

**SPRING TERM
2019
NEWSLETTER 1
Friday 18th
January**

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

The New Year

It has been a mixed start 2019. The first few days in school were really positive; all the children came back to school rested and ready to learn. Then we were given the devastating news about our cook, Tracy, losing her twenty year old son in a motorbike accident. Tracy is understandably struggling to come to terms with the death of her beloved son Nassi, but is gaining some comfort from the hundreds of loving messages that she is receiving from across the globe. She knows that our whole school community is thinking of her.

As the central part of our community, your children needed to be made aware of why their favourite cook wasn't in work. They have dealt with the news with maturity and compassion; showing a unique combination of warmth and innocence. Such sad news has made us all reflect on how precious each day is.

Thank you for the generous contributions towards a collection for Tracy. A few of us will be attending the funeral next week and will pass on any donations and the deepest sympathies from our school community.

Staffing News

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Hughes and his wife are expecting their second baby in June. Meanwhile, Mrs Kennedy is relaxing at home and preparing for the arrival of her third child while on maternity leave. Mrs Kennedy appreciates knowing that parents are asking after her. We will let you know when her new baby arrives.

Mrs Matthews continues to be poorly and is not expected back in work until later in the spring term.

Year 1 and Year F Parents

The opportunity to have lunch with your child has been postponed until further notice, due to Tracy's current absence. Please remove Wednesday, 23rd January (Year 1) and 6th February (Class F) from your calendars.

Whole School Cinema Visit

This week's trip to watch Mary Poppins was an opportunity for us to take the whole Cherry Tree family to the cinema and enjoy being together. Having a whole screen to ourselves made the day even more special.

All of the teachers were delighted with the behaviour of their class.

Miss Birchall said: "I don't think my children said a word during the film!"

Well done everyone and special thanks to Miss Flower for her fantastic organisational skills!



WANTED: Parent Forum Chair

Would you like to get involved in the development of our school and have a few hours to spare over the course of the year? Following a recent resignation from the current Parent Forum Chair, Gemma Jack, we are looking for a parent to take on this role. The time commitment required is minimal (1 hour meeting per term, plus a short pre-meeting with Mrs Graham) but the chance to contribute and have a positive impact to our school development is significant. Please make contact with me for further information.

Peer Review

As part of our ongoing CPD (Continual Professional Development) we are part of cluster of 8 schools that are working together on school improvement. By sharing resources and training we can all work together to save money and develop our practice at minimal cost. As part of this initiative, the Heads and deputies from the local schools are working in teams of three to carry out a 'review' of each school. Each Head will take part in the review of another school and in turn will have their own school reviewed. On Monday, 11th February, the Head Teacher from Statham Primary, Thelwall Infants and the Deputy from Bradshaw will spend the day with us. This

review team will talk to staff and children, look at children's work and observe lessons. They will then discuss their findings with the senior leadership team. (Mrs Graham, Mrs Bottomley and Mr Adams.)

We are looking forward to working with other professionals and sharing good practice.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Tree to 5k Runners (For ADULTS!)

Any New Year resolutions made? Is running one of them?

Two of our parents, George Bainton and Georgina Walker run a session at Cherry Tree School on Friday mornings at 9am, following the NHS Couch to 5k program. This is a 30 minute session that takes place on the school playing fields and playground. This is suitable for EVERYONE with no previous running experience but please seek medical advice before starting any new exercise program.

Lymm Runners George and Georgina are both qualified 'Run Leaders' and Georgina has the CIFR (Coach in Running Fitness) qualification too so you're in safe hands. The club takes place each Friday at 9am!

Wanting to run a bit further?

The last three groups of successful graduates from the Couch to 5k programs, have continued to run with the Friday morning club. Some are training for longer events and others are maintaining their running. However, a general session for all abilities will continue, so please do join in. Buggies and toddlers are always welcome.

The cost is £20 for the whole course which will run until the Easter holidays. For more information please contact Georgina on [07775667945](tel:07775667945). All Monies will be put towards the running track

Class Assemblies This Term (all start at 9:15am)

- **Class 1 Assembly**- Wednesday, 30th January
- **Class 3 Assembly**- Friday, 15th March
- **Class 2 Assembly**- Friday, 29th March
- **Class 2 Assembly**- Thursday, 11th April

Parents, grandparents and extended family are welcome to come and watch. Tickets are not required for class assemblies.

