

**SPRING TERM
2019
NEWSLETTER 13
Friday, 10th
May**

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



Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Visits

Our Year 5 children had a very successful residential trip to Anglesey recently. I had the great pleasure of accompanying the children and hearing first-hand the positive feedback that they received from the Conway staff.

Mr Adams, Mrs Sampson and I enjoyed watching the Year 5 children take on new challenges fearlessly. Well done Year 5 for 'bringing the best out in each other' on your trip!

In 2 weeks, our Year 6 children will be having an overnight stay in London. During their visit to our capital city they will go to the theatre to see the

new West End version of Aladdin, take a trip on the London Eye and a tour of the Tower of London led by our very own Beefeater.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Classes 2, 5 and F who all had attendance of 99% or above last week!

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time; we have a number of children who are regularly arriving late (after 9am) and are coming in through the entrance hall. This is disruptive to the class as lessons have begun and the register and menu choices have been taken.

Academy Update

Last year, you may remember that I explained we were working with seven local schools to explore possibilities in relation to forming a local MAT. Over the course of a couple of years, the governors and I, fully researched the options for our school and took advice from a variety of sources.

Earlier in academic year, the Governing Board of Cherry Tree overwhelmingly decided that at this point in time, we are operating successfully as a local authority school and that it was not in our best interest to join a MAT. While we have opted not to join the local MAT at this time we continue to work closely with all local school to share best practice. At our termly board meetings the governors and I continue to consider our vision for the future and remain firmly committed to doing the best for our pupils and their families in every way we can.

Budget Update

The governors and I are pleased to inform you that despite significant financial pressures, we ended the previous financial year with a slight carry forward of £1894. In addition we have managed to set a balanced budget for the forthcoming year. As you are well aware, nationally costs are on the increase, but the funds coming into school are not rising at the same rate. In order to balance our budget for 2019-20, we have had to make a number of cuts and find cheaper alternatives for some of the services we buy. We have reduced our outgoings by cutting out staff training budget; reducing the number of subscriptions we have for software packages; reducing our supply budget; finding a more cost effective insurance company for staff absence insurance and reducing the budget for general stock. Sadly, we can't afford to buy into the Education Library Service (ELS) this year which supplies us with boxes of topic books and loans us 200 library books per term. The ELS contract costs £3000 per year and although a valuable resource, keeping our staffing at current levels is more important.

Last year, we set up a scheme for parents or grandparents to give a regular donation, via direct debit, to school. This has been successful and has brought additional funds into our school budget. We hope that more of our families will be able to contribute to this scheme so that we can continue to improve our school and the opportunities we provide to our pupils. With school funding continuing to be a challenge, fund raising is something we are having to rely on more and more to balance the books, while still providing all the high quality resources we so desperately need. We are very grateful to all of you for your support. Thank you.

Attendance last week:

1st Y2: 99.35%

2nd Y5: 99.33%

3rd YF: 99%

4th Y1: 98.33%

5th Y4: 98%

6th Y6: 97.81%

7th Y3: 96.45%

Book Amnesty

If you have any books at home that belong to school or have the Cheshire Library Service label on them, please return them to school.

School Improvement Partner

We have recently employed a former Head Teacher and Ofsted inspector to work with us on school improvement priorities. Liam Trippier, from ECM Education Consultants, will provide an external view of our school and offer advice and support on how to further enhance teaching and learning at Cherry Tree. Liam spent a day in school last week; observing lessons; speaking with children, senior leaders and staff; looking at the children's work and reviewing our overall environment. He confirmed that the work that we have undertaken to raise standards in writing is having a positive impact. Liam gave the following feedback:

Strengths:

Pupils behave well and their behaviour is a strength of the school. Leaders have reviewed the school's good behaviour policy and this is having a positive impact on pupils' conduct.

- *Pupils speak highly of their school. They all agree bullying is not a serious issue at Cherry Tree and say they are kept safe. Leaders plan to agree a Good Behaviour Charter, which will secure consistent approaches to behaviour management in each class.*
- *Standards at the end of KS2 are rising. Current outcomes in writing and mathematics reflect good achievement over time.*
- *Curriculum coverage has been checked to secure progression in foundation subjects and discussions with senior leaders reflects their capacity, as they know how to further improve the implementation of the foundation subjects.*
- *Senior leaders track achievement in each class and identify pupils requiring additional support.*
- *The analysis of parental survey returns reflects positive relationships with families.*
- *In lessons:*
 - *Pupils concentrate well in their lessons.*
 - *New computing scheme is in operation and being used effectively.*
 - *Good stamina for writing is evident.*
 - *High standards of writing evident in all year groups.*
 - *In mathematics there is clear evidence of using and applying and varied fluency.*
 - *Good use of Teaching Assistants' skills.*

Behaviour Charter

As a whole school community, we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy and devised a Behaviour Charter which clearly outlines our expectation in terms of behaviour. First and foremost we expect that the quality first teaching that takes place will lead to high levels of engagement in all children. We also recognise that some children need more support or guidance on what is acceptable behaviour and that this will be managed carefully; maintaining a child's self-esteem at all times.

