

**SPRING TERM  
2018  
NEWSLETTER 13  
Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

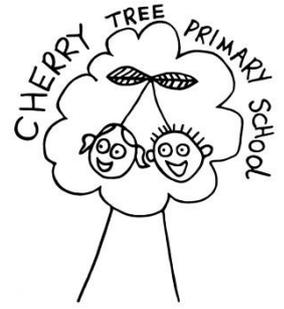
# CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 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

### SATs

Our Year 6 children completed their SATs last week and remained calm and focused throughout. Test results are not published until early July. Whatever the outcome of the tests, we are proud of our Year 6 children and their hard-work and commitment over the past 7 years. Year 2 have also carried out some SATs assessment in a more informal setting, they too have showed real maturity and an ability to concentrate.

The Year 6 children and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our fabulous cook Tracy, for providing a delicious cooked breakfast for the children each morning.

### May Queen Parade

The May Queen Parade turned out to be a huge success after initially being cancelled due to low numbers. Thanks to a Blue Peter video and the support from a dedicated group of



parents, it took less than 24 hours to pull together

50 walkers and a range of amazing Blue Peter props to ensure that our school was represented.

The weather was warm and dry and hundreds of people lined the streets of Lymm to watch the parade. The photographs taken here are from the Warrington Guardian where there is a full feature on the event.

I would like to thank all those who were involved in the preparation of the event and those who walked or supported our parade.



### Running Festival

Today our whole school came out in force to cumulatively run 100km around our school grounds! The aim being to raise funds to enable us to have a running track fitted around the field. Our young runners and staff **SMASHED** the 100km target and ran an impressive total of **310km!!** We will inform you of the amount we managed to raise when all funds have been brought into school and counted.

We are proud of our growing community of keen runners at Cherry Tree, both children and adults. People both young and 'not quite as young', are being inspired to run and get fit, which is beneficial to both physical and mental well-being.

### Multi-Academy Trusts

You may be aware of the Government's aim for all schools to become academies by 2022. Becoming a single academy is no longer an option. Instead schools are being encouraged to form a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) At Cherry Tree School, we already work very closely with other local primary schools to share best practice and ensure we continually improve teaching and learning outcomes for all children. As part of that collaborative work, we are currently exploring future options that both align with government plans but, more importantly, continue to ensure the best education for our children. We are in the early stages of discussions and will keep you updated of any developments.



## Parent Pay and School Money

We currently have two online payments systems:

- **School Money** (which is now under the umbrella branding of Edu Spot), for payments to do with school trips, swimming lessons, etc.
- **ParentPay** is our new payment system for school meals, and from this term we are using it for extra-curricular club bookings as well.

We hope in time to be able to move to just one payment site, unfortunately we will be tied into having two for a while yet. Please ensure you keep your ParentPay in credit for school meal payments. HELPFUL TIP: You may find it useful to set up a low balance alert - where you will be sent an email and/or text when your child's balance reaches a level chosen by you. To do this, simply log into ParentPay, go to 'Communications' then 'Alert Settings'. Contact the school office if you need any help.

Please note that if your account goes into debt for school lunches for three days, we will ring you to inform you and you will have to provide a packed lunch until the debit is cleared.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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### **Walk to School Week / Healthy Schools Week** Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

The following message is from Miss Flower, our PE Co-ordinator.

*Our annual Healthy Schools Week will take place next week – **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. As usual, our Healthy Schools Week coincides with Walk to School Week. Our Road Safety Officers and Eco-council members will be at the gates each morning to greet every child who has walked to school. Each child who walks to school will be given a raffle ticket each time which will go into a raffle at the end of the week where they will be able to win prizes. Whilst we appreciate it is not practical for some of you to walk to school, we would appreciate you supporting us in this initiative as far as you can. (We will accept walking from a parked car on Highfield Road or near the co-op as walking to school!) Raffle tickets will also be given to those children eating fruit/veg at playtimes and bringing in a water bottle each day.*

*Starting with our sponsored run today, all classes will be involved in exciting events, such as healthy eating workshops, scooter training, road safety awareness, Warrington Wolves rugby activities, massage workshop, online safety etc. Plus our Change4Life Champions will be running a day full of activities too. Please could you ensure that your child has their full PE kit and a water bottle in school for the whole week.*

#### **Fruit and Water Reminder**

*Children in ALL classes should have a water bottle in school, daily. These should be taken home each night to be washed and refilled. Children in classes F, 1 and 2 are provided with 'free' fruit by the Local Authority each morning playtime. They are encouraged to bring in an additional piece of fruit to have during afternoon playtime, should they wish. Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring fruit to school for morning and afternoon break times. Please encourage your children to bring in dried or fresh fruit / vegetables each day.*

