

AUTUMN TERM

NEWSLETTER 3

Friday, 1st December
2023

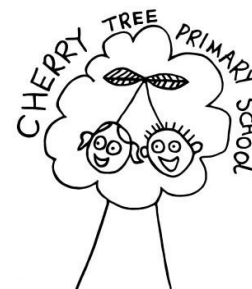
CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 also see our December Calendar of events which was published on 27th November

KEY DATES- Autumn 2023

Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Further information/Any action needed
All Extra-Curricular Clubs FINISH	Thursday, 7th December	Our Autumn schedule of extra-curricular clubs comes to an end on 7 th December. New clubs for the Spring Term will be published on Tuesday, 19 th December at 6pm.
PTA Sponsored Santa Dash now combined with PTA Christmas Jumper(or accessory (Including preschool)	Friday, 8th December	Children should come to school in trainers, leggings/tracksuit bottoms, a Christmas jumper and a Santa hat or Christmas hat. Bring a gift for the 'Secret Gift' stall which will take place as part of the Christmas Bonanza- every child will choose one of the donated gifts to wrap as a Christmas present and take home for a loved one.
Dickensian Day Parade (Including preschool- parents to accompany them)	Saturday, 9th December Meet at 1pm, parade starts at 1:30pm	We would love our school to be well-represented in this festive community event. School will provide a Christmas hat and a sash for £3. If your child would like to take part they will need to wear red and green or a Christmas jumper; please complete the form on ParentPay. Meet at 1pm on Brookfield Road, parade to start at 1:30pm.
Infant Christmas Production (Year F, 1, 2)	Tuesday, 12th December Wednesday, 13th December	Our Infant production is one of the highlights of the year. Preschool children can attend with families on Tuesday, 12 th at 2pm. Adults only at the two performances on Wednesday 13th at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets now on sale.
Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 14th December	Our usual menu will be replaced with a traditional Christmas Dinner (vegetarian option available). Wear a Christmas hat, headband or accessory.
PTA Christmas Bonanza (Including preschool)	Friday, 15th December All day	Wear a Christmas jumper. Now available to book on ParentPay. See PTA News below for details.
KS2 Carol Concert	Monday, 18th December 6pm	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.
Break Up at 2:30pm	Wednesday, 20th December	For our final day of the term we have an early finish.
Christmas Holiday Thursday, 21 st December to Tuesday, 2 nd January		
Back to school	Wednesday, 3rd January	Please be prompt- doors open at 8:50am.
RE Workshop- Islam	Monday, 22nd January	Imran Kotwal will return to Cherry Tree to deliver further workshops about Islam.
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday, 6th February	All children will be involved in activities around promoting online safety.

Cherry Tree News Headlines

Communication

In our most recent Full Governing Board meeting, we discussed our communication systems. Our governors have received feedback from parents requesting fewer messages from school.

We value your feedback and want our system to be effective and efficient. It is always the aim of our diligent office team to find the right balance between providing our community with the important information they need and reminding them of events, whilst not sending too many messages.

Based on the feedback we have received, we will manage this going forwards as follows:

- The Newsletter will outline the main school events, as far in advance as possible
- Events will be posted on the 'Events' sections of the app, with one notification, when the event is posted- please note, these can then be added to your electronic calendar by tapping the green '+add' icon.
- If we are asked to share information about a community event- these will be added to the 'Community News' section of the app- please check this if you are interested in being part of community events, including events at our local churches
- **PLEASE NOTE: in order to reduce repetitive messages, we will move away from sending out lots of reminders. Events will be published via the newsletter and a notification via the app.**
- **NB: Please ensure that you give consent for trips and events via the app/ParentPay when this is requested.**

Staffing Update

We always aim to provide Class F with some additional support in the Autumn Term as they settle into school and become more independent. This year we have been fortunate enough to have Mrs Hopkin, who has lots of experience in foundation stage, providing this additional support for the term. This was not a permanent post, therefore Mrs Hopkin has applied for a position elsewhere and has been appointed as a part-time teacher at Beamont Primary School. They are lucky to be gaining a passionate and dedicated teacher; we will really miss Mrs Hopkin. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well at her new school.

Warrington Athletics Cross Country Season



Congratulations to our talented and resilient runners. Georgina Walker, our Run Coach has provided the following report:

"What incredibly proud adults we all were at the Walton Gardens Cross country races. Bucket loads of resilience, teamwork and most of all happiness was seen at each event.

The last event being particularly challenging due to very muddy conditions, saw lots of the children finishing the race without shoes!

