

AUTUMN TERM

NEWSLETTER 6

Friday, 6th
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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
Year 6 trip to Chester Zoo	Monday, 9th January	Year 6 are visiting Chester Zoo to take part in workshops a science topic on 'Evolution'.
PTA Meeting	Monday, 9th January	The next PTA meeting will be at 7pm at school. All parents are welcome to attend.
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.
Class F and Cherry Blossom Preschool trip to 'Imagine That'	Tuesday, 17th January	Class F and our preschool children will go together on a trip to 'Imagine That' in Liverpool which is a specialist EYFS centre. Details have been sent out via ParentApp to families.
Chinese New Year Themed Lunch	Thursday, 19th January	We have a planned programme of lunches where parents from different classes will be invited, over the coming year. We would like to invite parents of Year 5 and 6 children to attend the Chinese New Year special themed lunch. If you are a parent of a Y5 or 6 child and would like to join them for lunch, please book your place via ParentPay and select your lunch option <u>by Wednesday, 11th January</u> .
Year 1 Class Assembly	Friday, 20th January	Parents and grandparents are invited to the Year 1 class assembly which will start at 9:15am.

First Aid Workshop	Friday, 20th January All day, in school	<i>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.</i>
RE Workshops - Islam	Thursday, 26th January	<i>Imran Kotwal will return to Cherry Tree to deliver further workshops about Islam.</i>
Allegrodance Workshop	Friday, 10th February	<i>Kate Simmons Dance will perform a range of dance styles for our children.</i>
PTA Quiz Night	Friday, 10th February	<i>Details to follow.</i>
PTA Virtual Pet Show	Friday, 17th February	<i>Details to follow.</i>

Headlines

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. On behalf of everyone at Cherry Tree we wish you all a very happy and successful New Year!

STREP A

Public Health England are advising schools to remind children of good hygiene measures. This week, each class has had a lesson on the importance of washing hands and on developing good respiratory habits. ('Catch it, bin it, kill it') Please reinforce these messages at home.

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.

BOOK AMNESTY

Please could families look for any Cherry Tree books that are at home and return them to school over the course of the next week? We understand how this happens but need your support in returning missing books as our stocks have become depleted. We are especially low on reading scheme books around the Y2, 3, 4 age group.

READING

We are just two months away from World Book Day 2023! On Thursday, 2nd March, we invite children to come to school dressed as a 'book character'. Every year we are impressed by the fantastic effort our families put into making their children look like a famous character from a book. There is a prize per class for the most creative costume.

As we lead up to World Book Day, I would like to remind you of the importance of reading and ways in which you can help at home. Please see the document attached to this newsletter.

In addition, we welcome adult volunteers who can support with and promote reading in school. For example; by reading a story to the class, listening to individual children read, changing books for our younger children or helping to keep our library well-organised. If you are interesting in helping in this way, please speak to your child's class teacher. Finally, watch out for our latest reading challenge, designed to spark enthusiasm for reading!

PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

Last term we had a Parent Forum meeting where we had valuable discussions about the Parent Survey Results 2022; Ofsted inspection; School Development Plan; School Uniform; Homework and Communication between home and school.

The minutes of the meeting are posted on our website under the Parent/Parents Forum and Feedback tab. We are still hoping to appoint a new chair of the Parent Forum, this is not an onerous task but is important for the continuation of the Parent Forum – It could be a task that is shared between two people if that is preferable. Please see the attached flier for further information or speak to a member of the office team or myself.

OFFICE TRAINING

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

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Our programme of class assemblies begins with Year 1's assembly on Friday, 20th January at 9:15am. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join these assemblies which usually last for 20 to 30 minutes. Access will be via the playground, through the hall door where a 'fire register' will be taken. No pre-booking required.

