

**AUTUMN TERM
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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 Homework Task- THANK YOU

Thank you to those children who decorated a pebble to commemorate Remembrance Day 2018. The pebbles have been relocated and are now displayed in the large planter at the front of school.



You may have noticed that I have started to appear on the playground before school. I aim to do this as often as possible in order to make myself available to parents and children for an

informal chat etc. This will not be possible for me every day due to other commitments, but do come and ask any questions or just have a chat with me - I am there to help! :-). In addition, each morning we have a member of staff who ensures that all children have come into school safely and then locks the doors- they are also available to take messages.

Extreme Bike Show – Monday, 19th November



On Monday, European and British Bike Champion Danny Butler, delivered some important messages around four of our core values: aspirations, compassion, happiness and resilience. He also talked about his experience of bullying and how he overcame this with support from friends and with a positive outlook. On top of all this Danny



impressed us with some incredible, brave stunts on his mountain bike! Thank you to our PTA for agreeing to fund the Extreme Bike Show- we all loved it.

Chair of Governors Update

As Chair of Governors I want to ensure all our families are kept informed about the work that the Governing Board does to ensure Cherry Tree is providing the best possible education for our children. We want to keep in touch with our parents so therefore after each Full Governing Board (FGB) meeting I commit to providing you with a brief update in the newsletter to highlight the key issues that were discussed and the outcomes.

The FGB met last Monday, 12th November 2018. Governors discussed and approved the School Development Plan (SDP) and the School Evaluation Form (SEF). The SEF identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the school and defines the actions we are taking to make improvements; this document is also submitted to Ofsted should we be inspected. The SDP defines which development areas the teachers, staff and governors, will focus on this year.

We also discussed the tricky issue of future school holidays. This topic always divides opinion. But, having

listened to parental feedback via the parent survey, we agreed that we will endeavour to mirror our holiday periods with those of Lymm High School, while still keeping the two week Whit Holiday which 71% of our families voted in favour of.

The Governors also discussed the significant financial support that our families and community are giving to school, via donations and by attending the PTA events. On behalf of the Full Governing Board I would like to express our gratitude towards all of you for your generosity and commitment to our lovely school.

Christine Mitchell-Brown

Attendance

At Cherry Tree our aim is for all children to be present 100% of the time. We recognise that circumstances don't always allow that, so we have a school attendance target of 97% per child. Thank you to everyone for punctual and consistent attendance, it really does make a difference.

Did you know?

- *There are only 38 teaching weeks in the school year; there are 14 weeks of holiday.*
- *95% attendance sounds good, but means that you are taking one day off a month!*

Attendance this week

Y6: 99.39%

Y3: 99.06%

Y2: 99.03%

CF: 98%

Y5: 97.74%

Y4: 96.33%

Y1: 96.13%

Parent Forum- Friday, 7th December at 2:15pm

Remember that if you have any ideas regarding how we could improve further, please come along to our next Parent Forum meeting on Friday, 7th December at 2:15pm.

PE Lessons and Sports Kit

I am sure you are already aware that we are gaining a fantastic reputation among the community as the 'school to beat' at competitions. We are very proud of the sporting ability and team effort shown by all of our children. However, we need your support please. An increasing number of children are coming to school without the correct PE kit or without trainers. This tends to be the older year groups.

Please help us to maintain the high status that we have given to sport by ensuring that your child is prepared for any sporting activity- including after school sports clubs.

Timetable Rockstars

We are delighted to announce that you can now use the app as well as the website to access times table rockstars. Therefore the children can now practise their times tables on tablets and phones. This is a fun and exciting way for the children in Year 2 up to Year 6 to learn their times tables. There are four main game modes. Two of these are set by the class teacher. These are set to allow the children to develop greater speed, so there may be fewer sets of tables than you would expect. Remember it also asks the division facts, therefore two set of tables includes forty eight facts to remember in the shortest time possible. There are other modes in which they can work on all the tables up to 12 x 12. The national expectation is for children to know ALL the times tables confidently by the time they complete Year 4.

