

# AUTUMN TERM

## NEWSLETTER 4

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January  
2024

# 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- Spring 2024

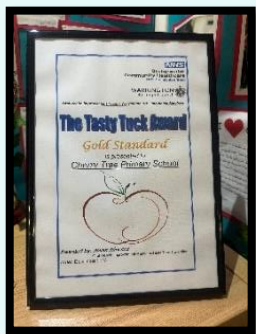
Event or reminder	Date / time / deadline	Further information/Any action needed
<b>Extra-Curricular Clubs START</b>	<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Clubs start this week and run until 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Y5 Swimming Lessons</b>	<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> weekly lessons during the Spring Term	Year 5 children will participate in swimming lessons this term. Contributions can be made towards the coach via ParentPay.
<b>Y6 Science Trip- Chester Zoo</b>	<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 6 are visiting Chester Zoo to take part in workshops a science topic on 'Evolution'. <b>Please ensure you have given consent for your child to attend.</b>
<b>Y4 History Trip- Chester</b>	<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	As part of their History topic on the Romans, the children will be going to Chester for the day. <b>Please ensure you have given consent for your child to attend.</b>
<b>Y2 Visually Impaired Workshop</b>	<b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Specialist nurses will deliver a workshop to Y2 around visually impairment.
<b>RE Workshop- Islam</b>	<b>Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Imran Kotwal will return to Cherry Tree to deliver further workshops about Islam.
<b>Y5 Fire Safety</b>	<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	The local fire brigade will come to deliver a workshop about fire safety.
<b>Safer Internet Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	All children will be involved in activities around promoting online safety.
<b>Young Voices</b>	<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Our Young Voices choir will perform alongside 6000 other children at Manchester Arena.
<b>Break up for half term</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of Spring half term 1.
<b>Half Term Holiday Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
<b>Holiday Camp available- Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 'Performing Arts' with Miss Ali</b>		
<b>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February Multi-Skills/Netball with Michelle (Booking details to follow)</b>		
<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Children invited to dress up as a Book Character for the day.
<b>Y4 Residential to Burwardsley</b>	<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y4 are looking forward to spending one night at Burwardsley.
<b>Future Summer Term Date: Sports Morning</b>	<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 9:30am to 11:30am</b>	Many parents like to attend our annual Sports Morning, therefore we are giving you advance notification of the date.

## Cherry Tree News Headlines

### Happy New Year

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. On behalf of the team at Cherry Tree, thank you so much for the cards and gifts that were given to staff at the end of term. Your generosity was very much appreciated. We wish you a very happy and successful New Year!

## Healthy Lunches / Tasty Tuck Award



As part of our curriculum, we teach the children about eating a healthy, balanced diet. Recently we were awarded Gold Standard for the Tasty Tuck Award; this was achieved because we ONLY allow fruit/veg and water at break time.

School Meals produced on site, follow strict healthy eating guidelines for example: herbs and spices are used for flavouring, not salt; many of the dishes contain 'hidden' vegetables, such as the Chicken Korma which contains blended cauliflower; minimal sugar is used in cakes, fruit is added to sweeten instead. We would like to encourage all families who choose to send their child with a packed lunch to ensure that these are healthy and balanced too.



**Please remember that sweets are not allowed in school, including as part of a packed lunch.**

For further ideas and advice, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESCHOOL

Cherry Blossom children have had a busy start to the year! We have welcomed new children to the cherry blossom family and they have settled in really well.

We have been focusing on speaking and listening by thinking about what the children got for Christmas or a happy memory over Christmas. We have started looking at our significant author, Rod Campbell and the story 'Look After Us' and have been making homes for all of the animals in the story!



## Charity Head Shave

On the last day of term, Mr Cocker had his head shaved by Mrs Sampson to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. He also donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Thanks to the generosity of our parent and staff community, Mr Cocker managed to raise £680 for Alder hey. His long hair was carefully plaited before

being cut and then sent to the Little Princess trust where the hair will be made into a child's wig.

