# AUTUMN TERM 2022-23 NEWSLETTER 2 Friday, 30<sup>th</sup>

**SEPTEMBER 2022** 

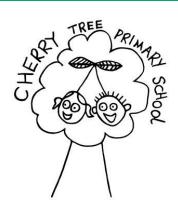
# CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### **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			
Book Fair  Come to our BOOK FAIR! ETIS RAISE READERS	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Children will be able to purchase books from our Book Fair which will be open at the end of each school day. Location: Class F outdoor area, under the canopy. If poor weather- in the library, accessed via the Class F outdoor area.			
Flu Immunisations (Nasal Spray)	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	If you have not already given consent for the immunisation, please do so using the 'e consent' form sent on 20 <sup>th</sup> September, via ParentApp. <u>www.BWimmunisations.co.uk</u> School code: BW111150			
School Photos  SCHOOL Photo Day	Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	All children, including those who attend Cherry Blossom Preschool will have their photo taken by our school photographer. If you have preschool children who do not attend our Cherry Blossom and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them to the school office at 8:30am.			
PTA Book Club with the Author	Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Purchase tickets via ParentPay. More information can be found on ParentApp in the Content/PTA section.			
Welcome Class F Lunch	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	A slight change to the menu with a choice of chicken/ beef / veggie burger with curly fries or jacket potato.			
Y2 To Manchester Airport	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 will visit the airport and go inside a cockpit as part of their topic on 'Flight.'			
Food Bank Donations	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Our newly elected school council are organising a collection for Warrington Foodbank. Further details to follow.			
PTA Family Disco	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Our popular Family Disco is back on Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October. This event always sells out quickly. Tickets will be on sale from: Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September.			
African Drumming Workshop	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	To celebrate Black History Month, we have African Drumming workshops for all of the children. Please could you make a voluntary donation of £2.50 via ParentPay for these workshops? Children eligible for Pupil Premium do not need to make a donation.			
PTA- Lymm Round Table Fireworks Display	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Tickets can be purchased online via https://buytickets.at/lymmroundtable/772041 or from: https://www.lymmroundtable.co.uk/events/charity- fireworks/			
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Save the date. Details to follow next half term.			

#### **Headlines**

#### **New Governors**

In my last newsletter I introduced our recently co-opted governor-Victoria Kirkham to the governing board. Today, I am pleased to announce that we a further new governor joining the board, Richard Parke, father of Iris in Year 1. Richard was appointed as a parent governor this week, following requests for nominations. An election was not necessary as we only received the one nomination.

#### **Online Safety**

Our children are taught how to keep safe online and importance of keeping personal/identity information private, they are also taught about age-appropriate content. It has recently come to light that some of our children are using games at home that are for age 12+ or even older age restrictions.



Attached to this newsletter is the full advice sheet about 'Fortnite' which is one of the most popular online games available.

#### **New Intake Tours**

It is that time of year when prospective parents come to view our school, ahead of making their application for a reception place in 2023. If you know of anyone with preschool children who would be interested in our lovely school, please ask them to contact the office to book onto one of our tours.

#### **Adventure Playground**

The new adventure playground, funded by the PTA is almost complete. We are awaiting a bridge and for the safety surface to be extended. Once the equipment is ready for use we will teach the children how to use the equipment safely and we will hold an official opening ceremony. We are hugely grateful to the PTA for their outstanding raising efforts last year.

#### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Over the course of the year, each class will hold a class assembly for their families. Parents, carers, younger siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend. **Each assembly will take place at 9:15am** and will last between 20 minutes to half an hour. Anyone coming to watch will need to enter via the playground/hall doors. The dates for our assemblies are as follows:

Class	Date (all start at 9:15am)
Class 1	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Class 3	Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Class 2	Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Class 4	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Class 5	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Class F	Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Class 6- Leavers Assembly	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July

#### 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**

Please find below the calendar of PTA events that we have planned for the coming year.



#### **REMINDERS**

What shall my child bring to school each day?

