

**AUTUMN TERM
2017
NEWSLETTER 2
Friday, 22nd
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

'Meet the Team'

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our 'Meet the Team' evening where staff and governors were available to meet parents and provide useful information about the year ahead. We had very high attendance from our families and parental feedback was highly positive.

Pre-School

We are very pleased to inform you that the staff and children from St Mary's Pre-school have settled really well into their new premises, on our site. It is our joint aim to have the temporary fencing replaced with permanent fencing as soon as possible, hopefully during the October half term holiday.

Data Sheets

We still have a few data sheets (outlining your emergency contact details) that have not been returned to us. Please check that the information we hold is correct, **make any changes, sign the sheet and return it to school**, as soon as possible. This way we know that we have all the correct information.

Allotment News

The raised beds in which we grow our fruit and vegetables 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

We would still welcome your help as we turn our allotment produce into preserves. If you are able to help make chutneys, jams etc. please contact Jan Daniel, our Allotment Coordinator – jg.daniel@btinternet.com
Alternatively, 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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sampling Our Delicious School Lunches

Last year, we gave parents from each class the opportunity to come into school and sample lunches. We would like to repeat this again over the course of this academic year. In order to make this manageable in terms of capacity, different classes will be invited on different days, as follows:

- Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Thursday, 5th October
- Year 3 and 4 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Thursday, 2nd November
- Class 1 and 2 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Thursday, 23rd November
- Class F parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Thursday, 18th January

Parents have the choice of bringing their own lunch and sitting with their child and experiencing lunch time or ordering a school meal, at the normal price of £2.30. Please pre-order/complete the relevant slip and arrive at 12 noon should you wish to join your child on the specified date.

If you are a parent of a Year 5 or Year 6 child, and wish to come for lunch on Thursday, 5th October, please complete the slip attached to the Newsletter.

NSPCC Assembly - Thursday, 28th September

I'm pleased to tell you that once again we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity. They will be delivering their 'Speak out, Stay safe' programme on Thursday, 28th September to our children in Years 5 and 6. (Year F, 1, 2, 3, and 4 worked with the NSPCC last year.) This is a nationwide programme for every primary school aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school. Through a child-friendly, interactive assembly the specially trained staff will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. They will sensitively discuss issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. We have worked with the NSPCC in previous years and are extremely confident that the assembly is appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced our children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

Phonics & Early Reading Workshop- Wednesday, 4th October at 2:15pm and 2:45pm

Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Kinzett would like to invite parents to a workshop to explain how we teach early reading and phonics in school and how you can best support your children's learning in this area outside of school. Mrs Kennedy will talk about how we teach phonics and reading in Class F (2:15pm to 2:45pm), followed by a talk from Mrs Kinzett about reading for parents with children in year 1 and 2 (2:45pm to 3:15pm). Please just turn up on the afternoon of the workshop if you are available, there is no requirement to complete a 'return slip'.

Book Fair - Wednesday, 4th October to Monday, 9th October

Our Annual Book Fair will take place from **Wednesday, 4th to Monday, 9th October**. All classes will pre-visit the book fair with their class teachers. We welcome you to come and buy books after school from Wednesday 4th – Monday, 9th October. If you are able to assist with selling books, please let a member of our office team know. The school receives a good commission on sales, which we take in the form of books for the library.

The fair will be open as follows:

Wednesday 4 th	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th	Monday 9 th
8:45am-9:15am	8:45am-9:15am	8:45am-9:15am	8:45am-9:15am
3pm until 4:30pm	3pm until 4:30pm	3pm until 4:30pm	3pm until 4:30pm

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.

Book Character Day- Friday, 6th October

To promote reading, on Friday, 6th October we are holding our annual 'Book Character Day'. The children are given the opportunity to dress up as the book character of their choice for the day. The character with the most original costume from each class will be given a book prize. Should the children wish to dress up, we ask for a small donation of £1 or £2 if you are able to afford a little more. Money raised will be used to help replenish our library stocks and to purchase new reading scheme books.

Parents' Forum Meeting- Friday, 13th October at 2:15pm (We will finish by 3:15pm.)

All parents are welcome to attend the termly Parent Forum meetings. Parents are invited to submit agenda items a week in advance. If you have any items which you would like adding to the agenda for our forthcoming meeting, please forward them to me (by telephone 01925 755885 or email CherryTree.Primary.Head@warrington.gov.uk) by 3pm on Thursday, 5th October. The agenda will then be published on Friday, 6th October.

Harvest Charity Assembly– Thursday, 19th October at 9:15am and again at 2pm

All children will take part in our Harvest Charity Assembly. In order to accommodate all of the children and an audience of parents we are putting on two performances. The morning performance will commence at 9:15am and the afternoon performance at 2pm. Both will be followed by a coffee morning/afternoon.

A separate pro-forma for tickets will be sent home. All proceeds from the sale of tickets, cakes and coffee will be added to our charity collection. This year we have chosen to support UNICEF.

If you would be willing to bake cakes or biscuits for the coffee morning please let the school office know. ☺

We are also asking for donations of food for a Harvest collection. These should be brought into school on Wednesday, 18th October in the morning. Any donations received will be collected by Warrington Foodbank and distributed to those who are in need of our support locally.

SPORTING NEWS

Year 5 and 6 Rugby- Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 rugby team on their recent success. They played against nine other schools at Lymm High School and were the overall winners! This was our first competition of the year and we won! Well done!

SPORT	DATE & TIME	YEAR GROUP	VENUE	TRANSPORT
Mixed Football	Monday 25 th September 3pm – 5pm	Year 2	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Mixed Football	Monday 2 nd October 3pm - 5pm	Year 5 & 6	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Mixed Football	Monday 9 th October 3pm - 5pm	Year 5 & 6	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Netball	Monday 16 th October 3pm – 5pm	Year 5 & 6	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Indoor Athletics	Monday 13 th November 3pm – 5pm	Year 3 & 4	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents

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 NOT 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

In-service days for staff:

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

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Year 5 & 6 Parents - School Lunch invitation

I would like to join my child _____ Class ___ for lunch at 12.20pm on Thursday, 5th October.

I would like to order:

Roast Chicken

Jacket Potato with Tuna

Tomato and mascarpone sauce with wholemeal pasta with garlic bread

£2.30 payable on the day

OR I will be bringing my own packed lunch