

**AUTUMN TERM
2019
NEWSLETTER 6
Friday, 13th
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

"I'm Gonna Shine"

The children in Class F, 1 and 2 gave an exceptional performance of 'I'm Gonna Shine' over the past two days. We have received lots of glowing feedback from those who came to watch. The children and staff involved gave maximum effort in order to make the show so successful. Well done to everyone involved!

If you would like to purchase a professional photograph of the show, please visit the 'Useful Links' section on ParentApp where you will find a link to view a range of photos. 50% of the proceeds from the photographs is being kindly donated to Cherry Tree by Mrs Morrison.

Chester Zoo Christmas Treat Trip- *News Report from Finlay Roberts, Year 5*

The following report was written by Finlay Roberts, as part of his class work:

"Last Monday Cherry Tree got to go on a very lucky trip to Chester Zoo, to see all of the animals. First we went to the butterflies that were whizzing around. If you were lucky, the butterflies would land on your arm. When you looked around, you could see the butterflies eating fruit in the trees. In the greenhouse it was very hot because they are used to hot temperatures. Next we headed to the giraffes and they were all trying to get out of the door. There was a 6 foot baby giraffe there too. After that we got to the elephants, some of them started to eat the hay from a net at the top of a very tall pole."

Everyone enjoyed their free entrance to the zoo and the chance to go on a visit as a whole school.

Walton Gardens Cross Country Event



Over the course of our autumn term, two teams of Key Stage 2 runners have competed three times in a cross country event open to all Warrington schools. The children have run in cold, wet and muddy conditions on a Saturday morning; each time giving 100% effort and being determined to win. We are extremely pleased to announce that after all the results have been collated, our boys' team came FIRST and our girls' team came THIRD!! This is a significant achievement considering that there were around 150 runners competing in each race and 22 schools from across Warrington that competed- many of them twice the size of our one form entry school! Also some of our runners had been poorly in the week before the event, but they battled through! I have received the following feedback from the children:

"Overall the boys came FIRST, it was so exciting to lift the trophy!" James Perry, Class 5.

"We have achieved something BIG, as we have never done so well at the Walton Gardens cross country before. Our running track has helped us to improve as it is for all weather use." Annie Martin, Class 6.

Parent Survey

There is a short survey for parents that is live until the Christmas break. Please provide us with your feedback so that we are aware of your views in terms of what we could improve and what our areas of strength are. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete. 81% of our families completed our survey last year; we would love it if we could reach 90%+ response rate this year!! **Please help! ;-)**



ParentApps

Please remember to ensure that notifications are switched on within your phone settings so that you are aware when we have sent a message. It is possible to set up multiple contacts within the App so that all

relevant family members can be aware of events that are happening in school. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need our support to set someone up on the App.

Physical Activity Survey

Thank you to the 80% of our families who completed the Physical Activity Survey handed out at parents evening. As we expected, we have received very positive results, showing us that our children and their families are very active. Here are some of the headlines:

The highest response was from Class F parents, with 83% of their parents replying. Well done and thank you to Class F parents!

Class	Summary
Class F	Class F are most active at the weekends and Monday and Wednesday are their most active days.
Class 1	Class 1 are very active with families at weekends. Monday & Fridays are their least active days out of school.
Class 2	Class 2 have very active family weekends too. Tuesday and Friday are their least active days.
Class 3	Class 3 is very active at the weekend. Monday is their busiest active day (run club!) but Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only a small proportion of them are active out of school.
Class 4	Class 4 are very active at the weekend. Not many do anything on a Friday but all other days most are active (Beavers, Brownies and Cubs were included in the physical activity survey)
Class 5	In Class 5 there is a drop in <u>types</u> of activity done by each child i.e. they begin to specialise by year 5. Again they're active at weekends, not quite as active as other year groups but busier doing more clubs at school than other years. Their least active day is Friday followed by Wednesday.
Class 6	And finally Year 6 are very busy at weekends with lots of sports matches played. They are least active on a Wednesday and Friday.

