

AUTUMN TERM

NEWSLETTER 5

Tuesday, 20th
DECEMBER 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
End of Term- early finish	Tuesday, 20th December 2:30pm FINISH	Early finish for the final day of the term. NO After School Club.
Start of the Spring Term	Tuesday, 3rd January 8:50am	Return to school. Please be prompt.
First Aid Workshop	Friday, 20th January All day, in school	Re-scheduled First Aid Workshops for Year 1 to Year 6. If you have not already made a £2 donation towards this workshop, please do so via ParentPay.
Year 4 trip to Chester	Tuesday, 10th January	As part of their History topic on the Romans, the children will be going to Chester for the day. Details have been sent home to Y4 parents.
Year F Vision Screening	Tuesday, 10th January	The children in Class F will have their vision checked.
Year 5 Swimming	Wednesday, 11th January	Year 5 children will participate in swimming lessons this term. Contributions can be made towards the coach via ParentPay.
Chinese New Year Themed Lunch	Thursday, 19th January	We would like to invite parents of Year 5 and 6 children to attend this special themed lunch. Booking details to follow in January. We have a planned programme of lunches where parents from different classes will be invited, over the coming year.
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday, 20th January	Parents and grandparents are invited to the Year 1 class assembly which will start at 9:15am.
RE Workshops - Islam	Thursday, 26th January	Imran Kotwal will return to Cherry Tree to deliver further workshops about Islam.
Allegrodance Workshop	Friday, 10th February	Kate Simmons Dance will perform a range of dance styles for our children.
PTA Quiz Night	Friday, 10th February	Details to follow.
PTA Virtual Pet Show	Friday, 17th February	Details to follow.

Headlines

THANK YOU and WELL DONE

Firstly, thank you to all of the children for their outstanding performances this Christmas. The Key Stage 1 production of 'Santa's on Strike' was uplifting and fun last week; then yesterday our Key Stage 2 carol concert at St Mary's was magical and brought our community together with a mixture of pride and laughter. The support of

our staff and parents cannot be underestimated in enabling these events to happen, you are all truly appreciated. ☺

STREP A

We have been notified of three confirmed cases of Strep A within the last ten days; two in Year 4 and one in Year 6.

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, parents should contact their GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If a child has scarlet fever, they should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

INFECTION CONTROL

The following information has been taken from government advice:

Many infectious diseases can be managed by reinforcing the following measures:

- *encouraging all people who are unwell not to attend the setting or remain separate from others, wherever possible – [further guidance on exclusion periods](#) is available for specific infectious diseases*
- *ensuring all eligible groups are enabled and supported to take up the offer of [immunisation programmes](#) including coronavirus (COVID-19) and flu*
- *ensuring occupied spaces are well ventilated and let fresh air in*
- *reinforcing good hygiene practices such as frequent [cleaning](#) and [hand hygiene](#)*
- *requesting that parents, carers or students inform the setting of a diagnosis of any infectious disease*

Our team have reinforced messages around good hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and will continue to do so in the New Year.

I do hope that those members of our community who are poorly, especially the children make a speedy recovery.

PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE

We apologise for the delay in having our new play equipment ready for use. The equipment has not been checked and signed off by the contractor yet, and children are NOT allowed to play on it. This is because the weather has prevented final work to be completed on the safety surface.

As soon as it is possible to complete the work and the final safety checks, we will let you know.

Please do not allow any children to use the equipment whilst waiting to drop off/collect your children.

CARDS & GIFTS- THANK YOU

Thank you for the many Christmas cards, gifts and messages sent to our staff, we are all very appreciative of your kindness and ongoing support.

OFFICE TRAINING

Unless there is an emergency, the office will be closed every first Tuesday of the month for staff training between the hours of 10am and 12 noon.

PTA NEWS

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



FINALLY

Please look after yourselves over the Christmas break, enjoy time with your families and have a well-deserved rest!
Warmest regards and season's greetings,

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REMINDERS

- Our **PTA Facebook** site is a great place to top up on good quality second-hand uniform. Each item is £1. Please visit **Cherry Tree PTA second-hand uniform** for more details.

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