

**AUTUMN TERM  
2017  
NEWSLETTER 6  
Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
December**

# 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

### Santa's On Strike

We were all so proud of our infant children last week. Their enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout their brilliant performances was a joy to see! Well done to all the children and staff involved; I am still singing the songs in my head - as I am sure many of you are!

Autumn Term- Figures to So Far		
	Attendance 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep to 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Minutes lost due to late arrival
Class F	89.82%	102
Class 1	88.01%	225
Class 2	90.63%	42
Class 3	90.21%	243
Class 4	90.16%	72
Class 5	91.29%	138
Class 6	88.81%	283

### Attendance

At Cherry Tree our aim is for all children to be present 100% of the time. On

Friday, those children who have been in school throughout the term and have 100% attendance will be given a certificate to congratulate them. Unfortunately, we still have a small number of families who are failing to arrive on time and are entering through the front door, after gates are locked at 9am. The class with the best punctuality and attendance is YEAR 2. The class with the highest number of late arrivals is currently YEAR 6. May I remind all families, that there are learning activities set up for the children to complete from 8:50am, as everyone

comes into school. Please ensure your child arrives on time otherwise they will miss this opportunity to consolidate their learning. Anyone arriving **after 9am is marked as late**. Doors are open from 8:50am making it possible for everyone to be in school before 9am. Please help us to maintain high attendance and punctuality at Cherry Tree.

### Year 1 Visit to Staircase House

Our Year 1 children behaved impeccably on our recent trip to Staircase House and demonstrated their extensive knowledge about the Great Fire of London. I was very proud to accompany them.

### Road Safety Winner

Congratulations to our road safety poster competition winners:

- Key Stage 2 winner: Oliver Clemens
- Key Stage 1 winner: Nell Watt

The winning designs will be made into professional posters to be displayed at school.

### Running Events

**Fun Run** - Following on from the success of the Cherry Tree 'grown ups' running club and the after school running club we thought we could join them together for a Christmas fun run session on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - this afternoon. All age groups and running experience will be catered for and we hope it will be lots of fun! Prams and buggies are welcome too. The cost is £2 per family for the session with all proceeds going towards rejuvenating our running track!



**Lymm Runners** - Last week we received a cheque from 'Lymm Runners' for £300 towards playground equipment. We are very grateful to Lymm Runners for their support. Our children are making very good use of the new equipment and are keeping active at playtimes as a result.

### Building Works Update

We have a number of ongoing building works taking place at Cherry Tree. A new fence has been erected around the pre-school - the majority of this

**Christmas Lunch  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>  
December**

**NO FURTHER ORDERS CAN  
BE TAKEN.**

To be paid for in advance,  
by 18<sup>th</sup> December. (If you  
usually pay for school meals.)



was funded by kind parents from St Mary's Pre-School/Cherry Tree and members of our community who 'sponsored a fence panel'. Thank you for your generosity.

We have two new doors on order, one of which is for the hall, where we currently have a door out of action. I have urged the contractors to manufacture our bespoke doors as soon as possible as I am aware this is inconvenient for the 'After School Club' families. Thank you for your patience.

We have had significant work completed to repair our drains which had become blocked by roots. This has cost our school £5500 but the work is now complete and we are confident that our drains will now be clear for the foreseeable future.



### Poppy Appeal

I am pleased to announce that we raised £384 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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### FINAL WEEK EVENTS

**Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – (Year 3, 4, 5, and 6) Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.**

The Key Stage 2 Carol concert will take place at 6pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Church. Our music teacher Fran Sixsmith will be supporting the event this year. Fran is a specialist music teacher who we have been able to continue to employ; thanks to our PTA. Children are to return to the church at 5:45pm, no sooner please. Mulled wine and minced pies will be served at the back of the church.

The children and staff will walk to the church for a dress rehearsal during the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup> December so please ensure they have a suitable coat with them.

**Whole School Trip to the Theatre - Cinderella- Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

We are looking forward to our annual, whole school theatre trip, this year to the Liverpool Empire Theatre.

All children will need a packed lunch. This will be provided for children who are in Key Stage 1 or are on a direct debit. Please let us know your child's choice of sandwich, if you have not already done so.



**Christmas Lunch/Christmas Accessory - Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

This is always a special event and Tracy and her team make a huge effort to provide a delicious and festive occasion. In order to cater for larger numbers of children having a school meal, Christmas dinner had to be ordered in advance. **NO FURTHER ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN.** Children who normally pay for their school meal and are NOT on a direct debit must also pay £2.30 in advance. Due to high numbers and additional foods on offer serving Christmas lunch takes longer than usual, therefore it is a huge help if Tracy does not need to collect any payment on the day. The menu can be seen to the right. The children can select from the choices shown, on the day.

