccines and Preventative Measures, November to December 2021](#)

The significance of this survey continues to gain professional support. A comment mentioned at the latest schools 'Scientific Advisory Group' (SAG) stated this as being "An important moment in history for understanding the longer-term impacts of SARS COVID-19 on school pupils".

I would like to thank those families who have given consent for their children to participate in this important study. A letter has been posted on ParentApp with a link to follow should any additional families wish to sign up.

Parents who have given consent previously do not need to do anything further. (NB: This study is for primary school aged children, not those who attend Cherry Blossom Preschool.)

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

The centres we have chosen for our residential visits provide excellent enrichment opportunities for our children and a memorable experience that we are not able to replicate in school. We strongly encourage all families to give consent for their child to attend and can offer financial support for families in receipt of pupil premium. Please contact school if this applies to you.

PTA NEWS

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
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.
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

SPORTING NEWS

Football Competition

Our Y5/6 football team who won the 'Under 11's Schools Cup Football Qualifier' last half term made it through to the Cheshire finals in Crewe.

Will Harrison (Y6) and Ben Lubbock (Y6) have given me the following match report:

"This year's first tournament was a great start to the year, with some Year 5's and 6's coming third across the whole of Cheshire! During the penalties, in the quarter finals it was VERY tense with all the scores even. Then Isaac pulled off a great save followed by Archie's beautiful penalty; we were through to the semi-finals!"

Mr Adams, their coach, was incredibly proud of the courage and resilience shown by our talented team.

Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Basketball	Friday, 11th February 1:45pm to 4pm	A year 5/6 team will represent us at Cardinal Newman High School. Watch this space- they are a very strong team!
Y3 Football Competition: Road to Finch Farm	Friday, 11th February 10:30am to 1pm	Our Year 3 football team will take place in this competition at Priestley College. Finalists will go on to compete at Finch Farm, Everton.
Y6 Football Competition: Road to Finch Farm	Friday, 18th February 12:30am to 3:30pm	Our Year 6 football team will take place in this competition at Priestley College. As above, finalists will go on to compete at Finch Farm, Everton.

Kin Ball Festival	Tuesday, 1st March 10:30am	This is a festival for a group of Y5/6 children, which takes place at Priestley College.
Y5 Football Competition: Road to Finch Farm	Friday, 11th March 10:30am to 1pm	Our Year 5 football team will take place in this competition at Priestley College. As above, finalists will go on to compete at Finch Farm, Everton.
Y4 Change for Life Festival	Tuesday, 15th March 1pm	An active fun-packed festival for all the Year 4 children.
Y4 Football Competition: Road to Finch Farm	Friday, 18th March 12:30am to 3:30pm	Our Year 4 football team will take place in this competition at Priestley College. As above, finalists will go on to compete at Finch Farm, Everton.

ALLOTMENT NEWS *Help needed please*

Many of the raised beds on the allotment are in need of new sides and unless this is addressed soon we will not be able to use them this growing season. The cost to replace the sides with wooden panels is too high and therefore our Allotment Co-ordinator, Jan Daniel has come up with an environmentally friendly solution where we use recycled materials to re-build our planters.

Our aim is to recycle 2-litre plastic bottles filled with plastic waste into 'plastic bricks' which will then form the walls of the planters. **We would like your help in the production of lots of plastic bricks by the end of February.** Please read the information at the end of this newsletter regarding how to make a plastic brick.

Further guidance and a demonstration video created by Rayyan Adams (Y6) and Noah Buckley (Y6) will be posted on SeeSaw.

FINALLY

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

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

The NEW direct line for the After School/Breakfast Club is 07760188831. This is for use during the clubs opening hours and should be used to speak with After School/Breakfast Club staff. The NEW email address to contact the staff is CherryTree_OSC@sch.warrington.gov.uk

Save Our Planters / Plastic Bricks Project

Please help by creating some plastic bricks at home. Bring them into school once complete.

What do I need to make an Eco Brick / plastic brick?

Any plastic that can be crushed in your hand as long as it is clean and dry.

For example:

- Any plastic used to wrap bread products
- Biscuit and cake wrappers
- Snack wrappers and crisp packets
- Plastic film off the top of fruit packs
- Plastic fruit and vegetable bags
- Plastic wrappings from the top of cooked meat packs
- Cheese wrappings
- Cling film and plastics used to wrap vegetables
- Plastics used to wrap paper products e.g. toilet rolls/kitchen rolls
- Plastic net bags used for fruit/vegetables
- Plastic bags used for frozen fruit, vegetables, Quorn, etc.-
- All other plastic bags as long as they are clean and dry
- Bubble wrap
- Any other plastic that can be squashed, as long as clean and dry, can be used



How do I make a plastic brick?

1. Large pieces should be either cut or pulled apart to make it easier to push into the bottle
2. Plastics that have food residue on should be rinsed and left to dry
3. Push the pieces of plastic into the bottle.
4. Compress as tightly as possible to make the bottle feel solid.
5. Use something strong to push the pieces into the bottle, such as a piece of doweling or a garden cane until there is no space left.
6. Put the lid back on the bottle