*Kind regards*

*Miss Flower (PE coordinator)*



**Please could we have donations of the following:**

*Small shrubs*

*Bedding plants*

*Plants grown from bulbs - spring or summer*

*Perennials eg Primroses/polyanthus*

*Ornamental grasses*

*Herbs*

**Items for bug hotel:**

*Pine cones*

*Old books*

*Old canes*

*Lumps of wood for drilling holes in*

*Straw*

*Bits of old downspouts*

**Year 6 Residential Visits**

Our final residential trip of the year is almost upon us. On 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May, most of our Year 6 children will be having an overnight stay in London. During their visit to our capital city they will go to the theatre to see the new West End version of 'Matilda', take a trip on the London Eye and a Thames River Boat Cruise.

**Lymm Festival Open Gardens- Preparation Day Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**

During the Lymm Festival this year, Cherry Tree will be part of Lymm Open Gardens (Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 12-4pm) for the first time. We are excited to be part of the event and to be able to open our grounds up for the local community to enjoy. I am proud of our school grounds as they are, but we are hoping to make them even better over the coming weeks.

With this in mind, we are going to hold a Gardening Day where we will involve all children and family members in helping us to make our gardens and grounds look amazing!

On **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**, the children are invited to come in non-

uniform (clothes suitable for gardening activities) and to bring a plant, small shrub, cutting or a nice pot to plant things in. On the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup>, we would like to welcome family members to join us at school and help the children to plant the shrubs and bedding plants etc. that have been brought into school. Please contact school if you are able to support with gardening activities after 1pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

**Multi-Sports Holiday Camp**

There are still places available at our Whit Multi-sports camp with Dave Earnden Coaching. The camp will run during our Whit holiday.

Bookings can be made in a variety of ways:

- Online at [www.daveearndencoaching.com](http://www.daveearndencoaching.com)
- Via Twitter on [dave@daveearndencoaching.com](mailto:dave@daveearndencoaching.com)
- Directly with Dave on mobile 07532 004769.

**Sports' Morning- NEW DATE Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am** (weather dependant)

For a number of reasons it has been necessary to move the date of Sports Morning from 12<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am, with the reserve date being Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please make a note of the new date on your calendars. We are all looking forward to our Sports' morning on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am. You are invited to come along and watch your child(ren) participate in a range of sporting events to suit all tastes, both competitive and non-competitive events. If you are able to help by serving drinks or assisting with a race please let our office staff know. We are very grateful for all volunteers! Children need to wear PE shorts, trainers and a **t-shirt in the colour of their 'house'**. A reminder will be sent home to inform you which house your child is in and the colour of t-shirt that he/she will need.

Cherry Tree Houses	
Richmond	BLUE
Merton Glory	GREEN
Morello	RED
Sunburst	YELLOW

**Parent Forum- Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2:15pm**

Ten parents attended our last Parent Forum meeting in the Spring Term. The full minutes can be found on our school website under the Parent Tab. Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2:15pm. All parents are very welcome to attend. Agenda items need to be submitted by Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

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**PTA NEWS**

- **PTA Summer Party Night on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.** Tickets still available at £20 per head.
- **Ladies Lunch at Beechwood, Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June-** £32.50 a ticket including fizz on arrival, 2-course lunch, shopping and fashion show with celebrity compere.
- **Father's Day Gifts** will be available to purchase later this term, more news to follow.
- **PTA Meeting- Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm** at school. All welcome.

### Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Summer Party Night (Adults)	Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May, Lymm Tennis Club	Adults only
Ladies Lunch at Lymm Rugby Club	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 10:30am to 5pm	Ladies only
Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June- 5:30-7:30pm	Children from Y3 to 6 only
Summer Fair/Festival	Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	A family event
Ice Pop Friday (back by popular demand!)	Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Children can opt to buy an ice pop in school on the day.

### SPORTING NEWS

#### Forthcoming Competitions

SPORT	DATE & TIME	YEAR GROUP	VENUE	TRANSPORT
Rounders	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 3pm	KS2	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents

### REMINDERS

- Children **SHOULD NOT RIDE BIKES OR SCOOTERS OR PLAY FOOTBALL on the playground**
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle and a piece of fruit in school each day.
- As the weather is getting warmer remember that we teach children to be independent and that they need to be able to apply their own sunscreen. Please teach them how to do this at home and send them to school with a labelled bottle of sun-cream or apply the 8 hour variety before school.

### AND FINALLY...

The community spirit at Cherry Tree is thriving and we are achieving such a lot together to make our school even better. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm! If you have any further ideas or suggestions to add, in relation to our school, please submit these ahead of our Parent Forum meeting in July.

Kind regards,



Helen Graham  
Head Teacher