

AUTUMN TERM
NEWSLETTER 2
 Friday, 20th October
 2023

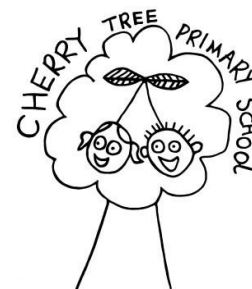
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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	Further information/Any action needed
Presto Music Show	Monday, 23rd October	A live band will perform a range of music for the children during this whole school concert.
PCSO Redshaw to Visit	Thursday, 26th October	PCSO Redshaw will deliver a 'safety' talk to the children focusing on Halloween and Bonfire Night.
Flu Immunisations (Nasal Spray)	Friday, 27th October	If you have not already given consent for the immunisation, please do so using the link on Parent App; Content/Useful Links /Flu Jabs. http://r.email.educationmutual.co.uk/mk/cl/f/sh/7nVU1aA2nfsTSzDQNIqJnnH4xw3f3qc/NESqV3UAeyz5 DEADLINE: 24 th October
Book Club with a Published Author (Free to join)	Friday, 27th October 12:30pm to 1pm	These 'Reading for Pleasure' sessions are free to join & will be led by Marie-Louise Gregory, a published children's author and Cherry Tree parent. The full details have been posted on ParentApp and are attached to this newsletter.
Half Term Holiday Monday, 30 th October to Friday, 3 rd November		
Round Table Fireworks	Saturday, 4th November	Tickets can be purchased via the Round Table website https://lymm.uk/round-table-fireworks
Back to school	Monday, 6th November	Please be prompt- doors open at 8:50am.
Y5 Mental Health Workshop	Monday, 6th November 1pm - 3pm	Following on from the Mental Health Workshop for Year 6 last week, Year 5 will have a similar workshop on Monday, 6 th Nov.
Y3 Stone Age Day	Wednesday, 8th November	Year 3 will take part in stone age activities - most of these will be outdoors- dress appropriately. Further details have been sent via ParentApp.
Y5 Safety Central Visit	Thursday, 16th November	Y5 will visit 'Safety Central' at Lymm services to learn about how to stay safe in the home and the local area. Details to follow.
Cross Country Competition	Saturday, 18th November	The third and final event of the 2023 series will take place at Walton gardens. Good luck to all our runners.
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 21st November Wednesday, 22nd November	Appointments available on ParentApp nearer the time. Timings: 21-11-23 from 4:30pm to 7pm and 22-11-23 3:45pm to 5:30pm Second-hand uniform on sale during the evening.
Y1 to Staircase House	Friday, 24th November	Y1 are going to Staircase House in Stockport to learn about the Great Fire of London. Details via ParentApp sent to the Y1 families.
Y2 To Manchester Airport	Friday, 24th November	Year 2 will visit the airport and go inside a cockpit as part of their topic on 'Flight' Year 1 & 2 will share a coach to reduce the cost of both trips.

PTA Meeting	Tuesday, 28th November 7pm	<i>The meeting will take place in The Crown Pub. All welcome!</i>
Y6 Crucial Crew	Wednesday, 29th November	<i>Y6 will take part in Crucial Crew workshops which are designed to teach them the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe. Details to follow.</i>
St Andrew's Day	Thursday, 30th November	<i>Children are invited to wear community club uniforms, such as Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows, and Cubs etc. instead of their usual school uniform.</i>
Y6 Road Safety Talks	Thursday, 30th November	<i>Warrington's Road safety Officer will provide an informative workshop for our Year 6 children.</i>
PTA Sponsored Santa Dash (Including preschool)	Friday, 1st December	<i>After our very successful Santa Dash last year this event will return on Friday, 1st December. More details to follow.</i>
Infant Christmas Production (Year F, 1, 2)	Tuesday, 12th December Wednesday, 13th December	<i>Our Infant production is one of the highlights of the year. Preschool children can attend with families on Tuesday, 12th at 2pm. Adults only at the two performances on Wednesday 13th at 2pm and 6pm.</i>
PTA Christmas Bonanza (Including preschool)	Friday, 15th December All day	<i>A fun-packed day including, Reindeers in school, wear a Christmas jumper, Breakfast with Santa, a visit to Santa's grotto and a gift for each child, plus other Christmas activities. £10 each.</i>
KS2 Carol Concert	Monday, 18th December 6pm	<i>The KS2 children will walk to St Mary's church for a rehearsal in the afternoon and then perform for their parents in the evening. Start time 6pm.</i>
Break Up at 2:30pm	Wednesday, 20th December	<i>For our final day of the term we have an early finish.</i>
Christmas Holiday Thursday, 21st December to Tuesday, 2nd January		
Back to school	Wednesday, 3rd January	<i>Please be prompt- doors open at 8:50am.</i>