Praise Assembly

As previously advertised, each class has an opportunity for their parents to attend Praise Assembly. This is an open invitation for the parents 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! ;-))

Residential Visits

We have three residential visits coming up in 2019 for three of our older classes. Mrs Perrin has already met with Year 6 parents regarding their London visit.

There will be two further meetings where we outline the activities on offer during the following residential trips:

Year 4 Burwardsley trip at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 22nd January

Year 5 Conway trip at 5.15pm on Tuesday, 22nd January

Easter Workshop

Class 4 shall be visiting St Mary's Church for an Interactive Easter Workshop, more information will be provided close to the event.

Cherry Tree Holiday Camp

Back by popular demand, our very own Holiday Camp, run by Cherry Tree staff. Please see booking form for further details at the end of this Newsletter.

| Class | Date and Time |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Class 1 | Friday, 8 th Feb at 2pm |
| Class 2 | Friday, 1 st March at 2pm |
| Class 3 | Friday, 8 th March at 2pm |
| Class 4 | Friday, 26 th April at 2pm |
| Class 5 | Friday, 10 th May at 2pm |
| Class 6 | Friday, 17 th May at 2pm |



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: £23 per day (additional siblings £21 per day)

Calendar and Holiday Dates

Please refer to www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk for details of all our current dates.

PTA NEWS

We are hugely grateful to our PTA for the enormous effort they put into organising fun events for us all to enjoy, whilst raising funds for our school. This academic year we are raising funds for an all-weather running track. Please help us by supporting our PTA. Over the coming months we have a range of activities to suit all tastes, see below:

| Forthcoming PTA Events | | |
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| Event | DATE & TIME | Details |
| Cake Sale | Friday, 8 th February | After school, please donate cakes. Nut free please. |
| Quiz Night | Friday, 15 th February | Adults only, teams of up to 6 allowed |
| Second Hand Uniform Sale | Wednesday, 6 th March Thursday, 7 th March | |
| Pamper Night | Friday, 8 th March | Details to follow |
| PJs and Popcorn Night | Wednesday, 27 th Feb | Children only. |
| Chocolate Bingo | Wednesday, 10 th April | Details to follow |
| Summer Party | Friday 10 th May | Church Green |

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you for the games that have been donated for wet play times. These have already been put to good use as we have had a few wet days recently. If you happen to clear out any further good quality games that are suitable for school use, please send them in for the attention of our School Council.

SPORTING NEWS

| Forthcoming Competitions | | | | |
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| SPORT | DATE & TIME | YEAR GROUP | VENUE | TRANSPORT |
| Handball | Monday, 21 st January 3pm- 5:30pm | Year 5 and 6 | Lymm High School | To be arranged by parents |
| Hockey | Monday, 28 th January 3pm- 5:30pm | Year 3 and 4 | Lymm High School | To be arranged by parents |
| Hockey | Monday, 4 th February 3pm- 5:30pm | Year 5 and 6 | Lymm High School | To be arranged by parents |

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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.

BOOKING FORM FOR CHERRY TREE HOLIDAY CAMP

I wish to register my child for the following dates:
(NB: additional siblings may attend for £21 per day)

- Monday 18th February, 8.30am - 5.30pm
£23
- Tuesday 19th February, 8.30am - 5.30pm
£23
- Wednesday 20th February, 8.30am - 5.30pm
£23
- Thursday 21st February, 8.30am - 5.30pm
£23

TOTAL (cash or cheque made payable to Cherry Tree School Fund)
£.....

Child's name:.....

Class (Class F to Year 6):

School:

Contact details for parent/carer:

Name

Telephone

Email

Signed (parent/carer):

Please return by **Friday 1st February** to Cherry Tree Primary
School, Hardy Road, Lymm, WA13 0NN

IMPORTANT: Camps require a minimum of 14 children to run.

For further information call Cherry Tree School on 01925 755885.