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

PTA NEWS

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

Cherry Tree PTA 2022/2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
JUNIOR FUN NIGHT	WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
BOOK CLUB WITH THE AUTHOR	WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER
FAMILY DISCO	FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER
PJ AND POPCORN NIGHT	THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
SPONSORED SANTA DASH	FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER
NON-UNIFORM DAY	FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA	FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
QUIZ NIGHT (FOR PARENTS)	FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
PET SHOW	FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
PJ AND POPCORN NIGHT	THURSDAY 2ND MARCH
NON-UNIFORM DAY	FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
CHOCOLATE BINGO	THURSDAY 30TH MARCH
JUNIOR FUN NIGHT	WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY
BREAK THE RULES DAY	FRIDAY 16TH JUNE
SUMMER FAIR	SATURDAY 1ST JULY
Full details of each event to be sent out nearer the time	
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1019937	

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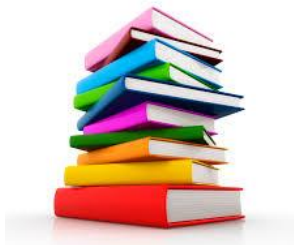
As one year ends and another begins, I have been reflecting on the achievements of our amazing children last year! They came back from the disruption of the pandemic with true determination and resilience and have grasped every opportunity with their full enthusiasm. We are very proud of every single child at Cherry Tree; thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to build a strong and effective school community! I look forward to an even brighter and more exciting 2023!



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Reading at Cherry Tree School Working together with parents



At Cherry Tree School, we have always valued reading and encouraged children to read for enjoyment. The younger generation spends a greater proportion of their time using electronic devices to play games than their predecessors. With this in mind, it is even more important that we continue to foster a love of reading among our children. As I am sure you are already aware, 'Reading for Pleasure' has numerous benefits for children and adults.

The DfE's published document 'Research Evidence on Reading for Pleasure' outlines many reasons why schools and families should encourage reading for pleasure; including:

- *There is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment (Clark 2011; Clark and Douglas 2011).*
- *Regularly reading stories or novels outside of school is associated with higher scores in reading assessments (PIRLS, 2006; PISA, 2009).*

The National Curriculum aims to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information.

Our staff and Governors felt it worthwhile to clearly outline what our expectations are at Cherry Tree School around reading and how parents can support this important area of education and enjoyment.

We have a fantastic community of children and parents who are incredibly supportive of school and who work in close partnership with us. The majority of children read regularly at home and record this in their reading record books.



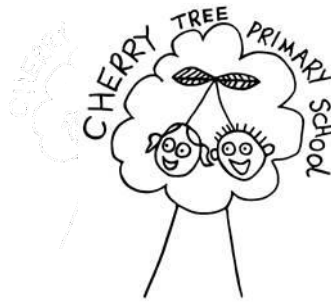
How we promote reading and how you can help at home

At school we will:

- Link reading activities, including guided and shared reading, to class work, the children's interests and the National Curriculum.
- Ensure progression from one year group to the next.
- Support younger children to change their reading books (usually two reading books) once a week and give older children the opportunity to change their books each week.
- Provide additional reading opportunities for those children who are not on track to meet age related expectations.
- Encourage fluent, confident readers to read lengthier texts to develop reading stamina.
- Set a termly reading challenge for children to participate in.

At home parents can support by:

- Being a positive role model by visibly reading for pleasure and information at home.
- Enjoy reading stories together at home. Favourite bedtime stories will be cherished forever!
- Listening to their child read three or four times a week.
- For confident, fluent readers in KS2, encourage them to read independently three times a week and monitor this. For less confident readers- a daily read will enable quicker progress. 'Practice makes perfect!'
- Recording occasions when the child has read at home in the reading record; a comment for those who are developing readers and simply a signature for fluent confident readers.
- Encouraging children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books. The local library is a great source of books.



