

**AUTUMN TERM
2022-23**

NEWSLETTER 1

**Wednesday, 7th
SEPTEMBER 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
PTA AGM	Monday, 12th September 9am-10am	<i>Annual General Meeting for the PTA, to be held in school. All parents are welcome to attend.</i>
Meet the Team	Tuesday, 13th September between 5pm and 6:30pm	<i>Parents invited to meet the year group team and listen to a short talk from each teacher in their classroom. See details below.</i>
PTA Meeting	Tuesday, 20th September at 7pm	<i>This will be the first meeting of the year where events will be planned for the coming academic year. All parents are welcome to attend.</i>
PTA Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 28th September	<i>Save the date, booking details to follow. We will have enough capacity for ALL Junior children to attend.</i>
Bike Right- Year 6	Monday, 19th September to Friday, 23rd September	<i>The 'Bike Right' instructors will work with a group of Y6 children each day to teach them how to cycle safely on the road. Separate details to be sent home.</i>
Book Fair	Tuesday, 4th October to Friday, 7th October	<i>Children will be able to purchase books from our Book Fair which will be open at the end of each school day.</i>

Headlines

Welcome Back

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families in Foundation Stage (Class F) and also to the new child who has joined in Year 3. I am certain our new children will settle quickly at Cherry Tree School and enjoy learning with us.

The children in all year groups have made a very positive start to the new academic year and look really smart!

Thank you

Thank you for your kind words of support and appreciation at the end of term. The staff and I were very grateful for the cards and gifts that were given to us at the end of the last academic year. Your generosity was very much appreciated and the messages of thanks written in cards meant a great deal to us all.

New Toilet Block

Our new unisex toilet block for Class F and 1 has been completed and a new porch has been installed for Class F to enter/exit the building. This project was entirely funded by Warrington Borough Council, following an appeal from our school for 'capital funding'. There is a small amount of 'contingency' money that remains unspent so we aim to refurbish the toilets that are used by the Year 4, 5 and 6 children.

New Playground Equipment

Last year our school council worked closely with our Business Manager, Mrs Lynch and our PTA to secure funding for new play equipment. The school councillors met with various contractors to outline their requirements and to negotiate a good price.

Work has begun to install the equipment chosen by the children and should be completed next week.

New Governor

I am pleased to announce that we have a new governor who has been co-opted to our governing board- Victoria Kirkham, parent of Grace (Year 1) Finlay and Lucas (Year F) joined our governing board from 1st September. Victoria attended our staff and governor training last week and is keen to get involved in the work of the governors.

We also have a vacancy for a 'Parent Governor'. I will shortly be asking for nominations for this role, more information to follow, week commencing 19th September.

Meet the Team

On Tuesday, 13th September parents are invited to listen to a short talk, from their child's new class teacher and teaching assistants.

Each teacher will provide practical information about their year group, such as: what homework will be given and when to hand it in, topics to be covered during the year, any trips that are planned, class assemblies, Key Stage Productions etc. There will be an opportunity to ask questions too.

The brief presentations will take place in the classroom and are staggered to accommodate parents with children in more than one class.

For the specific timings of each talk, please see the table below.

Meet the Team	
Class/ Teacher / Teaching Assistants	Time
Class 3- Miss Flower / Mrs Sampson / Miss Stagg	5pm
Class 1- Mrs Kinzett / Mrs Baines / Mrs Leung / Mrs Bolger	5:15pm
Class 2- Mrs Greason / Mr Barton / Mrs Oldham	5:30pm
Class 4- Miss Birchall / Mrs Fothergill / Mrs Adams	5:45pm
Class 6- Mrs Perrin / Mrs Robinson	6pm
Class 5- Mrs Bottomley / Mrs Lucas	6:15pm
Class F- Mr Adams / Mrs Fish / Miss Kershaw	6:30pm

There will be a chance to receive individual feedback about your child and to discuss your child's progress at the November parents' evening. (Details to follow.)

GCSE Success for Former Cherry Tree Pupils

I was delighted to receive an email from a former Cherry Tree parent, Nicola Whitehead who wanted to thank our school for providing her daughter and peers with a great primary education, which enabled them to succeed at secondary school. Nicola wrote:

"I just wanted to thank Cherry Tree for the great start you gave our children. Almost a third of the children mentioned on the high school GCSE achievements this year, started their education at Cherry Tree School."

<https://www.lymmhigh.org.uk/about-us/exam-results/gcse-results-2022/>

Attendance

If your child is not going to attend school for any reason, including medical appointments etc. please let us know via ParentApp/Absence Reporting on the App homescreen. **It is important that our school office is notified if a child is absent, along with the reason for their absence by 9am.** The office team will communicate the absence to the class teacher.

FORTHCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Please refer to ParentApp for forthcoming dates, including term dates.

School events that are planned for this half term have been added to the App and can be found as follows: ParentApp Homescreen/More/Events. These dates can easily be added to an electronic calendar by pressing the + symbol.

This is a live section of the App which will be updated as new events are arranged.

PTA NEWS

We have an amazing PTA at Cherry Tree School who plan and organise a range of fun events for children adults and families. Every member of our community can attend any of our PTA meetings; there is no expectation to attend all of the meetings or to commit to volunteering at a certain number of events. The parents who are elected to the

PTA committee at our AGM (9am Monday, 12th September) take on roles such as treasurer, chair, vice chair, secretary, stock-taker etc. but we also need volunteers to help at specific events. If you are able to help regularly or even just occasionally, please come along to one of our PTA meetings to find out more. Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, 20th September at 7pm, at school.

Future PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Family Disco	Friday, 14th October	6-8pm, tickets will be limited due to capacity- FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.
Roundtable Firework Display	Saturday, 5th November	Tickets will be on sale soon- details to follow.
PJ and Popcorn Night	Thursday, 24th November	Save the date- all children in Classes F to 6 are welcome to attend.

SPORTING NEWS

For those families who are new to us, our school recognises the benefit of physical activity; learning new sporting skills; being active every day and the chance to take part in intra/inter/external sporting events and competitions. This half term, Year 5 and 6 will be coached by Warrington Wolves rugby coaches for one of their PE lessons. During the course of the academic year, swimming lessons at Lymm High will take place for Year 4 (Autumn) and 5 (Spring/Summer) and Year 6 after SATs.

We also have other enrichment opportunities planned for this academic year such as Taekwondo for Years F, 1, 2, and 3 in the spring term and Cricket for all year groups in the summer term.

Our children have two lessons of PE per week, plus we have activities on offer at lunch time to keep the children active such as Sports Crew / Change for Life / Running Track.

Children are welcome to keep a spare pair of trainers in school for use on days when they do not have PE, to enable them to take part in active break times and use our running track.

On the day when children have PE, we ask them to wear their PE kit for the full day. This includes if they are going swimming; a separate letter will outline what is needed for swimming lessons.

PE Days are as follows:

PE Timetable 2022-23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	(Hall used for Music Lessons)	F & preschool later in the term	3	1
1		4 (swimming from date needed)		2
Lunch time				
F	2		6	4
Assembly 2pm				
	5		5	6

At Cherry Tree, we also encourage the adults to be active too, with this in mind, we have our own run club for 'grown-ups'! The club meets every Friday at 9am at the outside classroom and run on the running track. Toddlers, pre-schoolers and prams are also very welcome. From Friday 16th September we will start our next 'Couch to 5k' program for anyone new or returning to running. For the more experienced runner we offer 5k and 10k guided runs around Lymm from outside school, near the donkey field, every Friday at 9am.

For more information please see our Facebook

page https://www.facebook.com/groups/1813305825647729/?ref=share_group_link or contact Georgina Walker, who is a qualified 'run leader' and one of our parent governors on 07775667945

COMMUNITY NEWS

We have included a new section in our App called 'Community News'. Within this new section, we have recently posted information about activities for children to take place at St Mary's Church and Messy Church at Lymm community centre. Both activities come highly recommended and start this month.

FINALLY

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year and our children have quickly settled into their new classes. Please feel free to contact us if there is anything we can help you with; close liaison between home and school is something we pride ourselves on and is beneficial to your children.

Kind regards,



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Term Dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM

Mon 5th September - Fri 21st October 2022

Half term break

Mon 31st October - Tues 20th December 2022

SPRING TERM

Tues 3rd January - Fri 17th February 2023

Half term break

Mon 27th February - Fri 31st March 2023

Easter weekend is during the Easter Break:

Good Friday 7th April, Easter Monday 10th April

SUMMER TERM

Mon 17th April - Friday, 26th May 2023

There will be a two week Whit holiday in 2023

May Day Bank Holiday is Monday 1st May

Mon 12th June – Fri 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS FOR STAFF

- Thurs 1st September 2022
- Fri 2nd September 2022
- Mon 3rd April 2023
- Tues 4th April 2023
- Mon 24th July 2023

EARLY CLOSURE (2.30pm)

- Tues 20th December 2022
- Fri 31st March 2023
- Fri 21st July 2023