

**AUTUMN TERM
2017
NEWSLETTER 5
Friday, 1st
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



PTA Christmas Fair

We had a highly efficient and enthusiastic team of volunteers who organised and ran the Christmas Fair this year. I would like to sincerely thank all of those who came along and especially the organisers, led by our PTA chair Kerry Spink. I am sure you will agree that it was a very successful event and has been a perfect way to begin the festive season.

Morning Arrival Arrangements

Our new morning arrival arrangements are working well from our perspective and from the feedback we have been given. However, there are 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. 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. Thank you for your support in maintaining high attendance and punctuality at Cherry Tree!

Attendance

At Cherry Tree our aim is for all children to be present 100% of the time. We recognise that circumstances don't always allow that, so we have a school attendance target of 97% per child. Thank you to everyone for punctual and consistent attendance, it really does make a difference.

Did you know?

- *There are only 40 teaching weeks in the school year; there are 12 weeks of holiday.*
- *Missing six days every term of every year, is the same as missing one whole school year!*
- *95% attendance sounds good, but means that you are taking one day off a month!*

PE Lessons

As you know our Key Stage 2 children do not finish lessons until 3:30pm. Our playground is being used for PE lessons as the field is waterlogged. Please could adults and pre-school children avoid walking through the middle of a PE activity, when coming to collect your children. This is disruptive to the lesson and you could be unintentionally hit by a ball.

Staffing News

Mrs Perrin has only a few more weeks to go before her maternity leave begins, she is expecting her first child in January. We all look forward to meeting baby Perrin! Mr Hughes, an experienced teacher, has been appointed to teach Year 6 from January.

Mrs Clarke will be leaving us after Christmas to pursue new ventures. Mrs Clarke has worked at Cherry Tree for over ten years and the staff and children will all miss her. We wish Mrs Clarke every success and happiness in the future.

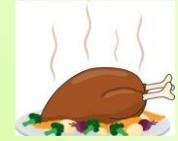
Healthy Lunches

We are proud of the meals we serve and of our lunchtime ethos. Please support us in promoting healthy lifestyles by either opting for a balanced and nutritious school meal, or providing your child with a healthy packed lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure they also have a drink. It is our policy to send home any uneaten packed-lunch food so that you can monitor what your child is eating. Empty wrappers can of course be placed in our waste bin.

Our children are actively encouraged to eat all of their lunch and to have all of their drink, but are not forced to eat foods they dislike.

Christmas Lunch Thursday, 21st December

Order by 11th December.
To be paid for in advance,
by 18th December.



Attendance this week

Y2: 98.13%
Y1: 96.67%
YF: 96.21%
Y5: 96.06%
Y4: 95.81%
Y6: 95.63%
Y3: 95.17%

We are very close to winning the 'Tasty Tuck Award'. The one area that means that we are not eligible for the award, is the fact that children bring dried fruit to school. Please DO NOT send your child to school with dried fruit for snack time as this contains a very high sugar content.

Very Healthy Parents ;-)

Our new couch to 5k running club on a Friday morning has been a huge success. 26 of our parents have achieved the 5k distance as a result of joining the club and running each Friday morning on the school grounds. I have been given some very positive feedback from the Club Captain, Georgina Walker, as follows:

It's been a brilliant initiative raising vital funds (circa £400) for Cherry Tree. It couldn't have happened without George Bainton who has been absolutely brilliant. We asked for a questionnaire at the end of the session. 100% would recommend to a friend. 100% will do parkrun again (or for the first time if they've not done it before). 100% thought it above average or excellent value for money. Most will continue running with us and all are likely to continue to run.

The running club will continue in the New Year and will be differentiated to allow people of all abilities of fitness to attend.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Year 1 Visit to Staircase House- Wednesday, 6th December

Our Year 1 children are looking forward to their History trip to Staircase House where they will discover more about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London. If you have not already done so, please inform us which type of sandwich your child would prefer.

Dickensian Day - Saturday 9th December

We have a very pleasing 38 children who have opted to represent Cherry Tree in the annual Dickensian Day. Families who are dressing up for and walking in the parade, need to meet at Lymm Hotel at 1pm. We are hoping for dry weather, but I know that even inclement weather would not quell the resilience of our wonderful children!