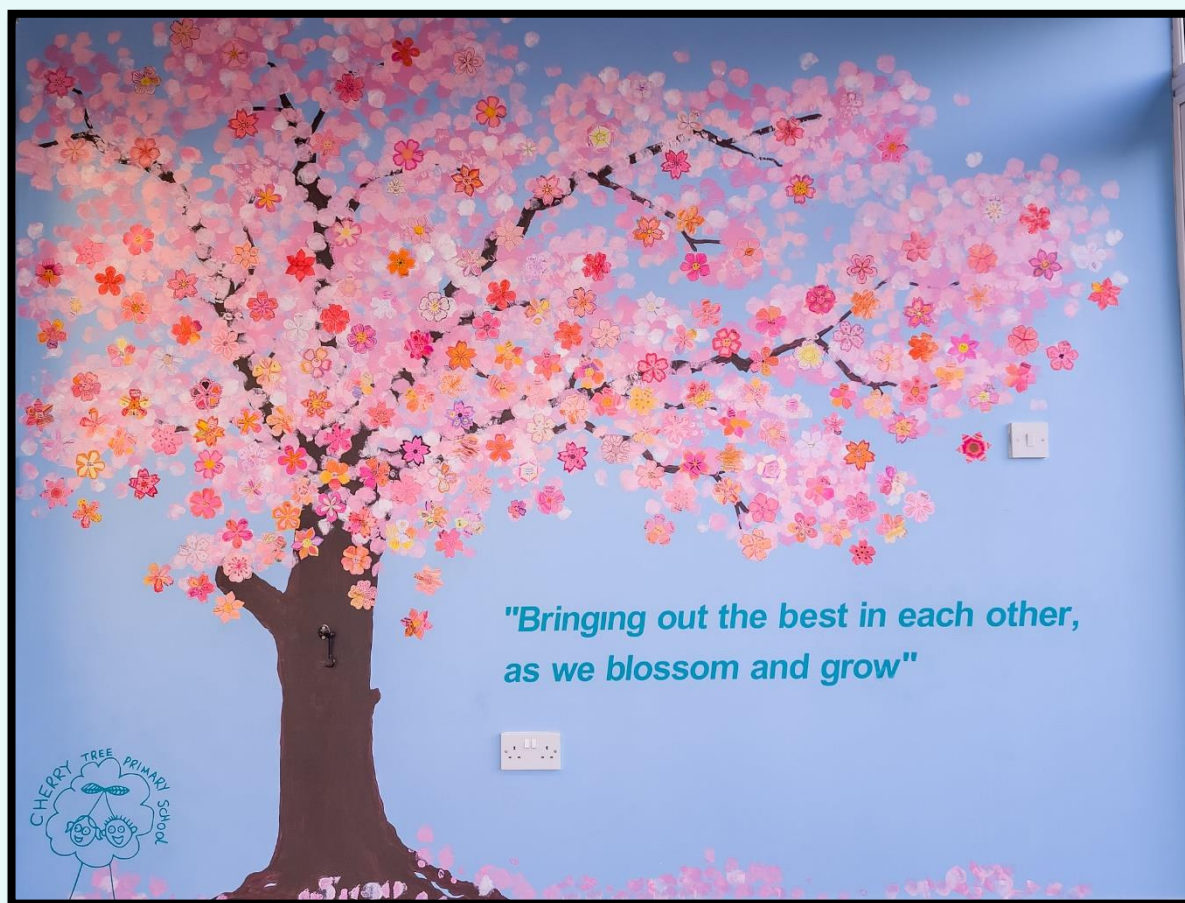
Cherry Tree again was praised for brilliant behaviour and the wonderful team spirit and support they showed not only their own teammates but other athletes too. We are very proud of them all.

Particular congratulations to the Y3 children representing school for the first time.

We are delighted to confirm that Toby Harrison won the Y6 boys race to wrap up the series for himself and help Cherry Tree take home the Chris Vose Trophy for winning the team standings ahead of Broomfields and St Wilfrid's.

Toby finished ahead of Ethan Paize (Culcheth) and William Cartledge (Appleton Thorn) on the day, with Ethan coming second in the series just ahead of Rhys Marrington (Cherry Tree)."

Cherry Tree Mural



We are proud to share our beautiful Cherry Tree mural, on display in the entrance porch. The children have personalised a blossom flower and added their name. These have been glued to the hand-painted Cherry Tree. Over time, every child will have a flower added to our tree and as new children join us, their individual flower will be added too.

Health and Safety Update

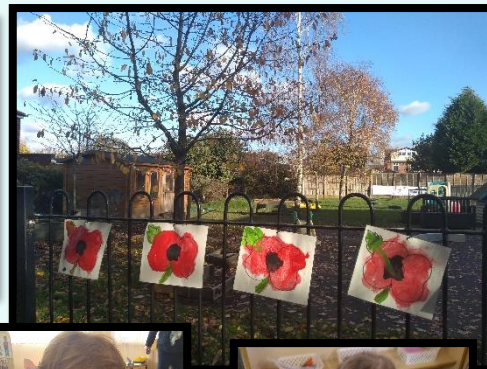
A brief reminder that the Governors and I would like to make you aware that **parts of our playground surface are uneven** and could potentially present a trip hazard. Should you require assistance in accessing our school site, please contact the school office and we would be happy to help. Warrington Borough Council has committed to re-surfacing these uneven parts of our playground as soon as possible.



