

**SPRING TERM
2021-22
NEWSLETTER 11
Friday, 25th
March 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
Class 4 Residential	Thursday, 31st March to Friday, 1st April	Year 4 are off to Burwardsley for an overnight stay at their residential centre. The children will take part in team building activities and will have a camp fire too.
Easter Holiday	Friday, 1st April at 2:30pm	We break up at 2:30pm on Friday, 1 st of April for 2 weeks and one day. Return to school on Tuesday, 19th April.
Class Assemblies	Class 4: Friday, 29 th April Class 5: Friday, 20 th May Class F: Thursday, 26 th May	Each assembly is at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Access is via the playground/hall doors.

Headlines

Mrs Gibson's Retirement

After working at our school for almost 25 years, Mrs Gibson has chosen to retire this Easter. Mrs Gibson joined Cherry Tree in 1997 as a teaching assistant at a time when our school had around 150 pupils and mixed age group classes. Over the years she has enthused, supported and motivated hundreds of children and provided invaluable support to our teachers.

Each week Mrs Gibson takes the whole school for hymn practice; her high expectations have inspired the children to sing beautifully

and with passion. We love to listen to the children's beautiful voices when they sing as a whole school; Mrs Gibson has been instrumental in them achieving this high standard.

Mrs Gibson will also be remembered for her melodic story-telling voice; a particular favourite of hers is The Magic Faraway Tree. She has told several stories on Lymm Radio too.

Many pieces of children's artwork on display around school are a result of Mrs Gibson's art lessons.

I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her retirement; everyone at Cherry Tree will really miss her.



Parental Engagement

Thank you for accommodating the last minute switch to a virtual parents' evening. Despite not being a face to face event we felt that the conversations between staff and parents were purposeful and interactive. Thank you for your willingness to work in partnership with us. We had 97% attendance in most of our classes.



Parking and Road Safety

Please can parents who drive their children to school remember to park with consideration to other drivers, pedestrians and neighbours.

This half term our Year 5 Road Safety Officers, Sullivan Stewart and Caitlin Thomas-Berry,

organised an 'egg drop' competition to highlight the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling.

The children who created the best protective 'shell' for an egg (which was dropped from a height) were announced as winners today, they were Rayyan Adam Y6 and Jake Lubbock from Y2.



Mindful Minis

Yesterday every class took part in a workshop where they learnt techniques to support their mental health.

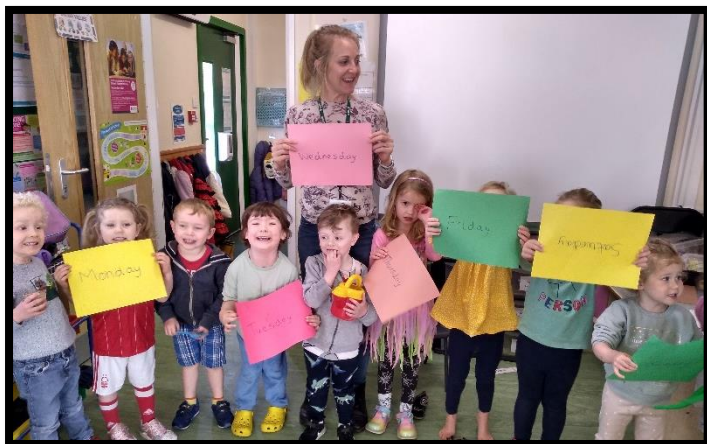
Emma Thornton and Ben Shaw from Y6 gave the following feedback:

"We did some breathing techniques which helped us to control our feelings. We felt really calm and relaxed afterwards and it was lots of fun."



CHERRY BLOSSOM NEWS

This week our preschool children have been developing their communication skills. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork when building dens and creating obstacle courses. They joined in with the story Jasper's Beanstalk and planted their own beans.



PTA NEWS

If you work for a company that offers the Match Funding scheme please get in touch with our PTA Chair, Mark Swettenham, using the email below:

Please contact cherrytreepta@gmail.com if you have any questions or you might be able to help out.

Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
PJs & Popcorn Night	<i>Postponed until after Easter- hopefully, 20th April, but to be confirmed</i> Wednesday, 16th March 5-7pm	
Virtual Pet Show	Friday, 25th March, during the afternoon	Following the success of our first Virtual Pet Show last year, we invited children to submit photos/10 sec video clips of family pets into several different 'classes'. This afternoon we will announce the winners for each category. I am pleased to inform you that the 2022 Virtual Pet Show has raised £246 for our PTA!! ☺

Mother's Day Gift (Raffle)	Friday, 25th March	Two gorgeous Mother's Day prizes were donated to the PTA raffle which will be drawn this afternoon. Good luck to those who entered. This raffle has raised a fantastic £220 for our PTA. 😊
New Event Break the Rules Day	Wednesday, 30th March all day event	This is a new event for Cherry Tree, where children are invited (for a fee) to break some of our rules! There will be ten rules that can be broken. The children can choose to break, 1, 2, 3 or ALL of the rules- it is up to them but for each rule broken they pay £1. Event flier is now on ParentApp and ParentPay is set up to accept payment.

SPORTING NEWS

Competition Updates

YET MORE SPORTING SUCCESS for Cherry Tree!

- Year 5 enjoyed their football competition 2 weeks ago. We were very proud of them getting through to the Warrington Quarter Final.
- Our talented, Year 4 Football team won the first round of the 'Road to Finch Farm' competition and are now through to the next round! Molly Howarth and James Burt gave the following match report:
"We played six matches and got through to the final match where we beat St Joseph's on penalties. Alex and Lucas were really good defenders. Luke was great at corners; he kicked a corner to Toby who scored from a header. The training we had with Mr Hughes before the competition really helped as we practised penalties."
- Our Netball team won the local level and Warrington level of the latest competition and went straight through to the Cheshire final. They were up against very tough competition at the final in Macclesfield and were very proud to come 5th across the whole of Cheshire!

Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Y6 Football Competition: Road to Finch Farm	New date to be confirmed	Our Year 6 football team will take part in this competition at Priestley College. As above, finalists will go on to compete at Finch Farm, Everton.
Y3 Football Competition at Finch Farm / Everton	Wednesday, 18th May	As Year 3 won the Warrington round of this competition, they are through the Cheshire final at Finch Farm! This will be a great experience for our young footballers, whatever the result; we wish them lots of luck? 😊
Cross Country Competition	Wednesday, 18th May	This is an annual cross country event which takes place at Woolston C of E Primary School.

ALLOTMENT NEWS

On Thursday, 31st March a team of volunteers from Barclays Bank are coming to Cherry Tree. Barclays employee, Annita Ktistis has been so persuasive that 30 of her colleagues have volunteered to re-build our allotment planters and renovate the garden area. Barclays are also donating £850 for materials. We are aiming to use the Plastic Eco Bricks made by the children to form as many of the planter walls as possible. The remaining planters will be replaced with sturdy wooden beams/ planks purchased using the money donated by Barclays.

We look forward to sharing photos of our renovated allotment once complete.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's News

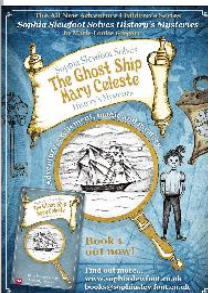
St Mary's has a wonderful family service at 10am on Mothering Sunday, 27th March with the children's choir singing. There will be flowers given out to mums (and others). Please come along, all welcome.

Author Event at Lymm Library

Local author and Cherry Tree's parent, Marie-Louise Gregory (parent of Ellie Y6 and Freddie Y3) is hosting an event for children at Lymm library. See the attached flier.

LIBRARIES

Marie-Louise Gregory



at Lymm Library

Saturday 23rd April

11am to 12noon

Join local children's author Marie-Louise Gregory for insights into her children's adventure series.

Sophia Slewfoot is an ordinary ten year old girl, who makes an extraordinary discovery which catapults her into a world of excitement, intrigue, adventure and mystique. Delve into myth, legend, fact and more than a little fiction, to accompany Sophia on the very first of her history's mystery-solving missions.

FINALLY

Wishing you all a lovely, sunny weekend!

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

School email: CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

Head Teacher email: CherryTree_Primary_Head@sch.warrington.gov.uk

REMINDER: After School/Breakfast Club

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)

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