

**AUTUMN TERM
2017
NEWSLETTER 1
Friday, 8th
September**

CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

Bringing out the best in each other as we blossom and grow

Our Values

*Happy, Aspirational, Resilient, Independent,
Open-minded, Compassionate*



SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back

A very warm 'welcome back to school' to all of you and particularly our new families, both in Foundation Stage (Class F) and in other classes.

All of our new children have settled in quickly and confidently and have made a very positive first impression! I particularly enjoyed seeing that the children had remembered to bring their 'cheery smile' as they returned to school!

I would also like to welcome St Mary's Pre-school, onto our site. On Wednesday, St Mary's opened their pre-school doors for the first time in their new home at Cherry Tree Primary School. 18 youngsters aged between 2 and 4 were excited to explore their new indoor classroom and outdoor playground this morning, including the mud kitchen, pirate ship and reading area.

A community project has enabled the pre-school to take up residence in the mobile classroom at Cherry Tree Primary School. We are very grateful to the parents, governors, staff and businesses who have donated their time and resources to allow this to happen at the lowest possible financial cost. Their support will have a positive impact on our children and the wider community of families. A separate letter was sent home on Wednesday with more information about our wonderful sponsors!

Thanks

The staff and I would like to thank our families for the cards and gifts that were given to us at the end of the last academic year. Your generosity was very much appreciated and the messages of thanks written in cards meant a great deal to us all.

Staffing News

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Perrin, our Year 6 teacher is pregnant with her first child. Mrs Perrin will be on maternity leave from January 2018 until the end of July 2018. The governors and I will be involved in recruiting an experienced Year 6 teacher in the coming weeks who will cover Mrs Perrin's maternity leave.

I would like to welcome two new members of staff to our team, Mr Matt Cocker, our newly appointed maintenance officer and Mrs Louise Lynch, a part-time admin assistant who began her new role on Thursday.

Mrs Matthews (Business Manager) and Mrs Stagg (Y3 Teaching Assistant) are both unwell at the moment and likely to be off work for a few weeks. We wish them both a speedy recovery on behalf of the school and our families.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Club lists for the Autumn Term were sent home yesterday. Forms should be returned on Monday. Clubs start, the week commencing 18th September- see the timetable for specific dates and times.

Data Sheets

Data sheets were sent home yesterday, outlining your general and emergency contact details. Please check that the information we hold is correct, **make any changes, sign the sheet and return it to school**. We need all sheets to be **checked and returned, even if there are no changes** to be made. This way we know that we have all the correct information.

Home Time Arrangements

If your child is in one of our older classes and you give them permission to walk home from school, please contact the class teacher in writing, to let them know. For the younger children, if home time collection

arrangements change, such as someone different is collecting your child, could the child's parent please inform the class teacher or the school office.

School Meals

May I remind parents that school meals are provided free of charge to children in Class F, Class 1 and Class 2 only. For Key Stage 2 children (Class 3 to 6) school meals are currently £2.20 per day. The cost of school meal will increase to £2.30 per day from October. There has been no increase since 2014.

Please let a member of our admin team know if you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, due to financial circumstances.

School fruit is also provided free of charge for classes 1, 2 and F only. KS2 children are encouraged to bring a fruit snack each day.

Repairs to the Allotment & Flower Beds

The raised beds in which we grow our fruit and vegetables are beginning to show their age and are rotting away before our eyes! This is making it difficult to retain the soil and keep our pathways clear. To repair the raised beds we need to clad them in more timber. In order to reduce the water damage we would like to sit the timber on bricks. To help us keep our costs down, we would welcome donations of the following:

- Bricks you have lying around at home and don't need.
- Scaffolding planks – old planks that are no longer fit for purpose. If you have any old planks at home or know anyone who works in the scaffolding industry, please let us know.

Autumn Preserves

Many thanks to everyone who donated empty glass jars earlier this year. We are very close to turning this year's crop into delicious chutneys, jams and jellies. To help maximise our profits from the sale of the preserves, we would welcome donations of any of the following:

- White granulated sugar
- Light brown sugar
- Raisins
- Sultanas

If anyone could offer their help with making the preserves, please contact Jan Daniel, our Allotment Coordinator – jg.daniel@btinternet.com Jan has recipes and can offer guidance for those who are willing, but have not made preserves before.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

'Meet the Teacher' & 'Meet the Governor' Evening- Wednesday, 13th September 5.30pm to 7.15pm

On Wednesday, all parents are invited to listen to a short talk from their child's new class teacher. Each teacher from Class F to Class 6 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 be staggered to accommodate parents with children in more than one class. Your child's class governor will also be introduced to you. Tracy, our new school cook will also be here from 5:30-6:30pm should you wish to speak with her regarding school meals. Light refreshments will be served by Tracy.