Cherry Tree News Headlines

My Happy Mind

This month we have introduced an award-winning wellbeing curriculum dedicated to building resilience, self-esteem and ultimately happiness in children. A letter was sent home on 11th October with further details.

myHappyMind has also developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as Happy Breathing. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is 111150.



Parking on Hardy Road

Warrington Borough Council has added a new dropped kerb with a tactile surface on both sides of Hardy Road, close to Lyme Grove. This is to provide accessible pavement access for wheelchair and pram users and also to support anyone who is visually impaired. Please DO NOT park in front of this dropped kerb. In case you are not aware, blocking or obstructing any dropped kerb is against the law, and a penalty can be issued. Our PCSO has been to monitor the parking on a few occasions. He will return on a regular basis and will issue a ticket to anyone blocking this dropped kerb. Thank you for parking considerately for the benefit of everyone.

Parent Forum

Last week, we held the Autumn Term Parent Forum. Thank you to the parents who came along to work in partnership with the school by sharing feedback and discussing whole school matters. We had some useful discussions around the following agenda items:

1. School Photos
2. Extra-Curricular Clubs
3. School Uniform
4. School Meals
5. Ofsted inspection

Once completed, the minutes of the meeting will be published on our website under the tab: Parents/Parent Forum



School Environment Improvements

Warrington Borough Council has 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 are in regular communication with the council to agree a date for this work to happen.

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.



CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESCHOOL

The children at Cherry Blossom have been busy exploring our natural world using our senses of touch, smell, sight, hearing and taste! We have looked for signs of Autumn and been on a nature walk in our lovely preschool garden! In our 'Real PE' sessions we have been pretending to be pirates. We have also been exploring long and short through maths activities and singing our favourite nursery rhymes!



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%**. 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.

Following on from Parent Forum Feedback last week, we will be introducing a '**High Attendance Award**' at the end of each full term. This is to recognise those children who have only had an occasional day off due to illness. Each term will 'reset' so there are three opportunities to achieve a 'High Attendance Award' over the course of the year.

Appointments

Please be aware that due to logistics and safeguarding issues, if your child needs to leave or return to school during the school day, this needs to be **before 12 noon or after 1pm i.e. not during lunchtime**. It is disruptive if children have to leave school part way through eating their lunch or return when their peers are eating. To gain their afternoon registration mark, children need to be in school by 1:15pm.



Reading Book Amnesty

We have spent a substantial amount of money on purchasing high quality, phonically decodable books which support our children in learning to read. **Please ensure these books are kept in book bags and returned.**

If you have any books that your children have 'outgrown' or they no-longer read, please consider donating them to our school library. We particularly need non-fiction or poetry books. Thank you.

Donations

We would like to provide our children with a range of resources to use during wet playtime. Do you have any games or activities that your children no-longer use that could be useful for this purpose? The kind of things we would be grateful of are:

- *Lego*
- *Board games- not noisy games ;-)* !
- *Colouring books*
- *Construction kits*
- *Card games- Uno etc.*

Foodbank Donations

Our School Council would like to thank our families for the generous donations to Warrington Foodbank. We had a large quantity of donated items that Mrs Bottomley has transported to the Foodbank this afternoon. Thank you for supporting this charity.



PTA NEWS

Fundraising

Currently, our school is at a financial disadvantage due to the way the National Funding Formula is calculated- this has resulted in a deficit budget in 2023. Therefore, the support of our PTA is more important than ever as we strive to provide enrichment opportunities for the children. Please get involved by attending meetings, coming along to events or offering to volunteer at an event.