We will use this information to help us plan our extra-curricular clubs going forwards; on days where children are less active, we will aim to offer a physical activity club. Mrs Lynch has put a lot of time and effort into liaising with club leaders to create extra-curricular club provision at Cherry Tree which caters for everyone's preferences and availability. In the spring term 2020, we have 4 clubs on per night and two new clubs on offer: Confidence Academy and Clay club. The clubs list has been published on ParentApps. Booking will be available on ParentPay next Friday.



'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day

Our School Council invited everyone to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or t-shirt today. In doing so, they raised £183 for the Save the Children Charity.

Save the Children.

Support from Our Local Co-op

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.



School Meals

You have no doubt heard about our tasty school dinners. A child who has recently joined us from another school said: 'They were the best school dinners he had ever tasted!' Not only has our new cook, Donna quickly got to know our children, their dietary requirements and their individual quirks, last week she was awarded the 5 star food hygiene rating. Well done to Donna!! We are all looking forward to Christmas lunch next Thursday, 19th December!



Cherry Tree to 5k (and beyond!)



Our Friday morning adult runners ran around Dunham Massey to celebrate the end of another Cherry Tree to 5k program! Well done to everyone especially those clocking up even more than 5k in distance. Georgina and George, our run leaders will start another beginners program in



January, as well as the improvers program for those athletes working towards 10k, half marathons and marathons! Why not join them in inspiring our children to get fit and take on new challenges. The club will start again on Friday, 10th January. All welcome!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Events and more...

We are entering our final week of 2019. Please find attached the diary dates until we break up. These can also be found on our website.

		School Events	Parent Events	PTA Events
14 December	Sat			Dickensian Parade
16 December	Mon	Choir to visit care homes to sing carols		
16 December	Mon	KS2 Carol Concert Rehearsal in school		
17 December	Tue	Tuesday, KS2 Carol Concert Rehearsal 1:30pm at St Mary's Allotment Club- Wreath making	KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, 6pm	
18 December	Wed	Confidence Academy Workshops for all children Clay Creators Assembly at 2pm	Miniature Maestros Recital at 9am for own parents.	
19 December	Thu	Christmas Dinner 11:30am-1pm No need for children to pre-book, pay on the day as normal. Some governors will be joining the children for lunch.		
20 December	Fri	Christmas Assembly 1:30pm, AND Last day of the full term, 2:30pm finish		

PTA NEWS

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair raised a total of £1533. Thank you to everyone who was able to join in with the festive fun and especially to those of you who organised the event or volunteered on the night.

Santa Breakfast

This event was a huge success; selling out in just 5 hours and raising over £460!! Our PTA volunteers worked incredibly hard to provide a festive breakfast for 140 of our children and parents. Father Christmas was most impressed by our friendly, polite children. He visited all of our classes to do a spot check on behaviour! You will be pleased to know that NONE of our children were on the naughty list! Hohoho!!

Dickensian Parade

We are really pleased to have 50 children who have signed up to walk in the parade this year! Jo Lubbock is working as hard as Santa's elves to create costumes for everyone involved. We are hoping for dry weather but past experience tells me that whatever the weather our Cherry Tree spirit will not be dampened!

Forthcoming PTA Events

Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Dickensian Day	Saturday 14 th December 10am-4pm	PTA stall selling mulled wine in the village hall. A number of children are taking part in the Dickensian parade.



SPORTING NEWS

Almost a whole term into the academic year and we still continue to be in the top three for all competitions entered! See below for more details and match reports!

