

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 1

Wednesday, 6th
September 2023

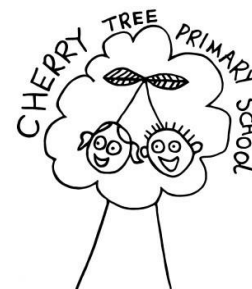
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

KEY DATES- Autumn 2023

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
Year 1 to Year 6 First Aid Workshops	Friday, 8th September	Please make a £2 donation and give consent for your child to join this workshop via ParentPay.
Guitar/Ukulele Assembly- Mr Waugh	Monday, 11th September 2pm	The children who had lessons with Mr Waugh during the summer term are invited to showcase their talent – please bring guitar/ukulele.
Y4 Swimming	Wednesday 13th September	Our Y4 class will begin their ten week block of swimming lessons on Wednesday, 13 th September. Details sent via ParentApp.
Meet the Team	Thursday, 14th September Between 5pm and 6:30pm	Parents are invited to meet the year group team and listen to a short talk from each teacher in their classroom. Details in the text below.
Professional Female Footballer- Assembly	Monday, 18th September	Ella Kinzett, midfielder for Sheffield United will deliver an inspiring assembly to all children, plus hold a 'football skills' session with a group of KS2 girls.
School Photos (Individual)	Tuesday, 19th September	Children should come to school wearing school uniform not PE kit on this day.
Y5 Anglo-Saxon/Viking Workshop	Wednesday, 20th September	Further information to be sent home to Y5 families.
Y1 to Y6 Hockey Taster Session	Friday, 22nd September	Year 1 to Year 6 will have a taster session delivered by Mr Thornton from Lymm Hockey Club. Children in years 1 to 6 to wear PE kit on this day please.
Y6 Bikeability	Monday, 25th to Friday, 29th September	Year 6 will work in small groups with the 'Bikeability' staff as they learn how to ride their bike safely on the road. Details and consent forms to follow.
Book Fair	Tuesday, 3rd to Friday, 6th October	Children will be able to purchase books from our Book Fair which will be open at the end of each school day.

Cherry Tree News Headlines

Welcome Back

A very warm 'welcome back to school' for all our families and particularly those who are new to Cherry Tree! Selecting a school for your child is a very important decision; we are pleased that you have put your faith in us and recognise that our school is the right choice for your family.

The children in all year groups have had a very positive start and we are excited about the academic year ahead.

Thank you

Thank you for your kind words of support and appreciation at the end of the summer term, the staff and I were very grateful for the cards and gifts that were given to us. Your generosity was very much appreciated and the messages of thanks written in cards meant a great deal to us all.

School Environment Improvements

You have no doubt noticed our new entrance porch. All schools are given a small amount of ring-fenced funds that can only be spent on building projects- we have used this money to create a larger entrance area. We are grateful to St Helen's Glass who completed the work and gave us a very competitive quote as they were aware of the budget pressures that we are facing. Over time we will add displays etc. to develop the aesthetics of our porch.

Warrington Borough Council have committed to re-surfacing the parts of our playground that are damaged by tree roots. Timescales were too tight to complete this over the summer holidays but we hope this will happen soon.

Health and Safety Update

A brief reminder that 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.

New 'Hatch'

We have a new 'hatch' for visitors- it is a white sliding window on the left hand side of the new entrance porch. To ring for attention, our doorbell is on the window. All parents and visitors must sign in before coming into school unless attending an assembly or parents' evening; we use a fire register or a pre-booking system for these.



New Finish Time for Years F, 1 and 2

From September 2023 we have lengthened the school day for Class F, 1 and 2 by FIVE minutes.

Our new collection time for Class F, 1 & 2 is 3:20pm

This will reduce the waiting time for families who have children in KS1 (Infants) and KS2 (Juniors) and provide our youngest children with an extra 25 minutes in school each week.



CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESCHOOL

REMINDER: September Changes

From September we have limited the afternoon sessions to preschool children only (age 3+) so that we can focus on helping the older children to be school-ready.

On a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon a slightly more formal approach will be adopted to prepare children who are aged 3 or 4 for the transition to Foundation Stage (Class F). This means that we will not be able to accommodate

children under 3 years old within these sessions. Also from September, the sessions will be split as follows:

Morning 8:45am – 11:45am

Afternoon 12:15pm – 3:15pm

Children will still be able to do both sessions and bring a packed lunch. Lunchtime for children staying for the full day will be from 11:45am – 12:15pm.

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

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

Meet the Team

On Thursday, 14th September parents are invited to listen to a short talk, from their child's new class teacher and teaching assistants.

Each teacher will provide practical information about their year group, such as: what homework will be given and when to hand it in, topics to be covered during the year, any trips that are planned, class assemblies, Key Stage Productions etc. There will be an opportunity to ask questions too.

The brief presentations will take place in the classroom and are staggered to accommodate parents with children in more than one class.

For the specific timings of each talk, please see the table below.