If you work for a company that offers the Match Funding scheme please get in touch with our PTA Chair using the email cherrytreapta@gmail.com Please feel free to contact the Chair should you have any questions or if you would like to get involved. This year we are raising funds for:

- EYFS outdoor play equipment
- Resources to enhance playtimes and our playground
- Funds to enable gardening activities within our allotment to continue
- Funds to continue to provide specialist music lessons for KS2

Tea Towels

Our children and PTA are producing a Tea Towel as a fund-raising activity. The Cherry Tree Tea Towel will include every child in the school and would make a great Christmas present for relatives! Please order via ParentPay by the **deadline of Friday, 27th October**. The Tea Towels will be made to order and ready to collect next half term. Further details about ordering were sent out on 18th October, via ParentApp.

Junior Fun Night

Thank you for supporting our recent Junior Fun Night. The children had lots of fun and we raised a terrific **£450** for our PTA. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered at this event.

Sport / Competitions

Forthcoming Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Y6 Girls' Football Competition	Monday, 16th October 9:30am to 12:30pm	<i>'Two teams of girls played 5 games at Broomfield's Leisure Centre. It was great experience & we had lots of fun!'</i> Cora Davies
Y3 Mixed Football Competition	Friday, 20th October 12:30am to 3:30pm	Two Year 3 football teams will take part in this competition at Priestley College.
Y5/6 Netball Competition	Wednesday, 25th October 3:30pm to 5:30pm	Our Year 6 football team will take part in this competition at Lymm High School.

Class Assemblies / Performances

Class	Date	Time	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.
KS1 Performance (Class F, 1 & 2)	Tuesday, 12 th December dress rehearsal for preschool children. Wednesday, 13 th December	Tues- 1:30pm Wed-2pm and 6pm	
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	
Class F	Friday, 24 th 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 6 Leavers' Assembly	Monday, 22 nd July (Break up at 2:30pm on Tuesday, 23 rd July)	9:15am	

FINALLY

As we approach the end of the first half term in school, I would like to congratulate our youngest children in preschool and Class F as they have settled beautifully into their new routines. Our older children are setting a wonderful example to those in the younger year groups and the children in all classes continue to impress us with their positive attitudes to learning.

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.**


Scooters and Bikes

**Please do not allow children to ride bikes or scooters on the playground before and after school-
the playground is too busy at this time for this to be safe.**

Mobile Phones

**To safeguard all our children mobile phones must not be used by visitors/parents in school. We
ask all visitors and volunteers to turn phones off or on silent and keep them in bags whilst around
children. This also applies to assemblies/shows/performances.**

Our full mobile phone policy can be found on our website under the About Us tab.



Junior Book Club

Following the success of our Junior Book Club last year, we are continuing the club for children in years 4, 5 and 6 for this current academic year.

This is all about reading for pleasure, and absolutely not about adding to the children's workload or making reading any kind of chore.

We are advertising the full schedule of dates and books in advance, to give you an opportunity to obtain the books (many will be available from Lymm Library), and to give the children plenty of opportunity to read them in their own time.

The sessions are led by Marie-Louise Gregory (Cherry Tree parent and a published children's author), from 12:30pm-1pm on the dates below.

Friday 27 October – a spooky session for Halloween!

'Frankenstein, A Retelling' – by Tanya Landman. This is a Barrington Stoke re-telling for younger readers/readers who might struggle with the original classic text. We believe this version is suitable, and not too scary, however, we probably wouldn't recommend reading it at bedtime.

AND/OR

'The Skeletons in the Tower' – by Marie-Louise Gregory. This story is spooky, but definitely not scary. Suitable for any Y4-6 reader.

Monday 20 November Gobbolino 'The Witch's Cat' by Ursula Moray Williams

Friday 19 January 'The Name of This Book is Secret' by Pseudonymous Bosch

Monday 19 February 'I Am David' by Anne Holm

Friday 22 March 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl

Monday 10 June 'Emil and the Detectives' by Erich Kastner

Monday 1 July 'Waiting for Murder' by Fleur Hitchcock

Junior Book Club IS NOW FREE! Please encourage your child to read the book