Christmas Tree Festival

The children in Year 5 have taken part in the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival; beautifully decorated trees will be on display from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd December, at St Mary's Church. Our children considered the importance of looking after our environment when designing their decorations and have therefore used recycled materials. Bottle tops were used to create snowmen baubles and recycled cardboard boxes to make stars.

Cherry Blossom Preschool have also decorated a tree; their theme was 'New Beginnings' therefore the handmade decorations are of lambs, baby Jesus in a manger and shepherds.



The children at Cherry Blossom have been exploring the change of season to winter ❄️ To commemorate Remembrance Day, the children made poppies and displayed them in the outdoor area. This week they have made cheerful Christmas decorations for the festival at St Mary's Church. The focus for maths has been to learn about long and short and positional language.



Reading Books

We have spent a substantial amount of money (around £6000) 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.** A charge will be incurred for any lost reading scheme books. 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.



Cheshire Dogs Home

Our School Council would like to thank our families for the generous donations to Cheshire Dogs' Home; the children wore their favourite colour in return for donations to this charity. A total of £300 was raised- thank you for your support and special thanks to our School Council for organising this event.

Charity Head Shave

On the last day of term, Mr Cocker will be shaving his head to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. He will also be donating his hair to the Little Princess Trust. So far, he has raised an amazing £375! His original target was £250 so he's already exceeded his target. If you would like to donate you can do this via the 'Useful Links' section of the app.



Reminder: 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 1:05pm.

PTA NEWS

Fundraising

Please get involved with our Fundraising activities 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 cherrytreepta@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

PTA Events

PTA Dates 2023-24

Event or reminder	Date	Information
Santa Dash Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 8th December	Children to wear Christmas Jumper, Santa hat and bring a donated gift for the 'secret gift stall'.
Christmas Bonanza	Friday, 15th December	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 a secret gift to take home for a loved one. £10 each payable via ParentPay.
PJ and Popcorn	Thursday, 25th January	Event details will be provided nearer the time.
Quiz Night	Friday, 23rd February	
Non Uniform Day Bring chocolate eggs	Friday, 22nd March	
Chocolate Bingo	Tuesday, 26th March (Preschool, YF, Y1, Y2) Wednesday, 27th March (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) (Break up Thu 28 th at 2:30pm)	
Virtual Pet Show	Friday, 19th April	
Junior Fun Night	Summer 1- date tbc in May	
Break the Rules Day	Friday, 14th June	
Summer Fair	Fri 5th July 5-8pm	
Proposed Colour Run (to be confirmed)	Friday, 19th July	

Sporting News

Sporting Competitions and Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Feedback / Details
Warrington Athletics Cross Country	Three Saturdays across the Autumn Term	Please see write up from Run Coach Georgina Walker.
Y6 Mixed Football Competition at Birchwood High School	Friday, 17th November	When we arrived, we were really excited to play so many teams and people we already knew. We all played so well and got to play some games after the tournament. It was so much fun and we had a wonderful experience.
Y5 Boys' Football Competition	Friday, 24th November	The Year 5 team who went to the Orford Hub all tried hard representing Cherry Tree. We all had a fun time. Thanks to Miss Flower who arranged it.

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	Tues- 1:30pm Wed-2pm and 6pm	<i>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.</i>
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 draw closer to the end of term, I have been reflecting upon the progress our children have made. At Cherry Tree we celebrate all achievements but, most importantly, we support our children to become kind, happy and resilient and able to work together and support each other. As well as producing some fabulous work in lesson time, I have noticed our children showing true respect for each other and the adults in school; opening doors for others; offering to help sweep the dining hall; keeping the book areas and library tidy; teaching younger children playground games, the list is endless. 😊

We have a strong, cohesive and supportive school community- THANK YOU for the part you play in this.

We are hopeful that Ofsted will finally carry out their long-overdue inspection next week and we will be able to share all that is special and unique about Cherry Tree.

Kind regards

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REMINDERS

- ***Please remember that sweets are no-longer allowed to be given out at school, as a birthday treat. Birthdays will be appropriately celebrated in other ways within the class.***
- ***We always prefer to use our outdoor space for playtimes and PE lessons as much as possible. Therefore, in the winter months please ensure your child has the following:***
 - ***Warm coat, hat, gloves.***



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

