

**SPRING TERM
2019
NEWSLETTER 11
Friday, 22nd
March**

CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

Bringing out the best in each other as we blossom and grow

Our Values

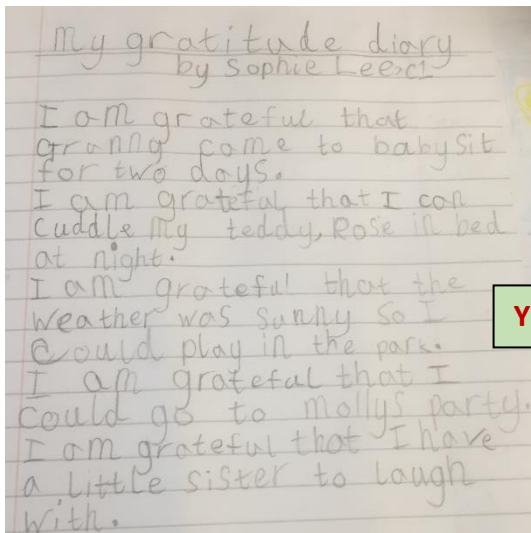
*Happy, Aspirational, Resilient, Independent,
Open-minded, Compassionate*



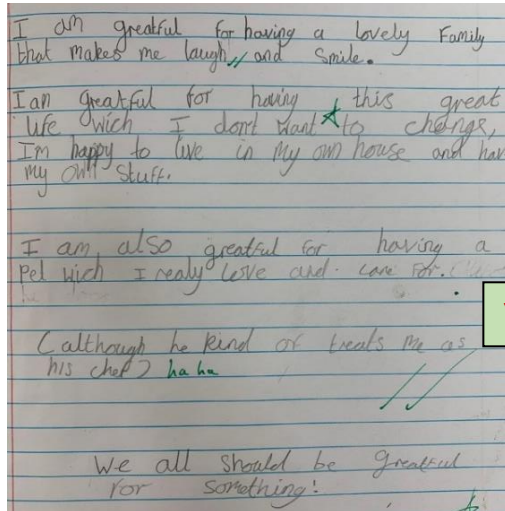
SCHOOL NEWS

Head Teacher Half Term Homework

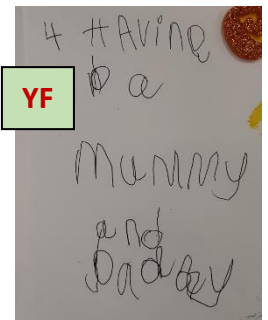
There have been some truly moving expressions of gratitude that have been sent in to us by your children. Thank you for taking the time to encourage your children to think positively and to appreciate the 'little things' in life. This is something that is at the centre of our core values, particularly our Happiness value. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, when we teach and model gratitude to our children, it can help them find greater happiness in life. Here are a few examples:



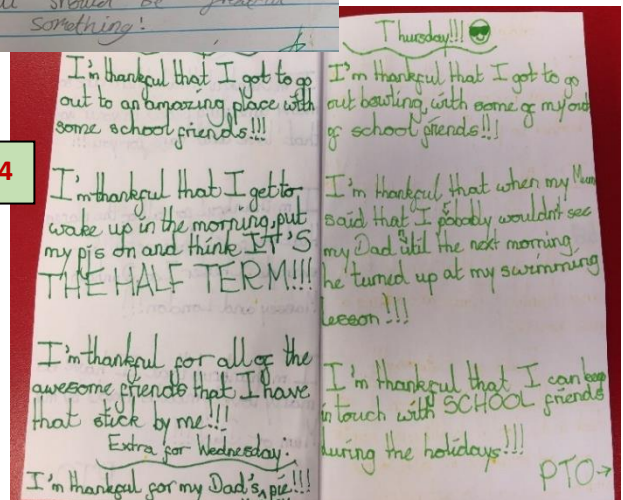
Y1



Y3



YF



Y4

Computing

We are delighted to have new computing equipment in school. We have greatly increased the access to technology for the children from 29% to 46% at any one time, which we believe will improve learning across the curriculum. The laptops have been replaced by chrome books which are much quicker to start up and shut down, therefore the time spent working has been increased. The children in KS2 now have access to their own online drive to store their work.



In addition to this, we now have 16 ipads which are adding to their creative skills. Many thanks to the PTA and governors for their support. We have also had an amazing response to seesaw, which is not only giving us an opportunity to share your child's work but also store evidence of the practical activities they take part in. Make sure you have downloaded the app to see your child's work.

On Friday, 12th April, when school is closed for children, we will be having staff training on computing. **School closes for the Easter break on Thursday, 11th April at 2:30pm.**

Fire Drill Procedures

Our fire alarm recently went off unexpectedly (on a rainy day!) during our Friday Praise Assembly, with parents in attendance. No-one was in danger and we evacuated the building quickly. The children knew what to do and where to go and were quickly accounted for in their 'fire lines' on the playground. The fact that we had many parents on site on this occasion, brought to our attention the fact that visitors were not clear on where to exit the building. Our procedures and signage are up to date, as verified in our latest fire risk assessment. However, it became clear that greater communication was needed when visitors are in school. We have four exits from the hall, one at each corner. Next time you are in school, please look for the fire exit signs to establish where your nearest exit is should we our alarm go off. It may be necessary to leave via the front door. A member of staff will meet you out there to check everyone is accounted for.

