

**SPRING TERM  
2018  
NEWSLETTER 7  
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup>  
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

### NEW YEAR- 2018

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for the many Christmas cards, gifts and messages sent to our staff, we are all very appreciative of your kindness and ongoing support.

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas school events as much as we did. From 'Santa's On Strike' to our Carol Concert, all of our children made us feel very proud last half term. Their behaviour was immaculate during our whole school visit to the pantomime in Liverpool. A very successful Autumn Term.

Now, as the New Year begins, I hope you will all support us in continuing to maintain high attendance and punctuality. It was good to see everyone arrive with a smile on their faces today! I shall continue to periodically report which class has the highest attendance in the coming weeks. I challenge Year 6 and Year 3 to improve upon their punctuality! ;-)

### Calendar and Holiday Dates

The holiday dates for this year and next academic year (18-19) are attached for your convenience. Please note that this year our Spring Term break does not coincide with the Easter bank holiday weekend.

I have also attached an updated list of school diary dates for the Spring and Summer Term. We have also included the calendar and holiday dates on our website.

### Poetry Festival Success

Following a day's poetry workshop with a professional poet last half term, two of our children took part in the a Cheshire Poetry Festival which took place last half term. Ben Mc Ferran and Heidi Burkinshaw represented our school when they performed their own poems in front of a large audience of children from across Cheshire. We were thrilled to hear that Heidi won first prize for her performance! Many congratulations to both children for their excellent performances and brilliant poetry.

### Support from Our Local Co-op

Following a successful application, we are one of the chosen 'causes' eligible for funds from the Co-op via their community scheme. Please help us out by becoming a member and selecting our school PTA as your chosen charity. It is really easy to become a member and you will not only pledge money to our cause, but will also earn money for yourself. Below is a message from the Co-op:



*Every time you buy selected Co-op products from our [food stores](#) and other businesses, we give 1% of what you spend to local causes near you. As a member, every time you shop at Co-op, [1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services](#) goes to the local community fund. The money raised by all the members in your community, together with [money from shopping bag sales](#), helps to fund local projects in the area where you live. You can [choose which cause](#) you want your own 1% to go to. **(Please select Cherry Tree!)** Any money raised by members who don't select a cause is added to the money raised from shopping bag sales and shared equally between the causes in their local area. We choose new causes every 12 months.*

## Healthy Snacks

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 some children currently 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. We aim to reapply for the award later this half term once children have stopped bringing dried fruit as a snack.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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### KS 2 Residential Meetings- Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January

We have three residential trips planned for the coming year and therefore we invite parents from the relevant classes to come along and find out more information about each trip:

**Year 4- Burwardsley, Team Building** 4:30pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January

**Year 5- Conway Adventurous Activities** 5pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January

**Year 6- London Sightseeing and Theatre Trip** 5:30pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January

### 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 12 noon on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. We cannot take any further requests after this date as Tracy will have ordered the correct amount of food and also due to space limitations.

If you are joining us, please arrive at 12 noon Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### Year 5 Smoke Busters Workshop- Cheshire Fire Service- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January

Once again our Year 5 children will be given a fire safety talk from the Cheshire Fire Service. They will also have the opportunity to go inside a 'smoke tent' to be shown what to do in the event of a fire.

### Class 1 Assembly- Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am

Parents, grandparents and extended family are welcome to come and watch the Class 1 assembly. Tickets are not required for class assemblies.

### Year 2 SATs Workshop- Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January at 5pm

Mr Adams will give parents an explanation of what the Year 2 SATs involve, when they will take place, what the test look like and how parents can help and support at home. All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend.

### Parent Forum Meeting- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm-3:15pm

All parents are welcome to attend the termly Parent Forum meetings. Parents are invited to submit agenda items a week in advance. If you have any items which you would like adding to the agenda for our forthcoming meeting, please forward them to me by 9am on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Agenda items can be passed on by telephone 01925 755885 or email [CherryTree\\_Primary\\_Head@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:CherryTree_Primary_Head@warrington.gov.uk)). The agenda will then be published on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the afternoon.

## 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.

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## PTA NEWS

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### PTA Meeting- Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January

Our next PTA meeting is at 7:30pm-9pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January. All are welcome to come along to this meeting which will be held at school.

### 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. 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.*

## 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 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.

## Regular Gift Giving

Following on from parental feedback, our PTA is looking into ways for parents to make a regular donation to school, via a direct debit. More information will follow later this half term, from our PTA.

### Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Film Night	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Flier due next week.

## SPORTING NEWS

### Forthcoming Competitions

SPORT	DATE & TIME	YEAR GROUP	VENUE	TRANSPORT
Volleyball	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January 3pm- 5:30pm	Year 5 and 6	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Multi-Skills	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 3pm- 5:30pm	Key Stage 1	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Hockey	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January 3pm- 5:30pm	Year 5 and 6	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
Hockey	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February 3pm- 5:30pm	Year 4	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents

## 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.
- Please maintain our high standards by ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform, has black school shoes and their water bottle and PE kit with them in school each day. Hair accessories are to be in school colours and kept to a minimum size. Large brightly coloured headbands and bows are not allowed.
- Children **SHOULD NOT RIDE BIKES, SCOOTERS OR PLAY FOOTBALL on the playground** at the beginning or end of the school day- this is for the safety of all of our children and visitors. In addition they should not touch or ride another child's scooter or bike without their permission.
- We pride ourselves on encouraging healthy habits at Cherry Tree. May I remind you that we have a healthy snack policy; 'fruit/veg and water' are the only items allowed. (No dried fruit please which is very high in sugar content.) Please support us in helping your children to develop healthy habits.

