

**AUTUMN TERM
2018
NEWSLETTER 1
Wednesday,
5th 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 everyone! It was lovely to see so many happy faces this morning and our new children have come into school calmly and confidently so far.

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.

School Building Modernisation



The planned modernisation of our open plan classrooms has taken place over the summer break and we are thrilled with the result. The staff and especially Mr Cocker, our maintenance officer have worked incredibly hard as a team to prepare our school for the new academic year and re-organise our resources. We are all confident that you and your children will feel that our school building has been improved upon. The modernisation has minimised disruption from one class to another and given us a huge amount of additional storage meaning that our classrooms are neat, tidy and clutter free! Thank you to our PTA who provided £10,000 towards this project.

You are invited to come and have a look at what a difference the work has made on Wednesday, 12th September when we have a Meet the Team open evening. This event is for parents only- see details below.

Book Amnesty

Please rummage through your bookcases and bring in any Cherry Tree library books or reading scheme books that you may have at home. There will be a box in the library where the children can return them.



Staffing

Miss Stagg (Y4 Teaching Assistant) is unwell at the moment and likely to be off work for a few weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery on behalf of the school and our families.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Kennedy is expecting her third child. Her baby is due in the Spring Term and she is intending to continue to teach Class F up until February 2019. The governors and I will ensure that there is a smooth transition between Mrs Kennedy and the teacher covering her maternity leave, once we have appointed them.

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 as early as possible.

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 (Classes 3 to 6) school meals are currently £2.30 per day. Meals are paid for via the online system 'Parent Pay'. Please let Mrs Matthews, our Business Manager know if you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, due to financial circumstances. (This is obviously confidential.)

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.

A revised menu has been published and is available on the school website under School Info/School Meals.

Artwork

We have new artwork on display in our entrance hall. Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 has worked with Mrs Brooks to create a beautiful shield for each house group- Merton Glory, Richmond, Sunburst and Morello. Each shield has intricate collage work within it. Please have a closer look when you come into school at the 'Meet the Team' event.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

'Meet the Teacher' & 'Meet the Governor' Evening- Wednesday, 12th 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. Polly Matthews, our School Business Manager will also be available for any administrative queries. Tracy, our school cook will be here from 5:30-6:30pm should you wish to speak with her regarding school meals (and will be serving light refreshments).

Please also take the time to have a look at the recent internal work that has been completed. There will be a chance to receive individual feedback about your child and to discuss your child's progress at the parents' evening later in the term. (Date to follow.)

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

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

Mindfulness Day- Friday, 28th September

Mrs Clarke will once again be delivering Mindfulness Workshops for all our children; helping them to develop strategies to keep calm and relaxed.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our new club list will be issued soon; a text will be sent to let you know when it has been emailed. **Please note that from September 2018, clubs can only be booked and paid for online, via parent pay.** Cheques or cash can no-longer be accepted in school for club payment. Clubs are due to start the week commencing 17th September.

PTA NEWS

Glow in the Dark Family Disco Friday, 28th September from 6pm until 8pm

Our PTA always organise a fantastic family disco at the start of the year. This year we have the excitement of a **Glow in the Dark** theme. The event will take place on Friday, 28th September from 6pm until 8pm. During the event there will a variety of themed activities or stalls, such as neon face painting, LED glow batons, glow rings etc. (all available for a small cost.) Tickets will be on sale next week- £3.50 for an adult and £4.50 for a child, or £10 for a family ticket. (2 adults, 2 children)

I will shortly be sending out a list of dates that are planned for the whole school year. As the year progresses and more dates are added, we will amend the list and publish an updated version.

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

Term Dates 2018-2019

2018-2019	Open for pupils	Close
Autumn Term 2018	Wednesday 5 th September 2018	Friday 19 th October 2018
	Monday 29 th October 2018	Friday 21 st December 2018
Spring Term 2019	Monday 7 th January 2019	Friday 15 th February 2019
	Monday 25 th February 2019	Thursday 11 th April 2019
	Easter weekend is during the Easter Break: Good Friday, 19th April and Easter Monday, 22nd April	
Summer Term 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
	May Day Bank Holiday is 6 th May There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2019	
	Monday 10 th June 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019