Parent Forum

The minutes of the recent Parent Forum meeting can be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab. We had good attendance at the meeting and some worthwhile discussions took place. The topics under discussion were:

- An update on writing provision at Cherry Tree.
- Provision for the more able children.
- Homework.
- SeeSaw.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER
Parents' Evenings
Monday, 25th March:
4:30 to 7:30pm
Tuesday, 26th March:
3:30pm to 5:30pm

RE Workshops

Class 4 shall be visiting St Mary's Church for an Interactive Easter Workshop on Wednesday, 27th March.

Class Assemblies This Term

(all start at 9:15am, enter via the playground door)

- **Class 2 Assembly**- Friday, 29th March
- **Class 4 Assembly**- Thursday, 11th April
- **Class 5 Assembly**- Thursday, 3rd May
- **Class F Assembly**- Thursday, 23rd May

Praise Assembly

Each class has an opportunity for their parents to attend Praise Assembly. This is an open invitation for the parents/grandparents 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! ;-))

Class	Date and Time
Class 4	Friday, 26 th April at 2pm
Class 5	Friday, 10 th May at 2pm
Class 6	Friday, 17 th May at 2pm

Cherry Tree Holiday Camp (Sports and Crafts)

There will be a Holiday Camp during the Easter break, again run by our Cherry Tree staff. See a copy of the flier at the end of this Newsletter.

Calendar and Holiday Dates

Please refer to www.cherrytreeschool.co.uk for details of all our current dates. Our Holiday Dates for 2019-20 have been amended based on parental feedback, to align more closely with the Lymm High School holiday schedule. Many of you wanted us to have two weeks at Easter to match the Lymm High holidays; the governors and I have listened to your views and altered the dates.

PTA NEWS

We are incredibly grateful to the dedicated members of our PTA who give up their time to organise all of our events, both completed and planned events.

Please come along and enjoy yourself at one of our forthcoming events, while raising funds for our school.

Update on recent PTA Events

Event	Funds Raised	Feedback
Second Hand Uniform and Books Sale	£189	Thank you for the donations of books and uniform; allowing us to raise this money. Surplus donations will be on sale at the Summer Fair in July.
Pamper Night	£1071	We are grateful to all of the beauticians and therapists, and especially to those who donated all of their taking for the night. This enabled us to raise over £1000, despite our ticket sales being lower than usual.
PJs and Popcorn Night	£409	Another fun night, with a great profit!

Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 5 th April	Chocolate donations please.
Chocolate Bingo	Wednesday, 10th April	Details have been sent home this week.
Summer Party	Friday 10 th May	Church Green (Adult event.)
May Queen Parade	Saturday, 18 th May	Details to follow nearer the time.
Ladies Day at the Rugby Club	Friday, 14 th June	Details to follow nearer the time.
Sports Morning	Tuesday, 18 th June	Tea and coffee stall run by PTA.
Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 26 th June	Year 3 to Year 6.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 5 th July	Tombola donations please.
Summer Fair	Saturday, 6 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.
Ice-Pop Friday	Friday, 12 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.

SPORTING NEWS

YET ANOTHER WIN for Cherry Tree!! Our Year KS2 Cross Country team won last Monday. Mr Morris said that the recent Hockey competition was one of his highlights of the year, as the children were extremely focused and gave maximum effort!

The competition record is as follows:

Competition	Date	Result
KS1 Football	17-09-18	3rd
KS2 Football	24-09-18	FIRST
KS2 Girls	1-10-18	2 nd (Narrowly lost on penalties, after extra time...)
Y5/6 Tag Rugby	8-10-18	FIRST
Y5/6 Netball	15-10-18	FIRST
Indoor Athletics	12-11-18	Non-competitive
Basketball	19-11-18	2 nd
KS1 Multi-Skills	26-11-18	Non-competitive
Y5/6 Swimming Gala	3-12-18	Ellie Jack (Y6) FIRST , Overall team place 3 rd
Y5/6 Handball	21-01-19	FIRST
KS2 Water Polo	28-01-19	FIRST
Hockey	11-02-19	FIRST
LATEST NEWS: Cross Country	18-03-19	FIRST

Out of the 11 competitive events, we have come in the TOP THREE EVERY TIME and have WON SEVEN of the competitions! I can't tell you how proud I am!!! 😊

Forthcoming Competitions

SPORT	DATE & TIME	YEAR GROUP	VENUE	TRANSPORT
KS1 Athletics	Monday, 1 st April 3pm- 5:30pm	Year 2	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents

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.

- Football is not allowed to be played before school or between 3:15pm and 3:30pm, for the safety of all of our children and families, especially pre-school children and babies.

Playtimes

Due to the recent heavy rain, we are not using the field until the ground has begun to dry out. Please keep children off the sodden field and the muddy areas before and after school.

AND FINALLY...

All nine of the eggs that arrived on Monday have hatched into chicks and are thriving. Each class, (and also the pre-school) have had the opportunity to closely observe their behaviour and development. These are 'eggciting' times at Cherry Tree! The children are having a 'cracking' time! Do pass on any further egg-related humour with your children to share in school! ;-)

Kind regards,

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Helen Graham
Head Teacher



Fun, active, reliable and high quality

CHERRY TREE HOLIDAY CAMP

15th to 18th April 2019
8.30am-5.00pm



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)

See the form overleaf for more information and to sign up

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 15th April 2019, 8.30am-5.00pm
£23
- Tuesday 16th April 2019, 8.30am-5.00pm
£23
- Wednesday 17th April 2019, 8.30am-5.00pm
£23
- Thursday 18th April 2019, 8.30am-5.00pm
£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 29th March** 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.