The Behaviour Charter explains what rewards (or if necessary sanctions) may be given. Our children, staff, midday assistants, office staff and governors have all been involved in creating the Behaviour Charter. I would now like to invite a small group of parents to represent the views of our families and offer their thoughts on these developments. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact me directly via email:

CherryTree_Primary_Head@warrington.gov.uk I hope to have a minimum of three parents and a maximum of eight, from a range of classes. Once parents have had their input, I will share our updated policy and Behaviour Charter with the whole school community.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Class	Date and Time
Class 5	Friday, 10 th May at 2pm
Class 6 NEW DATE	Friday, 14 th June at 2pm

Praise Assembly

Each class has an opportunity for their parents to attend Praise Assembly. This is an open invitation for the parents/grandparents of children in each class. Feel free to bring pre-school children

along. We hope that you will share with us in celebrating success. Please note that we usually have a PE lesson before the assembly, so we will not be able to let you into the hall before 2pm. (i.e. don't arrive too early! ;-))

Final Class Assembly of the Year

(To start at 9:15am, enter via the playground door please)

- **Class F Assembly- Thursday, 23rd May**

Grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us in addition to parents.

Cherry Tree Holiday Camp (Sports and Crafts)

There will be a Holiday Camp during the Whit break, again run by our Cherry Tree staff. Spaces are still available so please contact school if you wish to book a place. If you know of any children from other primary schools who would like to attend, we can accept bookings for 4 to 11 year olds who do not attend Cherry Tree. Please pass on the details to your friends.

Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) Week commencing 13th May

We are very proud of everything that Year 6 have achieved, even before they take their SATs. They are hard-working, mature and quietly confident and deserve to do very well in their SATs tests. Thank you to our Year 6 parents for supporting everything we do in school and for ensuring the children have excellent attendance and positive attitudes towards school and their learning. Our supply cook, Jane, has kindly offered to prepare a 'brainy breakfast' for our Year 6 children, on the morning of each test. A letter will be sent home to Year 6 parents next week with the option to sign up for breakfast.

Year 2 will also be completing their SATs but these are much more informal and happen within the classroom setting rather than in the hall. We are equally proud of Year 2 and the way in which they have matured over the course of the year. I am sure they will all achieve their potential.

DT Workshop

At the end of SATs week, on Friday, 24th May, we have invited a specialist teacher to come and work with Year 6 to help them to create a working model using an electrical circuit. This will be a fun way to end a busy week for our Year 6 pupils. More details to follow.

PTA NEWS

There are still tickets available for the Summer Party - contact school asap if you wish to purchase a ticket.

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
NEXT EVENT: Summer Party	Friday 10 th May	Church Green (Adult event.)
Ladies Day at the Rugby Club	Friday, 14 th June	Details to follow nearer the time.
Sports Morning	Tuesday, 18 th June	Tea and coffee stall run by PTA.
Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 26 th June	Year 3 to Year 6.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 5 th July	Tombola donations please.
Summer Fair	Saturday, 6 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.
Ice-Pop Friday	Friday, 12 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.

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.
- Football is not allowed to be played before school or between 3:15pm and 3:30pm, for the safety of all of our children and families, especially pre-school children and babies.
- **We break up for the Whit Holiday at 3:15pm/3:30pm on Friday, 24th May. The children are off for TWO WEEKS and return to school on Monday, 10th June at 8:50am.**

Fun, active, reliable and high quality

**CHERRY TREE
HOLIDAY CAMP**

3rd to 7th June 2019
8.30am-5.00pm



Come and have fun at our multi-sports and activity camps run by Cherry Tree Primary School staff

Lots of games, sports, outside play and craft activities

Class F to Year 6

Cost: New flat fee of £22 per day

FULL WEEK DISCOUNT: Sign up for a full week for just £100

See the form overleaf for more information and to sign up

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Summer Term 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
	May Day, Monday 6 th May There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2019	
	Monday 10 th June 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019

Term Dates 2019-2020

2019-2020	Open for pupils	Close
Autumn Term 2019	Thursday, 5 th September 2019	Friday, 25 th October 2019
	Monday, 4 th November 2019	Friday, 20 th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	Monday, 6 th January 2020	Friday, 14 th February 2020
	Monday, 24 th February 2020	Friday, 3 rd April 2020
	There will be a two week holiday at Easter in 2020. Easter weekend is during the Easter Break: Good Friday, 10 th April and Easter Monday, 13 th April	
Summer Term 2020	Monday, 20 th April 2020	Friday, 22 nd May 2020
	May Day Bank Holiday is 4 th May There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2020	
	Monday, 8 th June 2020	Thursday, 23 rd July 2020