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<b>6</b> 2	A fruit or veg snack	Children in YF, 1 and 2 will receive one piece of fruit or veg for free- please supply a second. KS2 children need one or two fruit/veg snacks for break time.	
	A water bottle	Clearly labelled- this is essential to avoid cross contamination.	
	A coat	Many lessons, especially PE lessons will take place outside; being outdoors has many health benefits.	
	Packed lunch if not having school dinners	Alternatively, school meals can be ordered daily and paid for via Parent Pay.	
Spare trainers for use on or running track		We aim to use the running rack as often as possible to help our children develop fitness and stamina.	

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Good communication between home and school is very important to us at Cherry Tree, hence the reason we invested in ParentApp and also SeeSaw. Here is a reminder of the usage and purpose of the communication platforms that are used:

Comms	Used by /	Purpose	Points to Note
Platform	Audience		
Parent App Important information	Office team and senior leaders	<ul> <li>To provide key dates, information and reminders about school.</li> <li>To notify us of an appointment or an absence.</li> <li>To notify us of a change of collection arrangements.</li> <li>To provide information about school meals and school uniform.</li> <li>To survey opinion.</li> </ul>	
ParentPay Cashless payments	Office team and parents	<ul> <li>To facilitate cashless payments.</li> <li>To provide consent for trips and clubs.</li> <li>To book extra-curricular clubs and holiday camps.</li> </ul>	
SeeSaw Sharing what happens in class	Teacher and teaching assistants	<ul> <li>To share images, videos and documents in relation to classwork; a way to share praise and celebrate the children's successes with parents.</li> </ul>	Please do not use this platform to communicate about concerns or absences. This platform is
	Parents	To respond to work shared and give praise.	not checked 'out of hours' and teachers are not expected to respond to queries at the weekend or evening.
Website Effectively our shop window	General Public, Ofsted, Parents	<ul> <li>To provide statutory information about our school, such as key policies.</li> <li>To provide contact information and a list of staff/governors.</li> <li>To share term dates.</li> <li>To share information about the school's curriculum and statutory assessment data.</li> <li>To provide SEND information.</li> <li>To share links to support services in the local area.</li> </ul>	Please refer to the website for term datesthis is your quickest option to find general information.
Email Individual communication	Any member of staff to an individual or group, such as PTA	To communicate directly with a member of staff. If you wish to communicate with a teacher, please do this via <a href="mailto:CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk">CherryTree_Primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk</a>	
WhatsApp Like a parent support group	Parents	Most year groups have a WhatsApp group set up by parents for parents.	These groups can be very supportive for parents; however, if you need to ask a question or seek clarification, please ask us directly. Some important messages have been misinterpreted via WhatsApp.
Phone call	Office team, members of staff, parents	<ul> <li>To pass on messages which are urgent, time-limited or sensitive.</li> </ul>	

#### **SPORTING NEWS**

#### **Competition News**

This week two Year 5/6 mixed teams took part in a Netball competition at Lymm High School. Kaitlin has given me the following feedback:

"Everyone was feeling really confident and we all tried our best, especially as it was wet and windy. We were really pleased because one of our teams won and has gone through to the Warrington final."

#### **Adult Running Club**

At Cherry Tree, we encourage the adults as well as the children to be active, with this in mind, we have our own running 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. We have a '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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1813305825647729/?ref=share\_group\_link">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1813305825647729/?ref=share\_group\_link</a> 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**

September has flown by and our children have settled really well into their new classes. Class F have had an impressive start to the year; they look very much at home in their classroom and are building positive relationships with one another and with our staff team.

Please remember that we are keen to hear your views and opinions. Do let us know if there is something we can help you with.

Kind regards,

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

#### REPEAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

#### COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY

#### POSSIBILITY OF SCAMS

#### USER-CONTROLLED CONTENT

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### STAY AWARE OF SPENDING

to-play games (that is, ones without up-front costs) can still g financial drains. In Fortnite, for example, the Battle Pass – a f rewards to improve players' experience in the game – can be or earned through playing or bought with real money (with tional incentives for the latter). With supervision however, this to a grast lacron in many management for children.



#### TALK ABOUT TALKING

#### ENCOURAGE BREAKS





#### Meet Our Expert

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