

**AUTUMN TERM
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NEWSLETTER 3
Wednesday,
26th 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



Running Track

The school and our PTA are raising funds for an all-weather surface to go around the perimeter of our two football fields. This will allow the children to use this part of the field even when the weather is wet and also to use this as a running track and a 'Daily Mile' track. Our target is to ensure that we, as a school, enable EVERY child to 'be active' in school for at least 30 minutes per day. (Ideally, they also need to do 30 minutes per day, when not at school too). By introducing the Daily Mile or similar, we ensure that we are enabling each child to meet their target. The Daily Mile was also a suggestion that was discussed via Parent Forum. Currently due to the quality and size of our small track it is not possible to implement a whole school participation. An all-weather surface will ensure that we can accommodate over 200 children and their teachers!



Match Funding

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work we are doing to raise funds for our school and wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about "Match Funding" schemes, how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for our school.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you/we raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the event that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from school detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for our school and help us raise money for future projects / school equipment / trips.

If you are able to help us this way, please let one of our office team know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Tough Mudder

Thank you to those of you who sponsored the Cherry Tree team of ladies who took part in Tough Mudder to raise funds for the **Grace Kelly Ladybird Trust**. This trust works to raise awareness of childhood cancer, fund research, provide education and support families. It was a fun, challenging and VERY MUDDY event that we all loved; especially as we raised a total of £3,337.50 (including gift aid). We hope to repeat the experience next year and would love to have an even bigger team!



Smoke Free School

We have recently applied for the 'Smoke Free Award' which recognises the work we do to ensure our site and premises are free from smoking. May I remind you that smoking is prohibited in school and on our grounds, including at PTA events that are out of school hours.

Allotment News

Thanks to the support of parents, in the lead up to the Open Gardens event, our Allotment is looking smart and produce is flourishing. Thank you once again for your donations of plants and time. It is almost time to harvest the remaining vegetables and turn them into chutneys, as in previous years. Therefore, we would 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

Chutneys will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Thursday, 29th November.

Healthy Packed Lunches and Snacks

We continually strive to help your children build healthy habits for life; in terms of their eating habits, exercise and attitudes. Please support this by not allowing children to bring sweets in their packed lunch boxes. There has been an increase in high-sugar items such as sugar spray- these have no nutritional value and are not suitable for a school packed lunch.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Book Character Day- Monday, 1st October

Doesn't time fly! Our annual Book Character Day has come around again, where we invite children to dress up as a character from a book. All we ask in return, is a donation which we will use towards replenishing our library books. We suggest £1 or £2 (or more if you wish). Each year, the winning book character is chosen from each class and our winners choose a book as a prize from our Book Fair.

Year 6 Science Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

On Thursday, 27th September, Year 6 will visit Knowsley to find out about how species are adapted for their environment. A packed lunch and drinks will be needed for our Year 6 pupils.

Join us for Lunch

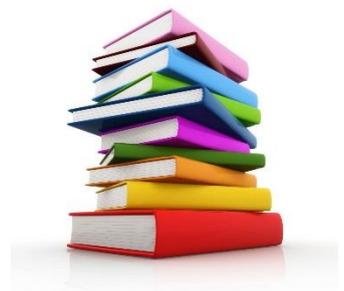
The opportunity to come to school and have lunch with your child is being made available to each year group on the following dates:

- Class 5 and 6 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 3rd October
- Class 3 and 4 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 7th November
- Class 2 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 21st November
- Class 1 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 23rd January
- Class F parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 6th February

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 12:30pm (KS2) or 12 noon (KS1) should you wish to join your child on the specified date. You will need to ensure that you have enough funds for both you and your child in your Parent Pay account, in order to have a school meal.

Book Fair - Wednesday, 3rd October to Monday, 8th October

We welcome you to come and buy books before school, from 8:45am-9:15am or after school, from 3pm until 4:30pm. The final chance to visit our annual Book Fair will be on Monday, 9th October. If you are able to assist with selling books, please return the slip that can be found on the Book Fair flier, sent home this week. The school receives a good commission on sales, which we take in the form of books for the library.



