

# SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 9

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 2023

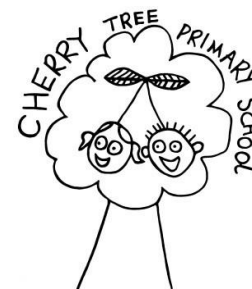
## CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 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  
We have also sent home a calendar of events for March on ParentApp.*

### KEY DATES

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	<b>Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:30pm</b>	<i>We break up at 2:30pm on Friday, for 2 weeks. Return to school on Monday, 17th April.</i>
<b>PTA Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm</b>	<i>All welcome, especially parents who are new to our school or have ideas on how we could further develop our fundraising activities. ☺</i>
<b>Year 5 Residential Visit- The Conway Centre</b>	<b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<i>If any of our Y5 children have medical needs, please complete our medical information form, ahead of the visit. We wish Year 5 a wonderful time in Anglesey at the Conway Centre.</i>
<b>Year 4 Class Assembly</b>	<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<i>Parents and grandparents are welcome to join our assemblies. Enter via the playground hall door; the door will open once hall is set up and ready at approx. 9:05am. No mobile phones please- see below.</i>
<b>Year 5 Class Assembly</b>	<b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>KS2 SATs (Year 6)</b>	<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Our Year 6 children will have their final statutory assessments this week. We are very proud of everything they have achieved over the past 7 years and hope their SATs results reflect their ongoing hard work and commitment.</i>
<b>Year 6 Residential Visit- London</b>	<b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>We are delighted to be able to re-introduce the Y6 trip to London after a 3 year break due to the pandemic. This year is more exciting than ever as Y6 will have an overnight stay on HMS Belfast, in addition to, a walk along South Bank, a flight on the London Eye, a west end theatre show and a visit to the Tower of London.</i>
<b>King Charles III Coronation Celebration</b>	<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform with a red, white and blue theme. Children are also invited to make a crown or royal headdress to wear on the day. More details to follow.</i>
<b>Sports Morning</b>	<b>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May Approx. 9:30am- 11:30am</b>	<i>Parents are welcome to join our annual sports morning. (Weather dependant)</i>
<b>PTA Junior Fun Night</b>	<b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to have fun and play games in the school grounds. No phones allowed. Payment via ParentPay.</i>
<b>New Intake Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6pm</b>	<i>Parents of children who are joining us in September 2023 are invited to an introductory meeting.</i>
<b>Year F Assembly</b>	<b>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am</b>	<i>Parents and grandparents are welcome to join our assemblies. Enter via the playground hall door at approx. 9:05am. No mobile phones please- see below.</i>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>We have a two week half term break at Whit.</i>
<b>Break the Rules Day</b>	<b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Details to follow.</i>

# Cherry Tree News Headlines

## Year 4 Burwardsley

Our Year 4 children had a great time on their residential visit to Burwardsley, Cheshire earlier this week. Isaac and Elliot gave me the following report:

*"When we arrived at the centre, our cook Gail showed us where we could go.. The first activity was to have some free play in the grounds. After that we had a workshop about historical artefacts where we had to identify which era they were from and what they were used for. We split into three groups and took turns to: make a coil pot; do an archaeological dig; make a bracelet out of grasses. We also visited a traditional round-house where we made wattle and daub and discovered how Burwardsley got its name- a celtic warrior was warding off a bear 'Bear Ward became Burward and ley means a clearing in the forest.'"*



This half term, our preschool children had fun dressing up as their favourite characters for World Book day. More recently, they have enjoyed lots of Easter activities such as decorating a nest and joining our friends in 'big school' for Chocolate Bingo!

Today is Mrs Horner's last day at preschool. We will miss her energy and enthusiasm and wish her all the very best for the future.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in maintaining good attendance and punctuality. School starts and registration takes place at 9am; we expect all children to arrive before this time.

The minimum percentage attendance we expect is **97%** attendance. This means missing no more than **5** days per year.

Our attendance figures for this week are as follows:

Class	Attendance
F	97.2 %
1	95 %
2	95 %
3	100% 😊
4	97.9 %
5	94.7 %
6	92.7 %

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Our full Attendance Policy can be found on the website under the 'About Us' tab.

## Health and Safety Update

The Governors and I would like to make you aware that **parts of our playground surface are uneven** and could potentially present a trip hazard. Should you require assistance in accessing our school site, please contact the school office and we would be happy to help.

We have made a request to Warrington Borough Council for funding to replace the tarmac in the areas where the tree roots have damaged the playground surface; In the interim, we have sprayed these areas yellow to indicate that the surface is uneven.

## Book Donations

We have recently re-decorated our library and removed old and tatty stock. This process has highlighted that we have a shortage of non-fiction books. The £489 commission raised at the recent book fair will be used to purchase new non-fiction books for our library.

If you have any good quality non-fiction books at home, that your child no longer reads, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our Cherry Tree school library. Thanks in advance 😊

## Update – New Play Equipment

Our new play equipment has now been assessed by an external company and they have identified some 'low risk' areas of concern. We have been in contact with the company and insisted that these are addressed before we allow the children to use the equipment. We are disappointed in the level of service that we have received and have made this known to the managers of the company. Payment is being withheld until all issues are addressed.

## Allotment News

Following Jan Daniel's retirement, we have employed a new gardener to manage our allotment and continue with Jan's legacy. Craig Morris has joined our team and he has begun to work with our KS2 children. Each class will work with Craig approximately once per half term, taking it in turns to spend a half day working in our allotment. They will cover environmental issues along with many aspects of our science curriculum, alongside learning how to grow and harvest vegetables.

Please see below for the dates when each class will do gardening activities.