Books our children have recommended for each other

Class F



The Gruffalo

What the Ladybird Heard

The Gingerbread Man

Guess How Much I Love You

The Book With No Pictures

The Highway Rat

Room on the Broom

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

My Little Pony

Lego Ninjago stories

Year 1

Julia Donaldson books

Batman comics

Great Women series, by Kate Pankhurst

Little Miss books

Lego friends / Lego books

The Runaway Dinner

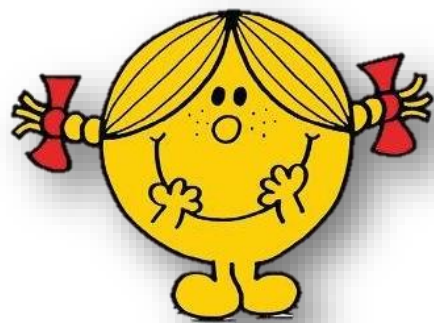
The Night before Christmas

The Jungle Book

My Little Pony

Snow Ponies

Toto the Ninja Cat books, Dermot O'Leary



Year 2

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl

Fantastic Mr Fox, Roald Dahl

Paddington stories, Michael Bond

The Twits, Roald Dahl

George's Marvellous Medicine, Roald Dahl

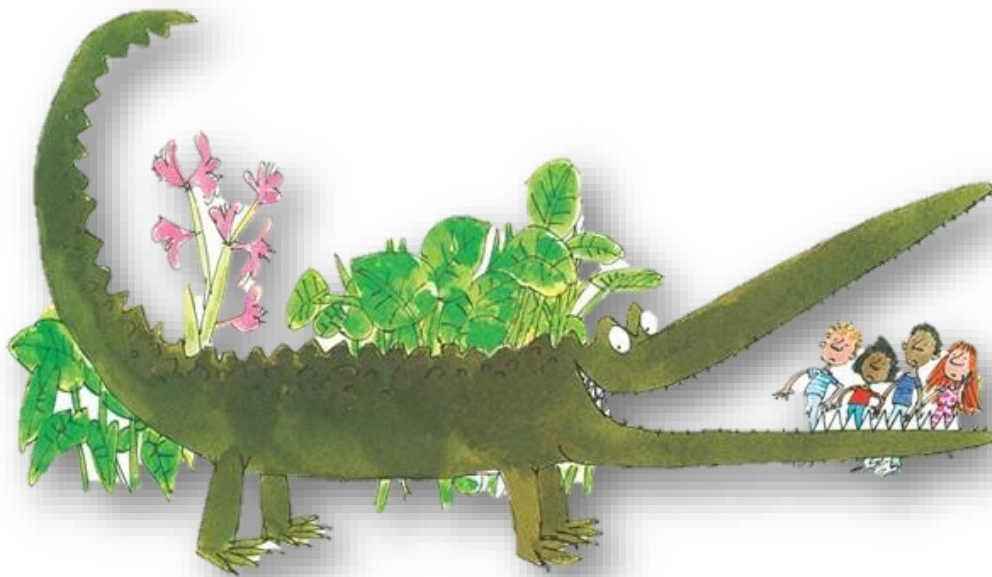
The Worst Witch books, Jill Murphy

The BFG, Roald Dahl

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark, Jill Tomlinson

James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl

The Faraway Tree stories, Enid Blyton



Year 3

Gemma the Gymnastics Fairy, Daisy Meadows

I Swapped My Brother on the Internet, Jo Simmons

The Naughtiest Girl in School, Enid Blyton

The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me, Roald Dahl

My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat, Pamela Butchart

Horrid Henry books, Francesca Simons

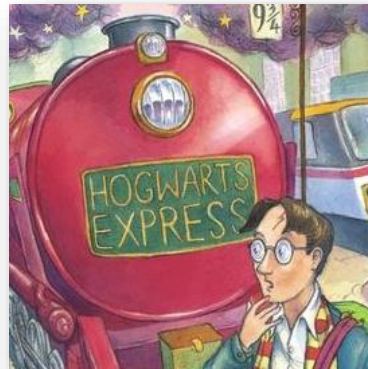
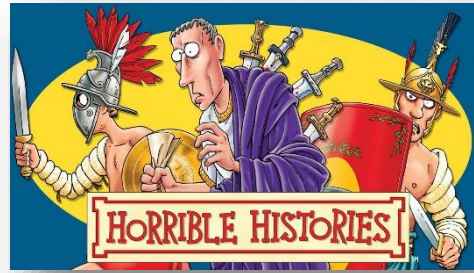
Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume

The Twits, Roald Dahl

Matilda, Roald Dahl

Horrible Histories books, Terry Deary

The Lunar Cats, Lynne Truss



Year 4

How to Train your Dragon books, Cressida Cowell

Harry Potter series, J K Rowling

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl

The Witches, Roald Dahl

Black Beauty, Anna Sewell

Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Montgomery

Kasper: Prince of Cats, Michael Morpurgo

The Elephant in the Garden, Michael Morpurgo

The Ice Monster, David Walliams

Famous Five series, Enid Blyton



Year 5

Tom Gates - Genius Ideas, Liz Pichon

Fing, David Walliams

The Wizards of Once, Cressida Cowell

Harry Potter series, J K Rowling

Mr Stink, David Walliams

Goosebumps – The Headless Ghost, R L Stine

The World's Worst Children, David Walliams

The Firework Maker's Daughter, Philip Pullman

Tom Gates – The Brilliant World of Tom Gates, Liz Pichon

The Power of Five series, Anthony Horowitz



Year 6

Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz

Harry Potter series by J K Rowling

A Series of Unfortunate Events, Lemony Snickett

Tom Gates series, Liz Pichon

Artemis Fowl series, Eoin Colfer

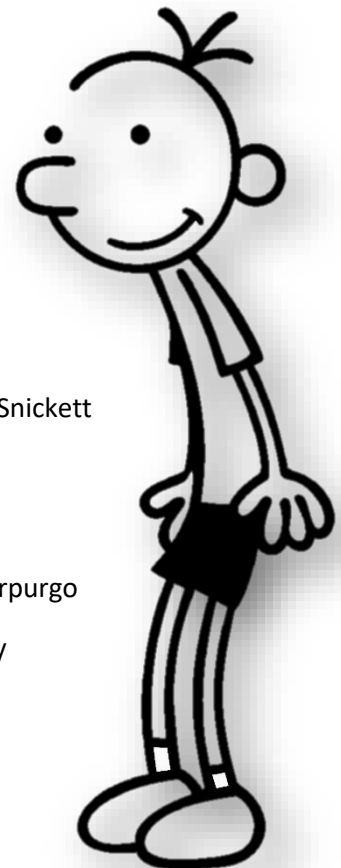
The Fox and the Ghost King, Michael Morpurgo

Skulduggery Pleasant series, Derek Landy

Percy Jackson series, Rick Riordan

Holes, Louis Sachar

Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney





WANTED!

NEW PARENT FORUM Chairperson

After the resignation of the previous Chair of our Parent Forum we are looking for a volunteer to take on this role (from the Spring Term 2023) so that the Parent Forum can continue. The Autumn Term meeting will be chaired by a governor, as a one-off arrangement.

The agenda is always set by parents and the forum is an extremely important avenue of communication between school and home.

Here are a few of the Parent Forum successes over the past year:

- ✓ Sweets not given out as birthday treats
- ✓ Development of the website and its content
- ✓ Parents invited to join children for lunch as a way of sampling school meals
- ✓ School uniform changed
- ✓ Activities on offer during the holidays altered

Being Chair of the Parent Forum is a rewarding role and gives you the opportunity to really make a difference to the on-going development of our school, while only requiring minimal commitment.

As the Chair you would need to commit to:	As the Chair you would need the following qualities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A short meeting (or telephone conversation) the week before the Parent Forum meeting with Mrs Graham to discuss the agenda.▪ Chairing one, hour long meeting per term.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A commitment to open, fair discussion that enables whole school development.▪ Diplomacy and tact.▪ A rational and logical approach to dealing with concerns or ideas.▪ Effective time management.

We hope you will consider bringing your own skills and experience to develop and enhance our Parent Forum.

For more information, please speak to the former chair Gillian Shaw, parent of Kate, Y5.

If you are interested in becoming the new chair, please contact Helen Graham via email: cherrytree_primary_head@sch.warrington.gov.uk



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