Following the presentation, you may wish to have a look at your child's classroom, which will be open. However, please be aware displays will be incomplete and workbooks will not be on view at this point in the term. There will be a chance to receive individual feedback about your child and to discuss your child's progress at the **November parents' evening (Wednesday, 8th November 4:30pm-7:30pm)**.

Class/ Teacher	Time	Location
Class F / Mrs Kennedy	5:30pm	Year F Classroom
Class 6 / Mrs Perrin	5:45pm	Year 6 Classroom
Class 3 / Miss Flower	6pm	Hall
Class 4 / Miss Birchall	6:15pm	Hall
Class 1 / Mrs Baines and Mrs Kinzett	6:30pm	Hall
Class 2 / Mr Adams	6:45pm	Hall
Class 5 / Mrs Bottomley	7pm	Year 5 Classroom

This is **an event aimed at adults**, please try to organise childcare rather than bringing your children with you.

School Photographs – Thursday, 5th October

All children should be in their school uniforms please. Brothers and sisters will be photographed together. In addition, your child may have their picture taken with a younger brother or sister who is not yet at school. Please bring your children to the entrance hall from 8.15am, if you wish to use this option. Photographs will be taken in order of arrival.

SPORTING NEWS

We will continue to be taking part in a wide range of competitions, most of which will be held at Lymm High on a Monday afternoon. Our sports coach, Tom, will support our teams in preparation for these competitions and at the actual events. Transport to these competitions will need to be arranged by parents.

On Monday next week, Tom will be carrying out trials and selecting a team for the following competition:

- Year 5 & 6 tag rugby- Monday, 18th September at Lymm High (rugby boots or trainers needed)

REMINDERS

Uniform and PE Kit

One of the things that contribute to our school being 'Outstanding' is the support we get from parents in helping us to maintain high standards in all we do. Thank you for adhering to our school uniform policy, the children have returned to school looking very smart.

Jewellery of any kind is not permitted for health and safety reasons. (Allergy/medical alert bracelets are the only exception to this rule.) Nail varnish is not permitted.

Our uniform list is as follows:

School Uniform Girls	School Uniform Boys	PE Kit
Green polo t-shirt with Cherry Tree logo	Green polo t-shirt with Cherry Tree logo	White t-shirt with or without Cherry Tree logo
Green cardigan or sweatshirt with Cherry Tree logo	Green sweatshirt with Cherry Tree logo	Red shorts
Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers	Grey trousers	White ankle socks
White or grey socks (tights in the Winter)	White or grey socks	Pumps or trainers
Green and white check dress (Summer)	Grey shorts (Summer)	Spare underwear (in case of accidents)
Black shoes	Black shoes	Grey hoody with school logo
		Dark coloured track suit bottoms (winter item)

Attendance

A reminder to all our parents that the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please make every effort to support us in maintaining our high attendance figures and avoid taking holidays during term time, these **will not be authorised**.

If your child should be poorly, please contact school to let us know. Where an illness is contagious we ask that the children remain absent from school for the recommended time to avoid cross contamination. This is particularly important where sickness and diarrhoea is a symptom, in which case the child should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Punctuality

Can I remind our families that children should arrive at school for 8:50am. Children arriving after 9am will need to enter school through the front entrance and will have a late mark recorded in the register.

Allergies

Please be advised that nuts, in any form (including 'Nutella' or peanut butter) are not allowed in school. This is due to having a number of children who have a severe allergy to nuts. We are a NUT-FREE School.

If your child has an allergy that we have not been informed of, please make the class teacher/school office aware of this as soon as possible.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, we ask that you complete a form (available from school) and that your child has an inhaler in school that is clearly labelled with the child's name and is in-date. If your child has a severe allergy and

needs an epi-pen or Piriton to be kept in school, please ensure that we have the relevant, in-date medication and accompanying permission form. Thank you.

Next week, once I have finalised a few more events, I shall send home a sheet of dates for the coming academic year.

Finally, can I emphasise that should you have any problems, questions or queries regarding your child or school in general, do not hesitate to contact any member of school staff. We are all here to help. Our aim is to work together as a supportive team to deliver the best possible education for your children. By working closely together we can achieve this!

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Termly Dates 2017 – 2018

2017-2018	Open for pupils	Close
Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday, 6 th September 2017	Friday, 20 th October 2017
	Monday, 30 th October 2017	Friday, 22 nd December 2017
Spring Term 2018	Thursday, 4 th January 2018	Friday, 16 th February 2018
	Monday, 26 th February 2018	Friday, 6 th April 2018
	Good Friday, 30 th March and Easter Monday, 2 nd April Easter weekend does <u>NOT</u> fall within the holiday period	
Summer Term 2018	Wednesday, 18 th April 2018	Friday, 25 th May 2018
	May Day, Monday, 7 th May 2018 There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2018	
	Monday, 11 th June 2018	Friday, 20 th July 2018

Inservice days for staff:

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Tuesday 5th September 2017
- Wednesday 3rd January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Tuesday 17th April 2018