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Competition	Date	Result	Match Reports
Y5/6 Tag Rugby	16-09-19	FIRST	<i>'I am so pleased that we won! The whole team were amazing!' Joe Davies Year 6.</i>
Y6 Netball	24-09-19	3rd	<i>'The Netball competition was really fun and a great experience.' Elisa Rocher Year 6.</i>
Y2 Football	30-09-19	FIRST	<i>'The first match was against Ravenbank and we drew 0-0. The second match was against Oughtrington and we won 2-0. The third match was against Statham and we won 1-0. The fourth match was against Little Bollington and we won 7-0. The last match was against High Legh and we won 3-0. After that they called us in to tell us the results and we won overall. Then we went to get our certificates and a team photo.' Luke Barnes, Year 2.</i>
KS2 Boys Football	7-10-19	2nd	<i>'The football competition was a great experience and we did really well to finish 2nd.' Charlie Harrison Year 6.</i>
KS2 Girls Football	14-10-19	3rd	<i>'They didn't give up, they were resilient just like our values!' Freya Sanderson Year 6- match journalist.</i>
Y3/4 Rugby Festival	22-10-19	Non-Competitive	This was a non-competitive festival for which I received the following feedback from one of our governors, Georgina Walker, who attended the event: <i>'Thank you for inviting me along to the rugby festival today. It was brilliant and all the children benefited from being included today.'</i>
KS1 Multi-Skills	18-11-19	Non-Competitive	<i>Mr Morris reported that the children who attended fully immersed themselves in all the activities on offer and represented our school beautifully.</i>
Basketball	25-11-19	3rd	<i>Despite having three team members who were poorly on the day and some last minute team changes, our Basketball team did really well and came in third position.</i>
Cross Country (Culmination of three events)	12-10-19 -11-19 7-12-19	1st- Boys 3rd Girls	<i>"Overall the boys came FIRST, it was so exciting to lift the trophy!" James Perry, Class 5.</i> <i>"We have achieved something BIG, as we have never done so well at the Walton Gardens cross country before. Our running track has helped us to improve as it is for all weather use." Annie Martin, Class 6.</i>

Sports Crew News

This year there are twelve children who form our sports crew. Their remit is to organise competitions within school, to publicise these events and to give rewards for the winning teams. So far they have organised two football competitions with Year 3 and Year 4. Their latest event is a basketball competition for Year 5.

Change 4 life (C4L)

We have a group of Year 5 C4L Champions who organise physical activities for younger children to take part in at lunch time. Change 4 Life has really taken off this year thanks to the enthusiasm of the children who run the activities. Yesterday our Y5 champions inspired over 60 children to use our running track during lunch time. One of our governors, Georgina Walker initially supported them to organise activities but now they are able to operate independently and demonstrate great leadership skills. Well done to our C4L champions!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nature Grant Success

We recently applied for a 'local schools nature grant' in order to enhance the equipment we use in our allotment and within our school grounds for science lessons and environmental activities. Our request for an 'Insect Study Centre', a wildlife camera and an 'Easy Scope' (microscope) has been accepted. We will also be given some free staff training to help us make the most of our extensive grounds.

REMINDERS

Praise Assembly Invite

As previously mentioned, parents of each class are invited to come along to our Friday praise assembly once during the year. This is not a class assembly, just a chance for you to join in the celebration.

Class	Date and Time
Class 4	Friday, 24 th January at 2pm
Class 3	Friday, 28 th February at 2pm
Class 2	Friday, 20 th March at 2pm
Class 1	Friday, 24 th April at 2pm
Class F	Friday, 19 th June at 2pm

Lunch Invitation for Parents

- Class 5 parents on Friday, 17th January
- Class 4 parents on Wednesday, 29th January
- Class 3 parents on Wednesday, 26th February
- Class 2 parents on Wednesday, 1st April
- Class 1 parents on Wednesday, 6th May
- Class F parents on Wednesday, 10th June

Future Holiday Camp dates are as follows:

	Christmas Break	NO CAMP
Spring Term	February Half Term	Monday, 17 th to Thursday, 20 th
	Easter Holiday	Monday, 6 th to Thursday, 9 th April then Tuesday, 14 th to Thursday, 16 th
Summer Term	Whit Holiday	Tuesday, 26 th to Thursday, 28 th May then Monday, 1 st June to Thursday, 4 th June
	Summer Holiday	First three weeks of the holiday.

FINALLY...

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for the part that you have played, in supporting our school this term by attending events, volunteering or encouraging your children to participate and 'do their best'. I am very proud of all of our children and everything that they have achieved!

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher