

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 13

Friday, 21st
July 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

Summer 2023

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
End of Term	Friday, 21st July 2:30pm FINISH <i>Our 'Out of School Club' does not offer childcare on this final day and will be closed.</i>	

KEY DATES- Autumn 2023

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Any action needed
New Term Starts	Tuesday, 5th September	<i>School opens at 8:50am. Please be prompt.</i>
First Aid Workshop Year 1 to Year 6	Friday, 8th September	<i>Please make a £2 donation and give consent for your child to join this workshop via ParentPay.</i>
Guitar/Ukelele Assembly- Mr Waugh	Monday, 11th September 2pm	<i>The children who had lessons with Mr Waugh during the summer term are invited to showcase their talent – please bring guitar.</i>
Meet the Team	Thursday, 14th September <i>Between 5pm and 6:30pm</i>	<i>Parents invited to meet the year group team and listen to a short talk from each teacher in their classroom. Timings of talks to follow.</i>
School Photos (Individual)	Tuesday, 19th September	<i>Children should come to school in school uniform not PE kit on this day.</i>
Y5 Anglo-Saxon/Viking Workshop	Wednesday, 20th September	<i>Further information to follow in September.</i>
Y6 Bikeability	Monday, 25th September to Friday, 29th September	<i>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.</i>

Cherry Tree News Headlines

A Message from Our Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Cherry Tree Governing Board I would like to acknowledge the work and effort undertaken by Mrs Graham, all the school staff as well as the support we garner from you, our fantastic parents, carers and guardians, as well as that we get from the local community.

A special thanks goes to the enormous contribution from our PTA for the work they do. Their fundraising makes a huge amount of difference to the school and the experiences of our children.

We continue to face considerable financial challenges on our budget - impositions outside of our control, but we strive to ensure that these do not affect our ability to work as a team to deliver exceptional opportunities for all or our children.

Have a wonderful break and the school will look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Christine Mitchell-Brown, Chair of Governors

Statutory Assessment and Attendance Results

I would like to congratulate all of our children for their achievement this academic year; the results below show that they have all worked hard! The Governors and I would like to sincerely thank the children and staff for all their efforts over the past year– we are really proud of them!

Key Stage 2 Results 2023		
% achieving Expected Standard	Cherry Tree 2023	National 2022
Reading	81%	74%
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	72%	69%
Maths	84%	71%
Reading, Writing, Maths- Combined	63%	59%
Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling	88%	78%

Key Stage 1 Results 2023		
% achieving Expected Standard	Cherry Tree 2023	National 2022
Reading	77%	67%
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	73%	58%
Maths	73%	68%
Reading, Writing, Maths- Combined	67%	58%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check		
% of children passed the phonics check	Cherry Tree 2023	National figure 2022
	95%	75%

EYFS Good Level of Development		
% of children reached a good level of development	Cherry Tree 2023	National figure
	76%	65%

Whole School Attendance Data		
% of children	2023	National 2022
Attendance	97.1%	90.1%
Persistent absence (pupils with absence rate more than 10%)	10%	22%

School Environment Improvements

We have a few projects that are in the planning stage which will enhance our school environment. Hopefully one or more of these projects will be completed over the summer break- watch this space.

Our school continues to have a deficit budget due to increase costs and unfunded pay rises for staff. With that in mind, the governing board and I are keen that our families understand that these projects are all funded by the local authority or with ring-fenced money that can only be spent on building projects. Without these additional funding streams we would not be able to afford any of the following:

- Removal of tree roots and trees near the playground porches
- Re-surfacing various areas of the tarmac on the playground/pedestrian access to eliminate trip hazards
- New entrance porch at the front of school
- Partition between Year 2 and Year 4

New Finish Time for Years F, 1 and 2

From September 2023 we will be lengthening the school day for Class F, 1 and 2 by FIVE minutes.

Our new collection time for Class F, 1 & 2 will be 3:20pm from Tuesday, 5th September onwards

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.



Book Amnesty - September

Over the holidays, please rummage through your bookcases and bring in any Cherry Tree library books or reading scheme books you may 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.



CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESCHOOL

REMINDER: September Changes

In order to enhance our EYFS provision, we will be making some adaptations to the day-to-day running of Cherry Blossom Preschool.

Three Years + Sessions

From September we will be limiting three of 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.

Key Stage 2 Production

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 children who delivered a fantastic performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' last week! We are very proud of our talented theatrical superstars! If you have purchased the video of the show via ParentPay, the download will be sent to you at the beginning of August.

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>

Parental Feedback

We invite you to confirm receipt of the annual pupil report and ask for your feedback via ParentApp. A form has been uploaded entitled 'Annual reports'. Please could you complete this over the next couple of weeks?

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our new club list has been issued on Thursday, 20th July via ParentApp. Our booking system will go 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.

Donations

Thank you to a number of our parents who have made donations recently. We have had a monetary donation and also a large amount of stationary items donated including glue sticks, pens, pencils, rulers, laminating pouches etc. We also had a donation of over 20 mugs and notebooks.

Thank you also to the parents who have bought items from our Amazon wish list.

Your generosity has made a huge difference and is very much appreciated. ☺

School Meals Price Increase

A message from Paula Worthington, Director of Education

*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.*

This is the first price increase in school meals since 2019 as the council has prioritised supporting families in these times of hardship. Where possible, the council will continue to subsidise services where it can and are looking at support for those families that are struggling but are not eligible for free school meals. Further information on this will be shared in the new academic year.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

Kind regards

Paula Worthington, Director of Education and Community Services (Deputy DCS)

PTA NEWS

THANK YOU

Thank you to our amazing PTA for putting on so many great events over the past year. We have had whole school community events such as the Family Disco and the Summer Fair; events for the children such as Breakfast with Santa, PJ and Popcorn and Junior Fun Night and events for the adults such as Quiz Night.

Each of these requires the support of our volunteers to organise the event and the support of families who attend, your support is very much appreciated!!

Thank you for your recent donations and support at the Summer Fair; this event was particularly well-attended and raised a fantastic total of £2500!

I look forward to sharing future plans at the start of the new term in September.

If you would like to make a difference to our school whilst having fun in the process, please consider joining our PTA next year. 😊

CHERRY
TREE PTA

NEW PTA MEMBERS NEEDED!

We have the below positions to fill from September as well as 'regular' members. All parents/carers/grandparents welcome. There are no expectations and any time you can give is always welcome with a variety of ways to get involved. This includes volunteering and helping co-ordinate events, coming up with new ideas, raising raffle prizes. Please get in touch if you are interested or have any questions by emailing cherrytreepta@gmail.com

What does Cherry Tree PTA do?

We arrange many events and other fundraising ideas throughout the year to raise additional funds for items that the school budget may not cover as well as provide fun events for children staff and families. The funds raised have recently been spent on music provision, gardening and art supplies and the new outdoor play equipment and does really make a difference to the school and our children.

Chair

- Chair regular PTA meetings
- Write the annual PTA report
- Host the annual AGM
- Oversee all PTA activity
- Liaise with school about event dates and fundraising needs.

Vice Chair

- Deputise for the Chair

Treasurer

- Keep detailed records of all individual income and expense
- Pay invoices, expenses and donations to school
- Arrange floats for events, count cash after even and pay into bank account;
- Calculate profit for individual events;
- Prepare a finance summary for PTA meetings;
- Prepare Annual Financial Statements and arrange independent review;
- Charity commission reporting.

Stock Buyer

- Count stock before and after each event and send to treasurer.
- Maintain a detailed list of all stock held and keep updated with purchases, usage, write offs etc.
- Monitor best before dates to minimise stock write offs.
- Liaise with event leads re purchasing requirements.

FINALLY

As I reflect on the last academic year, and how our children have 'blossomed', I am very grateful to work among a supportive and positive school community. We have had some financial challenges to face, but this did not stop us from striving to give our children the very best experience they could have at school.

Your support, as parents cannot be under-estimated. This coupled with the dedicated staff and governor team and our highly motivated pupils has meant that we have had a happy and successful year. Thank you!

I wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday, 5th September.**

Kind regards



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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REMINDERS

Schedule of Current Fees and Charges

Updated May 2023



Description	Applicable to	Fee
Ad-hoc booking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PreschoolOut of School ClubHoliday Camp	£3 fee per session
Please be aware that we cannot guarantee a place will be available.		
Instalment charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Out of School ClubPreschool	£10 per year
Cancellation of place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holiday CampExtra-Curricular Clubs	Non-refundable if notified after the deadline. (This is due to staffing being determined at this point)
Notice period for change in arrangements (including cancellation).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Out of School ClubPreschool	This is processed on a half termly basis with a minimum of 4wks notice.
Cancellation of ad-hoc place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PreschoolOut of School ClubHoliday Camp	Non-refundable if less than 24hrs notice given. £3 ad-hoc fee still applies regardless of notice given
Late collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PreschoolOut of School ClubHoliday Camp	£3 per 15 minutes (We regret that after 3 occasions this service will be no longer available).
Late payment fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PreschoolOut of School ClubHoliday CampExtra-Curricular Clubs	£10 (We regret that non-payment may result in this service being terminated).

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