

# AUTUMN TERM

## NEWSLETTER 7

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2023

# 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

*Please remember to refer to our app for all our calendar dates: PA Connect / Content / Events*

### KEY DATES:

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
<b>PTA Quiz Night</b>	<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Takes place tonight! Good luck to the teams who have entered!
<b>Y3/4 Rugby Festival</b> 	<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Ten children from Y3 / Y4 have been selected to attend a rugby festival at Lymm Rugby Club – separate details have been sent to those taking part.
<b>Valentine's Themed Lunch</b>	<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Jenny our cook will prepare a Valentine's themed lunch which consists of: heart-shaped pizza and heart-shaped biscuits.
<b>IMPORTANT Phonics &amp; Reading Workshop</b> for preschool, YF & Y1 parents.	<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm</b>	This is an opportunity to find out how to support your child's listening skills, phonics understanding and early reading. Close partnership between home and school has a huge impact on progress – please come along to find out how you can help your child make rapid progress. Refreshments provided.
	<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Details about participation and categories can be found on ParentApp.
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break up at the normal time of 3:15pm / 3:30pm
<b>Back to school</b>	<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children return to school at 8:50am.
<b>Proposed NEU Teacher Strike- to be confirmed</b>	<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	One of the main teacher unions (NEU) has <u>proposed</u> strike action on this date. As soon as I am given confirmation I will let you know of any impact on our school.
<b>St David's Day</b> 	<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Community Club uniforms can be worn to celebrate the patron saint of Wales, St David. (Brownies/ scouts/ cubs/beavers/rainbows etc.)
<b>World Book Day- Dress up as a book character</b>	<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	One of the highlights of the school calendar! Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day.
<b>PTA PJ and Popcorn</b> 	<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 5-7pm</b>	Bookings will be taken via ParentPay. To allow for catering arrangements, the deadline for booking – Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February.
<b>Class 3 Assembly</b>	<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9:15am</b>	Parents and grandparents are welcome to join these assemblies. Access will be via the playground hall doors.

	<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> (Opening times 3:15-4:15pm)	<i>A chance to purchase a book for your child whilst also raising commission for the school to purchase new books. Volunteers needed please.</i>
<b>IMPORTANT Maths Workshop</b>	<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm</b>	<i>Come along and find out how we teach the four main operations in Maths (+, -, X and ÷) plus ways in which you can support at home. There will be a live demonstration with some of our Y6 children too!</i>
<b>Parr Hall Dance Competition – Year 6</b>	<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<i>Further details have been sent to the children involved.</i>
<b>PTA Book Club</b>	<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<i>See flier attached below.</i>
<b>KS2 Workshop with Children's Author and Illustrator</b>	<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March afternoon</b>	<i>One of our parents, Marie-Louise Gregory is a published children's author. (Sophia Slewfoot History's Mysteries series.) Marie along with illustrator Nicky Brooks, who was a TA at Cherry Tree, will deliver a workshop to our KS2 children. More details to follow on a flier.</i>

## Headlines

### Great News

Despite the falling birth rate in Warrington (a drop of 41% in Lymm), the number of families who have chosen Cherry Tree as their first choice of school for September 2023 is 32! We are delighted that families in our local area recognise Cherry Tree to be a great school with a warm ethos and enthusiastic, happy children. Thank you to those of you who recommend us to new families; your support makes a huge difference to our reputation and ongoing success.

### PTA Fundraising Update

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to walk with the Rotary Club Santa Float as it made its way around the local area in December. As a result of having so many Cherry Tree volunteers taking part, £525 has been donated to school!

Our Santa Dash raised an amazing £2500 and the Christmas Bonanza raised £1564! Two great fund-raising events!

THANK YOU for your support, it is very much appreciated!

### Allegrodance

Kate Simmons Dance School performed a range of dance styles for our children today, including an extract from a ballet, flamenco, tap, jazz and musical theatre. One of the stars of the show; Melissa Hughes, is one of our ex-pupils. We were incredibly proud to see her stunning performances (Melissa can be seen here in black).



### REMINDER: BOOK AMNESTY

Please return any reading scheme or library books that have accidentally been left at home; our stocks have become depleted. We are especially low on reading scheme books around the Y2, 3, 4 age group.

### READING

We are just a few weeks away from World Book Day 2023! On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We would love to have some 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, after half term, designed to spark enthusiasm for reading!

### NHS Fundraising- Knitted Hearts

One of our former families, the Wright family, sadly lost their son Oliver Wright who passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, aged 23. The staff at Cherry Tree were deeply saddened by this tragic news; we all have fond memories of Oliver.

Oliver's mum, Jill Wright, took great comfort from the knitted hearts that were given to her by the nurses at Warrington Hospital during his final hours. The hearts were placed next to Oliver and in his hand and then given to Jill and family as a keepsake, after he had passed. Jill knows what a difference the knitted hearts made at a very sad time and is keen to replenish the stocks available at the hospital for other families who are coping with bereavement. If you enjoy knitting or know anyone who does, please share the information (including knitting pattern) attached. Jill will collect any donations at her home and take them to Warrington Hospital.



### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents and grandparents are welcome to join these assemblies which start at 9:15am and 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 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

## PTA NEWS

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

<b>QUIZ NIGHT (FOR PARENTS)</b>	<b>FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY</b>
<b>PET SHOW</b>	<b>FRIDAY 17TH FEBRAURY</b>
<b>PJ AND POPCORN NIGHT</b>	<b>THURSDAY 2ND MARCH</b>
<b>NON-UNIFORM DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY 24TH MARCH</b>
<b>CHOCOLATE BINGO</b>	<b>THURSDAY 30TH MARCH</b>
<b>JUNIOR FUN NIGHT</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY</b>
<b>BREAK THE RULES DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY 16TH JUNE</b>
<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	<b>SATURDAY 1ST JULY</b>
Full details of each event to be sent out nearer the time	
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1019937	



Cherry Tree PTA presents  
a Book Club with a difference

# Book Club with the Author

Thursday 9th March, 8pm on Zoom

**Paterson D. Joseph on his book**

**'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho'**



Paterson D. Joseph is a British actor. He appeared in the Royal Shakespeare Company productions of King Lear and Love's Labour's Lost in 1990. He is a television and film actor.

The secret diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho is his debut novel and was discussed by him in the TV series Between the Covers

**Tickets £5 (£5.85 via Eventbrite)**

For Cherry Tree Parents please purchase your tickets through ParentPay.

For those outside of school tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, at <https://tinyurl.com/ys4yak8w>

It is a lush and immersive tale of adventure, artistry, romance, and freedom set in eighteenth-century London and inspired by a true story. This is the story of how a black man born into slavery came to be a leading figure in the abolitionist movement.

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## FINALLY

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It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the school year! As we move into the second half of the spring term we look forward to the children being able to use our new playground equipment- the wait will be worth it!

If anyone has ideas or feedback to share with school, please don't hesitate to contact one of the team; your views and opinions matter to us.

Have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Graham".

Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

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## NHS Knitted Heart Pattern

These hearts are being donated to the NHS as they are in urgent need for them, and myself and my family have taken great comfort in having them; so, I would like to give back as many hearts as possible to help other families.

Please leave your completed hearts at this address:

Greenroofs  
Hardy Road  
Lymm  
WA13 0NY

Or I am able to collect them from you, please contact me on 075323 99022

Thank you for your help.

### You will need:

- Simply soft Aran yarn (colours Red/Baby Pink/White/Baby Blue)
- 4mm knitting needles
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stuffing



### Make 2 sides:

- Cast on 3sts (stitches)
- Row 1: Purl
- Row 2: K1, M1, K1, M1, K1 (5sts)
- Row 3: Purl
- Row 4: K1, M1, K3, M1, K1 (7sts)
- Row 5: Purl
- Row 6: K1, M1, M1, K5, M1, K1 (9sts)
- Row 7: Purl
- Row 8: K1, M1, K7, M1, K1 (11sts)
- Row 9: P5, K1, P5
- Row 10: K1, M1, K3, P3, K3, M1, K1 (13sts)
- Row 11: P4, K5, P4
- Row 12: K1, M1, K2, P7, K2 M1, K1 (15sts)
- Row 13: P1, M1, P2, K9, P2, M1, P1 (17sts)
- Row 14: K3, P11 K3 (17sts)
- Row 15: P1, M1, P1, K13, P1, M1, P1 (19sts)
- Row 16: K1, M1, K1, P15, K1, M1, K1 (21sts)
- Row 17: P3, K15, P3
- Row 18: K1, M1, K2, P7, K1, P7, K2, M1, K1 (23sts)
- Row 19: P4, K7, P1, K7, P4
- Row 20: K4, P6, K3, P6, K4
- Row 21: P5, K4, P5, K4, P5
- Row 22: K5, P3, K7, P3, K5
- Row 23: Purl
- Row 24: K11 (turn work leaving the remaining 12sts unworked and continue on these 11sts only)
- Row 25: P9, P2tog (10sts)
- Row 26: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8sts)
- Row 27: P6, P2tog (7sts)
- Row 28: K2tog, K3, K2tog (5sts)
- Row 29: P2tog, cast off purl wise
- With right side facing, re-join yarn top centre back, to complete left mound as follows:
  - Row 24a: K2tog, K10 (11sts)
  - Row 25a: P2tog, P9 (10sts)
  - Row 26a: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8sts)
  - Row 27a: P2tog, P6 (7sts)
  - Row 28a: K2tog, K3, K2tog (5sts)
  - Row 29a: Cast off 2sts, P2tog, cast off

Finishing: With tail ends left on the heart, begin to sew around the sides using over sew stitch, leaving a gap to insert stuffing. Turn inside out, fill with stuffing and sew up gap to close, and secure in ends.

Your first knitted heart is now complete! Repeat the whole process to create another heart.