Meet the Team	
Class/ Teacher / Teaching Assistants	Time
Class 3- Miss Flower /Mrs Oldham / Miss Stagg	5pm
Class 2- Mrs Greason/ Mrs Adams	5:15pm
Class 4- Miss Birchall/ Mrs Fothergill / Miss Stagg	5:30pm
Class 6- Mrs Perrin / Mrs Robinson/ Mrs Barton	5:45pm
Class 1- Mrs Baines / Mrs Kinzett / Mrs Leung / Miss Kershaw	6pm
Class 5- Mrs Bottomley / Mrs Sampson / Mrs Barton	6:15pm
Class F- Mr Adams / Mrs Fish / Mrs Hopkin	6:30pm

There will be a chance to receive individual feedback about your child and to discuss your child's progress at the November parents' evening. (Details to follow.)



Book Amnesty - September

Please return any Cherry Tree library books or reading scheme books you have at home. In addition, if you have any books that your children have 'outgrown' or they no-longer read, please consider donating them to our school library. Thank you.

Ofsted Update

Cherry Tree was last inspected by Ofsted 13 years ago and we were awarded an Outstanding rating. We have worked hard since then to continually improve our school.

Ofsted continues to measure our progress and I am advised they will arrive this Autumn term to assess our school. They will call me, as the Head Teacher, the day before and arrange a 2 day visit, starting at 8am the following morning. During the inspection they will expect to meet and interview staff, governors and children. Parent views will be captured via an online link, which they will provide.

I know our children and school community will be confident and upbeat when our inspectors arrive. We see this as an opportunity to show our strengths and the fantastic school community we have.

In the meantime, as always we will be continuing to work hard to make our school the best it can be.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs for the Autumn Term are available to book via ParentApp. Our booking system went live on Monday, 4th September at 6pm and will remain open until midnight on Sunday 10th September. Clubs will start the week commencing 18th September. If you have not been able to book a space on a club, please speak to the office team, not the club leaders. We operate a waiting list on a 'first come first served' basis.

During the Autumn Term we do not offer clubs to our Class F children; we allow them time for them to settle into the school routine and for our staff to get to know them before inviting them to join clubs.

Reminder: School Meals Price Increase

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to rise from £2.40 to **£2.60** from September 2023, resulting in an overall weekly increase of £1 per child.

Mobile Phone Policy- a message from our Chair of Governors /Safeguarding Governor

Safeguarding our children is a top priority at Cherry Tree. We have recently been working with an expert who has reviewed our policies and procedures to ensure we have the best possible systems in place. As part of this our mobile phone policy was recently updated. The new policy, which prevents the use of mobile phones by visitors while in the school building, is now in line with national best practice. We do appreciate that many find this frustrating but are grateful for your support in adhering to this new policy to ensure the safety of all our children.

Kind regards, Christine Mitchell-Brown

PE Timetable 2023-24

Children to wear their PE kit for the full day, on the days when they have a PE lesson.

Children to wear their P.E kit for the full day, on the days when they have a P.E lesson.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Hall in use for Music lessons	F	3	1
1		4 – swimming from 13 th September, information to follow		2
Lunch time				
5	2	3	6 - Rugby	4
		6	5- Rugby	

PTA NEWS

Next PTA Meeting Tuesday, 19th September- 7pm, at school

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

Class Assemblies / Performances

Class	Date	Time	
KS1 Performance (Class F, 1 & 2)	Tuesday, 12 th December dress rehearsal for preschool children Wednesday, 13 th December	1:30pm 2pm and 6pm	Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend our assemblies and performances. Class assemblies held in school can be accessed via the playground hall doors where a 'fire register' will be taken.
Class 1	Friday, 2 nd February	9:15am	
Class 2	Friday, 8 th March	9:15am	
Class 3	Parr Hall 'Primary Arts Network' Performance Week commencing 18 th March- evening to be confirmed	6pm	
Class 4	Medley Music Concert at St Oswald's Church, Padgate Week commencing 1 st July- evening to be confirmed	6pm	
Class 5	Friday, 3 rd May	9:15am	
KS2 Performance (Class 3, 4, 5, 6)	Monday, 15 th July dress rehearsal for preschool children Tuesday, 16 th July Wednesday, 17 th July	1:30pm 1:30pm & 6pm 6pm	
Class F	Friday, 24 th May	9:15am	
Class 6 Leavers' Assembly	Monday, 22 nd July (Break up at 2:30pm on Tuesday, 23 rd July)	9:15am	

FINALLY

It has been a gorgeous start to the new academic year, both in terms of the weather and also in terms of the children's positive attitudes and behaviour. We are very proud of our children from preschool through to Year 6. 😊
I am sure we will continue to work together as a school community, to 'bring the best out in each other' as the year progresses.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team if you have any questions, queries or ideas.

Kind regards

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REMINDERS

Climbing Frame

**Please DO NOT allow children to use the climbing frame
at the beginning or end of the school day.**

Term Dates

You will find out term dates for the new academic year on our website under the Parent Tab.

<https://www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Term-Dates-2022-23-and-2023-24.pdf>