This particular fund raising event was in the top 20% of all Just Giving fundraisers for the month of December.



## UPDATED PE Timetable Spring 2023-24

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	Hall in use for Music lessons	F	3	
1		5 – swimming		1
Lunch time				
3 Rugby	2	6	5	6
4 Rugby		4		

## PTA NEWS

### PTA Fundraising

#### Christmas Bonanza

Our Christmas Bonanza proved once again to be a very successful event both in terms of the children's enjoyment and as a fund raiser. **We raised a total of £963!** Thank you for your donations! Father Christmas & the reindeer keepers were very impressed with our children's excellent behaviour & attitudes. 😊

#### Santa Dash

Our annual Santa Dash took place at the beginning of December. This is always a heart-warming event, especially for the older classes who are cheered on by our neighbours as they run along the local streets. Thank you to the marshals and volunteers who helped to make this event successful. Thank you to everyone who sponsored our children- we have managed to **raise just over £3000**, including Gift Aid! 😊 I would like congratulate the children on their amazing achievement! We have some very talented, strong runners among our community.

The following message is from our PTA:

*As we step into 2024, our PTA is thrilled to share the exciting plans we have on offer to enhance the school experience for both children and their families. Over the next two terms, we have a diverse schedule of events designed to foster a sense of community, support academic enrichment and create memorable moments for all. Whether you are a seasoned PTA participant or a newcomer eager to get involved, there's something for everyone! Save the dates (see below), bring your A-game and get ready for a year filled with laughter, surprises and community spirit like never before. See you there!*

Please feel free to contact the Chair should you have any questions or if you would like to get involved [cherrytreepta@gmail.com](mailto:cherrytreepta@gmail.com).

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
<b>PJ and Popcorn</b>	<b>Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Snuggle up for a cosy PJ and Popcorn night- bring a beanbag/blanket to sit on and wear PJs. Book will commence later this week via ParentPay.
<b>Quiz Night</b>	<b>Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Gear up your brain cells for the ultimate Quiz Night on Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February



<b>Non Uniform Day –</b> <i>please bring chocolate eggs</i>	<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<i>Please bring Easter-themed chocolate to school in return for wearing non-uniform.</i>
<b>Chocolate Bingo</b>	<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> (Preschool, YF, Y1, Y2) <b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) (Break up Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm)	<i>Children- Get ready to shout ‘BINGO’ at our annual Chocolate Bingo- two separate dates to accommodate all ages.</i>
<b>Virtual Pet Show</b>	<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<i>Event details will be provided nearer the time.</i>
<b>Junior Fun Night</b>	<b>May - date tbc</b>	
<b>Break the Rules Day</b>	<b>Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Summer Fair</b>	<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July 5-8pm</b>	
<b>Proposed Colour Run</b> (to be confirmed)	<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	

## Class Assemblies / Performances

Class	Date	Time
<b>Class 1</b>	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	9:15am
<b>Class 2</b>	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am
<b>Class 3</b>	Parr Hall ‘Primary Arts Network’ Performance Week commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> March- evening to be confirmed	6pm
<b>Class 4</b>	Medley Music Concert at St Oswald’s Church, Padgate Week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> July- evening to be confirmed	6pm
<b>Class 5</b>	Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:15am
<b>Class F</b>	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9:15am
<b>KS2 Performance</b> (Class 3, 4, 5, 6)	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July dress rehearsal for preschool children Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30pm 1:30pm & 6pm 6pm
<b>Class 6</b> Leavers’ Assembly	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (Break up at 2:30pm on Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July)	9:15am

## FINALLY

We look forward to being able to share our Ofsted report with you, hopefully later this month.

Wishing you all the best for a happy and healthy 2024.

Kind regards

Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

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## REMINDERS

- Please remember that sweets are not allowed in school and are no-longer allowed to be given out as a birthday treat. Birthdays will be appropriately celebrated in other ways within the class. If you are keen to mark your child’s special occasion, you could buy a book for the class to enjoy at story time.***
- 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:***