

**SPRING TERM
2021-22
NEWSLETTER 12
Friday, 1st
April 2022**

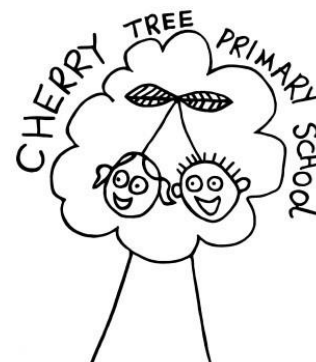
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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
Easter Holiday	Friday, 1st April at 2:30pm	<i>We break up at 2:30pm on Friday, 1st of April for 2 weeks and one day. Return to school on Tuesday, 19th April.</i>
Class Assemblies	Class 4: Friday, 29th April Class 5: Friday, 20th May Class F: Thursday, 26th May	<i>Each assembly is at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Access is via the playground/hall doors.</i>

Headlines

Allotment News

You may have already noticed that our Allotment was being renovated yesterday, thanks to a team of fantastic volunteers who are employees from Barclays. The planters are now ready for the growing season including one planter created with the Plastic Bottle / Eco Bricks.

We look forward to sharing further photos in the summer term when the Allotment is in its full glory.



Thank you to the
volunteers from
Barclays who made a
HUGE difference to
our Allotment.

Ukraine Appeal / Non Uniform Day Friday, 22nd April (Wear yellow and blue if possible)

Please see information below regarding the Care UK Ukraine Appeal which we are supporting next half term. If you would like to make a monetary donation please do this via ParentPay.

Donations of the items listed below can be sent into school between 19th and 22nd April.

If you are able to help with sorting the donated items into activity packs, on Friday, 22nd April please contact the school office.

CHILDREN, WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

At Care UK Charity we're making activity packs to send to Ukrainian children. We would love you to make a picture (max A6) to go inside one of the activity packs. You can even include a message if you like!



info@careukcharity.org.uk



Needs list:

- Shower gel (max 250ml) ♥ Shampoo (max 250ml)
- Bars of soap ♥ Roll on deodorant (NOT glass)
- Toothbrushes Toothpaste tubes ♥ Pocket sized tissues
- Disposable razors Small hand sanitisers
- Sanitary towels ♥ Tampons
- Nappies ♥ Baby wipes ♥ Nappy sacks
- Baby sleeping bags
- Cartons ready made baby milk
- Baby food pouches/fruit pouches
- NEW ladies briefs
- NEW men's underpants/boxers
- NEW children's underwear
- NEW warm socks - all sizes
- Protein bars ♥ Cereal bars ♥ Protein drinks
- Energy drinks
- Roll mats ♥ Sleeping bags (new or freshly washed)
- Blankets (new or freshly washed)
- Small colouring books (max A6 size)
- Small notebooks (max A6 size)
- Crayons / small colouring pencils ♥ Packs of cards
- Mini packs of sweets (vegetarian only)
- Small toy (McDonalds Happy Meal toys are ideal)
- Pet carriers ♥ Wheelie suitcases



Reg. charity number: 1167299

Electronic Devices

Some of our older children bring phones to school as they walk home by themselves. These phones are not to be used during the school day and are to be handed to the class teacher on arrival.

We have become aware of a growing number of children who have smart watches which have the capability to connect to the internet. These items must only be used as a watch and not to send or receive messages and not to take photographs in school. If a child does not follow these rules their device will be taken off them and a parent asked to collect it.

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.

Break the Rules Day

Your children have loved our very first 'Break the Rules Day' and it has been a huge success. They have proved that they can have fun while still remaining respectful and polite. This PTA event has raised a massive £1243 towards new playground equipment. We are now even closer to being able to afford the fabulous outdoor equipment that your children are hoping for. Thank you for your tremendous support.

Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Easter Trail	Easter weekend Friday, 15th to Monday, 18th April	Maps to follow the PTA Easter trail can be purchased for £5 on ParentPay or PayPal by Midnight on Thursday, 14 th April. Follow a guided trail around Lymm to find 16 pictures with letter on. Unscramble the letters to find the Easter phrase. Suitable for walking, scooting, bikes, pushchairs and wheelchairs.
Easter Activities	Saturday, 16th April	Our school grounds are open on Saturday, 16 th April between 2pm and 4pm for Easter activities and refreshments. £1 entry fee pay at the gate.
PJs & Popcorn Night	Wednesday, 20th April 5-7pm Bookings taken previously have been transferred to this new date.	

SPORTING NEWS

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.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Message from our Chair of Governors, Christine Mitchell-Brown

As we break for Easter, I wanted to give a brief update from the Governing board.

We have faced another disrupted year as covid continues to impact our school. But, in true Cherry Tree spirit, our whole staff team has risen to the challenge. We have continued to develop our curriculum to ensure it is offering a fulfilling learning experience for all. We continue to support and challenge all the children in our school, offering catch-up sessions or extension activities where needed. We are proud of all the additional opportunities we have been able to offer the children such as yoga workshops, offering them strategies to support their mental well-being. We have also all watched in delight as our sporting teams have enjoying taking part in their competitions and have done incredibly well.

We have been delighted to welcome Cherry Blossom Preschool and Out of School Club provision into the Cherry Tree family. Our school now offers childcare from 7:45am to 6pm, holiday camps, and preschool provision for children aged 2 to 4. We have future plans to further extend our childcare offer.

Against this highly positive backdrop, we continue to face budget challenges, particularly due to our demographic profile, which results in us receiving a minimum level of funding. In order to deliver a high quality and engaging education beyond that which is statutory, it is essential that we generate income and apply for additional grants to bridge any gap between essential spend and what we receive from the Local Authority. To this end, we are

continuously looking for innovative ways to raise funds alongside our teachers, support staff and our hard-working PTA, whilst also tightly managing our costs to ensure best value for money.

Without the engagement of our very supportive parents, who are willing to work in partnership with us, none of the above would be possible. Thank you!

I would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to the staff team for their continued hard work and ability to adapt to an ever-changing situation. They continue to keep spirits high within school and ensure children achieve their potential.

On behalf of the governing board we hope you all enjoy a wonderful Easter break.

FINALLY

It has been an unusual term with some great successes and also some challenges brought about by another wave of Covid. As always, your children have risen to the challenge and proved to be adaptable and resilient.

I wish you and your children well-deserved break and a wonderful Easter holiday.

Kind regards,



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