<b>The schedule for the allotment is as follows:</b>	<b>Please bring:</b>
<b>Weds, 19<sup>th</sup> April – Class 2</b> <b>Weds, 26<sup>th</sup> April – Class 1</b> <b>Weds, 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Class 6</b> <b>Weds, 10<sup>th</sup> May – Class F</b> <b>Weds, 17<sup>th</sup> May – Class 5</b> <b>Weds, 24<sup>th</sup> May – Class 4</b>	<b>Ideally the children will need:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellies, walking boots or old trainers</li> <li>• Tracksuit bottoms that can get dirty</li> <li>• Outdoor coat</li> </ul>

### REMINDER: Mobile Phone Policy

In order to safeguard all of our children; **visitors are not permitted to use mobile phones, or to take photographs when in school**, including during assemblies. Some families do not consent to their child being featured in photographs on social media etc. We manage this by taking photographs of children where consent HAS been given and sharing these via 'SeeSaw' or on our website, where permission has been granted.

**Visitors are asked to keep their phone switched off and in a bag/pocket whilst on the school premises.** If visitors feel they may need to be contacted urgently, they are welcome to pass on the school telephone number: 01925 755885 to anyone who may need to contact them.

Please support us by adhering to this policy and asking wider family members who attend school events to do the same.

<b>Class Assemblies</b>	<b>Date</b> <i>(all start at 9:15am)</i>
<i>Parents and grandparents are welcome to join our assemblies. Enter via the playground hall door; the door will open once hall is set up and ready at approx. 9:05am.</i> <i>A fire register will be taken.</i>	
<b>Class 4</b>	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Class 5</b>	Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Class F</b>	Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Class 6- Leavers' Assembly</b>	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July

# Cherry Tree Sporting News

## Warrington Athletics Cross Country Competition 2022-2023

We are incredibly proud of those children who represented us at the Warrington Athletics Cross Country Competition at Walton Gardens. The three races took place in October, November and March. Our runners showed true resilience and team-spirit; cheering one another on at each event. Huge credit should be given to every child who took part and congratulations to those who won medals and trophies- see photos below! 😊 Our heartfelt thanks goes to the team coaches – Georgina Walker and Sarah Harrison for preparing our children and accompanying them at each race. Thank you to the parents who helped to marshal each event; the race director is fully aware of how supportive the Cherry Tree parents are and sent his thanks.



Our Superstar Runners!



**Y4/5 Girls' Team**  
Overall their team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>  
over three races!



**Y4/5 Boys' Team**  
Toby took overall winner  
for the three races!



**Y4/5 Boys' Team**  
Luke took 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
overall!



**Y4/5 Boys' Team**  
Overall the boys' team won 1<sup>st</sup> place!



**Y6 Boys' Team**  
Eddie took 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place overall!



**Y6 Girls' Team**  
Imogen took 3<sup>rd</sup>  
place overall!

## Netball at Cherry Tree Inspiring All *Report written by Shelley Wright (parent of Sophia Y5)*

For as long as I've been associated with Cherry Tree, netball has been offered as an extracurricular sport to KS2 children. It wasn't until 2022 when I accompanied the Year 6 team to a Warrington High 5's tournament that I



*realised how lucky Cherry Tree juniors were to have that opportunity as surprisingly netball or high fives is not routinely played at primary school.*

*Nationally netball has been increasing in popularity since the dramatic victory of the England Roses team in the 2018 Commonwealth Games when they secured gold medals by beating Australia 52-51. This surge in popularity is mirrored within our own community here at Cherry Tree. The after school netball club is well attended by girls and boys across the juniors and has inspired many of them to join club netball teams in Appleton and Altrincham. This year our Year 5/6 team, made up of girls and boys from both year groups, has qualified to represent Cherry Tree and Warrington in the Cheshire High Fives final in Macclesfield. I was lucky enough to watch them in one of their qualifying tournaments and I was amazed by their determination to do well and their commitment and support to one another within the team. We are very proud of all the players and what they have achieved. Having seen how much fun our children were having playing netball, last September a group of Cherry Tree mums and Cherry Tree staff members decided they would also like to get involved and they formed a team which entered the Back to Netball league in Lymm. There are now two Cherry Tree teams playing on a weekly basis in Lymm and loving sharing in a sport that some of their children also play. How lucky are we?*

*Due to the growing popularity of this team sport, we are also planning on holding a fun netball tournament at the Cherry Tree Summer Fair this year – open to all adults associated with Cherry Tree -the more the merrier and who knows, maybe this September there will be even more Cherry Tree teams in the Lymm League!*



## PTA NEWS

**Next PTA Meeting Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April- 7pm, at school**

All welcome, especially parents who are new to our school  
or have children in Class F! 😊

If you work for a company that offers the Match Funding scheme please get in touch with our PTA Chair, Mark Swettenham, using the email below. Please contact [cherrytreepta@gmail.com](mailto:cherrytreepta@gmail.com) if you have any questions or you might be able to help out.

### Chocolate Bingo

Yesterday the children, including preschool children enjoyed several lively games of bingo where they had the opportunity to win various chocolate prizes. Thank you to all of our families for their donation. There wasn't enough chocolate for every child to win a prize, therefore the event was organised with prizes for a full house or a line. We understand this caused some disappointment. A small number of eggs were remaining (not enough for every child) once the games were finished. These have been donated to a local foodbank.

This event raised a total £450, thank you.

Next year we will review how the event can be amended to ensure that EVERY child goes home with a prize. One option is for school to buy all of the chocolate eggs and increase the ticket price per child. If you were disappointed in the organisation of yesterday's event and have any ideas as to how it could be improved, please come along to

the next PTA meeting on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm, at school. Our PTA is always open to new ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your support!

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I wish you and your children well-deserved break and a wonderful Easter holiday.



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