I am proud of our school and the wonderful community of families that we have at Cherry Tree. I hope that we continue to go from strength to strength in 2018. If you have any ideas regarding how we could further improve or develop, please come along to our termly Parent Forum meeting where the agenda is set by parents. If you have a more urgent concern, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, a member of the office team or myself. Our aim is to work closely with all of our parents for the benefit of your children.

Kind regards,



Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

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

**LAST CHANCE to sign up for lunch, (packed lunch or school meal) is WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JAN, 12 noon.**

I would like to join my child \_\_\_\_\_ 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'

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### 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

**In-service 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

# Cherry Tree School - Dates for 2017-18 – UPDATED 04-01-18

As new events are booked, they will be added to this document and an updated list will be sent home each half term.

Spring 1 2018	
Half Term School Value: Aspirational	
Event	Date
WEEK 2 (Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	
WEEK 3 (Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	
Parents Meetings about the three separate KS2 Residential Visits (Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)	<b>Year 4- Burwardsley</b> , 4:30pm on Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Year 5- Conway</b> 5pm on Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Year 6- London</b> 5:30pm on Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Class F Parents invited for lunch	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January at 12 Noon
Class 5- Smoke Busters- Cheshire Fire Brigade	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January
WEEK 4 (Week commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan)	
Class 1 Assembly	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am
WEEK 5 (Week commencing 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	
Year 2 SATs (Statutory Attainment Tests) Workshop	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January at 5pm
WEEK 6 (Week commencing 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	
Assessment week- children in classes 1 to 6 will be involved in assessments, <b>for internal use only</b>	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
WEEK 7 (Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	
Chinese New Year Themed Lunch	Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Class 2 - Assembly	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am
Children break up for Half Term	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February- normal times
<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb (school closed)</b>

Spring 2 2018	
Half Term School Value: Happy	
Event	Date
WEEK 1 (Week commencing 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	
Children back to school	Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February at 8:50am
Puberty Talk for Year 5, with school nurse	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February
St David's Day- community club uniforms allowed	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March
WEEK 2 (Week commencing 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	
Parents' Evenings	Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March- 4:10-7:30pm and Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March- 3:30-5:30pm
WEEK 3 (Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	
WEEK 4 (Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	
Class 3 - Assembly	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March at 9:15am
WEEK 5 (Week commencing 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	
Year 4 Residential Visit to Burwardsley	Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>
WEEK 6 (Week commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr)	
<b>EASTER MONDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
Class 4- Assembly	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am
Children break up for Spring break	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April at <b>2:30pm</b>
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April (school closed.)</b> Easter weekend falls OUTSIDE the Spring Term break.

## Summer 1 2018

**Half Term School Value: Resilience**

Event	Date
WEEK 1 (Week commencing Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr)	
Children back to school	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April at 8:50am
WEEK 2 (Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> April)	
St George's Day (community club uniforms allowed)	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Year 5 Residential Trip to Conway	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April to Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April
WEEK 3 (Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> April)	
WEEK 4 (Week commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> May)	
<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY, School closed</b>	<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Class 5 - Assembly	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May
WEEK 5 (Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> May)	
SATs week	Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
WEEK 6 (Week commencing 21 <sup>st</sup> May)	
Class F – Assembly (for own parents & families)	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am
Class F - Presentation to new parents followed by new intake meeting	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm
New Intake Meeting	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May at 6pm
Children break up for Whit	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May at 3:15pm/3:30pm
<b>WHIT Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June (school closed)</b> <b><u>This is a TWO WEEK holiday</u></b>

## Summer 2 2018

**Half Term School Value: Independence**

Event	Date
WEEK 1 (Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> June)	
Children back to school	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June at 8:50am
Phonics Screening Check- Year 1	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (short 1-2-1 phonics assessments for all Y1 children during this week)
New Intake Visit, child plus parent	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June (9:15am-10:15am or 1:15pm-2:15pm)
Sports' Morning	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June- 9:30am
WEEK 2 (Week commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> June)	
Sports' Morning - Reserve	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June- 9:30am
WEEK 3 (Week commencing 25 <sup>th</sup> June)	
WEEK 4 (Week commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> July)	
New Intake Visit, child only	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July (9:15am-11:45am or 1pm-3pm)
Lymm High School Transition Day	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July
'Moving Up Day'. All children to spend the day with their September 2018 class teacher.	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July
WEEK 5 (Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> July)	
Annual reports go home to parents	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 Production	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July at 2pm and 6:30pm Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm
WEEK 6 (Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> July)	
Talent Show	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers' Service	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am followed by coffee morning
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	<b>BREAK UP: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm</b>

**Class Assemblies 2017-18**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>
Spring 1	Class 1	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am
Spring 1	Class 2	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am
Spring 2	Class 3	Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March at 9:15am
Spring 2	Class 4	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:15am
Summer 1	Class 5	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am
Summer 1	Class F	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am