Class Assembly- Tuesday, 12th December

Class 6 and their music teacher Fran Sixsmith, would like to showcase all they have learnt during keyboard lessons, via a musical concert. The date is Tuesday, 12th December from 9:15am for approximately half an hour. Mince pies and drinks will be available after the concert.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – (Year 3, 4, 5, and 6) Tuesday, 19th December

We now have a date for the Key Stage 2 Carol concert. This will take place on Tuesday, 19th 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.

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

Whole School Trip to the Theatre- Cinderella- Wednesday, 20th 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, 21st 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 must be ordered in advance. Children who normally pay for their school meal and are NOT on a direct debit must also pay £2.30 when placing their order. The menu can be seen to the right. The children can select from the choices shown, on the day but ALL must pre-order in advance.

Fliers and return slips will be sent home separately.

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

Final Day for 2017

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

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

NEW YEAR- 2018

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

Year 2 SATs Workshop

We apologise to Year 2 parents regarding the error around the timing of the SATs workshop. A new date will be arranged in January.

Sampling Our Delicious School Lunches- Thursday, 18th January

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 F child, and wish to come for lunch on **Thursday, 18th January**, please complete the slip attached to the Newsletter.

PTA NEWS

Parent Skills Audit

Our PTA would like to survey parents in order to create a 'skills audit'. The purpose of this is to establish what talents and skills our parents have that could be utilised to support our school- time allowing. We are looking for the full range of skills and only minimal time commitments. For example, you may be able to help create a backdrop for the Christmas Show; build allotment planters; tidy the library; paint a classroom wall; purchase stock for a PTA event; plant bulbs; general DIY tasks; support groups in class; listen to readers; help with admin tasks etc. We fully appreciate that many of you are busy with work commitments, but equally a number of you have said you would like to help, maybe once a year, with a specific task. Please look out for the PTA survey and support us by completing it. Thank you!

Please support our future PTA events and help us to raise funds for things such as: a visit from a mobile farm, new reading books, new laptops, specialist music tuition, playground equipment, science resources etc.

Fundraising Events

Your chance to have fun while helping our school

- **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.
- **Dickensian Day Parade and Mulled Wine Stall-** Our PTA are looking for a couple of people to organise our part in these festive community events. If you would be willing to help, please get in touch with school or a member of our PTA.

SPORTING NEWS

Swimming Gala- Congratulations to the swimmers who recently took part in a competition at Lymm leisure centre. We were very proud of all of our swimmers and especially Ellie Jack (Year 5) who came first in her race.

Basketball- Our Basketball team showed real skill during their matches and were only narrowly beaten; giving them a second place position. We are very proud of our players.

SPORT	DATE & TIME	YEAR GROUP	VENUE	TRANSPORT
Volleyball	Monday, 4 th December	Year 3 & 4	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents

GOVERNOR NEWS

Below is an *updated* table to show which governor is assigned to each class.

Adopted Governors		
Class	Teacher	Governor
F	Mrs Kennedy	Louise Haskins
1	Mrs Kinzett/ Mrs Baines	Georgina Walker
2	Mr Adams	Shirley Sawyer
3	Miss Flower	Christine Mitchell-Brown
4	Miss Birchall	Jo Young
5	Mrs Bottomley	Anna Patterson
6	Mrs Perrin / Mr Hughes	Claire Caton
School Council	Mrs Bottomley	Sheila Woodyatt

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our School Council joined the Governing Board for their termly meeting on Monday, 13th November. The children found out about the work of the governing board and introduced themselves to our governors.

This link between the governors and the School Council has been continued as our vice chair Christine Mitchell-Brown, attended this week's School Council meeting.

Our School Council have established close links with St Mary's pre-school and have set up a rota of Year 5 pupils who are taking it in turns to visit the pre-school. They are visiting them each week for 30 minutes and have become buddies for the early years children.

REMINDERS

- 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.

Remember that if you have any ideas regarding how we could improve further, please come along to our next Parent Forum meeting on Friday, 9th February at 2:15pm.

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:

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Monday 16th April 2018

Tuesday 17th April 2018



Year F Parents - School Lunch invitation- Thursday, 18th January

I would like to join my child _____ Class ___ for lunch at 12 noon on Thursday, 18th 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 Remember to include your menu choice/ your name and child's name and please entitle your note/message: 'School Lunch invitation- Thursday, 18th January'