Foundation Stage (Class F) Workshop- Thursday, 11th October

In order to support our newest parents, Mrs Kennedy would like to run a workshop for parents of children in Class F. The content of the workshop will include, how teaching and learning takes place in the Foundation Stage, how assessments are made and how you can support at home. All Class F parents are invited to come along. Refreshments will be provided by our cook, Tracy. Please let Mrs Kennedy know if you are able to come along then she can prepare resources and seating.

Charity Assembly– Thursday, 18th October at 9:15am and Friday, 19th at 9:15am (Friday morning assembly followed by tea/coffee and refreshments.)

All children will take part in our Charity Assembly. In order to accommodate all of the children, and an audience of parents, we are putting on two performances. The Thursday afternoon performance will commence at 2:15pm and the Friday morning performance at 9:15am. There will be a coffee morning after the Friday assembly. 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 Young Minds.

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

Emotional Health Workshop for Year 6- Monday, 5th November (a.m)

Our school health adviser, Anne Plant will deliver a workshop to our Year 6 children around emotional health and resilience.

Mindfulness Day- NEW DATE: Thursday, 8th November

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

SAVE the DATE- PARENTS EVENING- Tuesday, 20th November

More information to follow shortly.

PTA NEWS

Summary of Chair's Report

At the end of my year as chair, I look back with a huge sense of satisfaction and pride for what the PTA team has achieved over the past 12 months. We have raised an astonishing (and record breaking) £20,889 from events and activities carried out though the school year and secured over £11,000 in grants from other sources.

A huge amount of hard work was carried out to organise a wide range of enjoyable events for families, adults only evenings and fun nights for the children. Highlights included:

- A very successful summer party evening. This was the 2nd year we held an informal party with hog roast rather than a ball. The takings were up massively due to a free venue and extremely popular auction that included exclusive prize packages donated by teachers and other Cherry Tree staff.
- An incredible summer fair where we embraced the World Cup as England were (surprisingly) playing a quarter final match on the same afternoon. We altered the fair times, put the match on the big screen and the sun came out for the afternoon.
- Being part of Lymm Open Gardens. This was a great way to reach out to our local community and although it was led by the school with the governors, the PTA provided the much-needed refreshments stand on the day;
- A whole school sponsored run. Led by Mrs Walker and the governors, this event was well received and raised almost £3000 for school;
- A last-minute, Blue Peter entry into the May Queen parade which managed to include a ship, dozens of children dressed as sailors and Ms Flower's dog! Whilst this didn't raise any funds for school, it was a fantastic opportunity to show how committed we are to our local community. We were very excited to attract the attention of the television programme too, with a special video made by Blue Peter Presenters for school and many of our participants being awarded a coveted Blue Peter badge!

Thank you to our school community and PTA members for all for your support. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I look forward to another exciting year of fundraising ahead of us.

Kerry Spink

Chair 2017/18

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

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.)

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Family Disco	Friday, 28 th September	SOLD OUT!
Ladies Fashion and Fizz Night	Friday, 12 th October	An opportunity to taste different types of fizz and peruse some clothes.
Halloween face painting	Wednesday, 31 st October	After school on the playground.
Children's PJs and Popcorn Night	Wednesday, 14 th November	Early eve- watch a film and chill out on a beanbag/cushion at Cherry Tree
Christmas Fair	Thursday, 29 th November, 5:30pm to 7:30pm	

I hope you will take the opportunity to participate in several of our community events such as: our PTA social events; the chance to join us for lunch; our Class F workshop; or our Charity Assembly. We aim to work together as a whole community team, please help us to achieve this.

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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Year 5 & 6 Parents - School Lunch invitation- Wednesday, 3rd October

I would like to join my child _____ Class ____ for lunch at 12:30 on Wednesday, 3rd October.

I have transferred funds to Parent Pay (cost per meal £2.30) and would like to order:

- Panini/Wrap with ham, cheese or tune, plus rice and salad
- Homemade chicken, leek and ham pie
- Jacket Potato with cheese and beans

OR I will be bringing my own packed lunch

For safeguarding reasons, parents are not allowed onto the playground after eating their lunch.