Children are allowed to wear a Christmas 'accessory' WITH THEIR school uniform on this day. Christmas jumpers, hats or headbands are all acceptable. ☺

*Sliced Turkey or  
Vegetarian Option  
Creamed Potatoes  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Garden Peas  
Gravy  
Stuffing  
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Satsuma  
Christmas Shortbread Biscuit*

### Final Day for 2017

**We break up for the Christmas Holidays on - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2:30pm.**

### NEW YEAR- 2018

Our first day back is Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January when the doors will open at 8:50am. Please be prompt! (Especially our current latecomers! ;-)

**Sampling Our Delicious School Lunches - Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Class F parents are invited to join their children for lunch on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 (attached) & return to school by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January please arrive at 12 noon.

### Cashless Catering

From the end of February, a new system will be introduced by the school meals team, to make paying for lunches much easier and completely cashless. Parents of children in Key Stage 2 who currently pay for school meals, will be given a login to an online system, run by 'ParentPay' (Currently in use at Lymm High School.) After February half term, cash will not be accepted for lunches. More information to follow in the New Year.

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## PTA NEWS

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### Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported our Christmas Fair. We raised a grand total of £1846! Father Christmas was very impressed with the behaviour of the children at Cherry Tree! May all of their wishes come true!

### Dickensian Success

We were thrilled to hear the news that we had won first prize for the best dressed community group/school as part of the Dickensian Day Parade. We largely have Jo Lubbock to thank, parent of Ben in Class 2, as she made all of the pudding hats! Thank you to the large number of children who took part. A sprinkle of snow made the event all the more special!

We also raised £461 selling mulled wine in the village hall. This is around 100 more than last year - thank you to our volunteers and to the Year 2 parents who donated wine!!

### Tea Towels/Puddings/Chutneys and James

Thanks to the hard work of one of our PTA team, Helen Nelson, we raised £400 by creating and selling our own tea towel. Helen also organised a new venture this year, to sell Christmas Puddings, the profit from the sale of these delicious puds was £150. And finally, Jan Daniel, our allotment co-ordinator turned our home grown organic fruit and veg into delicious chutneys and jams. These were sold at the Christmas Fair, Dickensian stall and at the Infant show; making us a profit of over £300 this is double the usual amount - thank you to those of you who donated sultanas, raisins, sugar and vinegar etc.

I think our PTA ought to consider applying to the Apprentice next year!! They are hugely successful at fundraising- while also ensuring we all have fun! Thanks again to our wonderful PTA!

### Fundraising Events

- **100 Club-** If you would like to support school and also have the chance to win some money in a monthly draw, please contact our PTA or school about the 100 club. Just £50 will give you entry into the next ten monthly draws. Winnings could be up to £100 as the number of members increases.



### 100 Club Draw

*Have your chance of winning money every month, while helping to raise funds for our children*

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## SPORTING NEWS

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Walton Gardens Cross Country- Congratulations to the 22 children who took part in the Walton Gardens Cross Country in quite challenging weather conditions. We are proud to announce that our girls' team came 5<sup>th</sup> overall and our boys' team came seventh. Out of 132 runners, Sophia Schache came 6<sup>th</sup> and out of 118 boys taking part, Felix Horner came 16<sup>th</sup> - a great achievement!

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## REMINDERS

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- Please support our campaign for safer parking along Hardy Road and park with due consideration to the safety of our children and with respect for our neighbours.
- Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for the part that you have played, in supporting our school this term by attending events, volunteering or encouraging your children to participate and 'do their best'. I am very proud of all of our children and everything that they have achieved!

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

## Termly Dates 2017 – 2018

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

**In-service days for staff:**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Termly Dates 2018 – 2019

2018-2019	Open for pupils	Close
Autumn Term 2018	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
Spring Term 2019	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
	Good Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Easter weekend does fall within the holiday period</b>	
Summer Term 2019	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
	May Day, Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May <b>There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2019</b>	
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Inservice days for staff:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019



### Year F Parents - School Lunch invitation- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January

I would like to join my child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_ for lunch at 12 noon on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to order:

Roast Turkey

Tomato and Mascarpone Wholemeal Pasta

Jacket Potato with tuna

Warm Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce - select on the day

£2.30 payable on the day

**OR** I will be bringing my own packed lunch

If you do not have access to a printer, feel free to write note or email us at

[CherryTree\\_Primary@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:CherryTree_Primary@warrington.gov.uk) Remember to include your menu choice/ your name and child's name and please entitle your note/message: 'School Lunch invitation- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January'