In 2019, our Year 4 children will be taking the national times tables test. This new test is being introduced by the DofE as a trial this year, and then as a statutory requirement from 2020.

Whole School Cinema Visit

For the last few years, we have taken the whole school to the theatre to watch a pantomime, at one of the large theatres in Manchester, or Liverpool. This has always been an enjoyable and memorable occasion. Having taken feedback from staff and some parents, we are in the process of organising a visit to the cinema this year instead, again for the whole school. This will provide them with a different experience and will be less expensive. We aim to continue with a theatre visit again in the future with a view to ensuring that all children experience a couple of these visits during their time at Cherry Tree.

Praise Assembly

I am sure you are aware that we hold a weekly Praise Assembly on a Friday, at 2pm. Personally, this is my favourite assembly of the week, as we all come together to celebrate achievement and progress. All of our children sing a hymn during the assembly, I give out two certificates to each year group and any other awards that have been achieved that week. I have decided to invite parents to join us at this assembly on occasion. In order to allow parents to turn up without a booking system, and for capacity reasons, one class of parents will be invited at a time. Please see the timetable below for each class:

Class	Date and Time
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Class F	Friday, 11 th January at 2pm
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

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Year 1 Parents join us for Lunch- Wednesday, 23rd January at 12 noon

The opportunity to come to school and have lunch with your child is being made available to each year group on the following dates:

Class 1 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 23rd January

Class F parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 6th February

Parents have the choice of bringing their own lunch or ordering a school meal, at the normal price of £2.30 and sitting with their child and experiencing lunch time. Please pre-order/complete the relevant slip and arrive at 12 noon (KS1) should you wish to join your child on the specified date.

Payment for the lunch must be made via ParentPay (we are no longer able to accept cash payments for meals). Please ensure that you have £2.30 in your child's account to cover the cost of your meal, and the money will be deducted automatically when you eat with us. Thank you.

Holiday Camp- SAVE the DATE

We are delighted to say that in response to a survey, 100% of parents were happy with the October Holiday Camps and every child that came along enjoyed them. 100% of parents felt the camp had the right kind of activities and would recommend the camps to others. Here are some of their comments...

'My child loved that there was a variety of activities throughout the day, rather than just sports.'

One child said 'it was all amazing and I'm looking forward to the next one.'

'Music and lights while playing sport in the hall went down very well!'

Our next camp will take place during the February half term holiday for four days. The dates are as follows:

Monday, 18th to Thursday, 21st of February. A flier with booking details will be sent home within the next couple of weeks.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our School Council joined the Governing Board for their termly meeting on Monday, 12th November. The children found out about the work of the governing board and introduced themselves to our governors.

This link between the governors and the School Council will continue as our Chair of Governors, Christine Mitchell-Brown, attends regular School Council meetings.

Many thanks go to our School Council for organising a Wacky Hair Day- this event raised over £210 for the Children in Need charity. A fantastic amount for the School Council's first project.

PTA NEWS

Children's PJs and Popcorn Night

Lots of children came along to this event last week, enabling our PTA to raise over £500! Thank you to the volunteer helpers and to those of you who supported this event.

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
NEXT EVENT: Wear a Christmas Accessory	Thursday, 29th November	Bring a jar, bottle or chocolates for the tombola stalls.
Christmas Fair	Thursday, 29th November, 5:30pm to 7:30pm	Entry £1 adults, children free. A chance to meet Santa in his

		grotto, plus lots of shopping stalls, games, raffle and bar.
Santa Breakfast	Friday, 7 th December 8am-9am	This event has now SOLD OUT.
Dickensian Day	Saturday 8 December 10am-4pm	PTA stall selling mulled wine in the village hall. Children can also take part in the Dickensian parade. Look out for flyers in book bags next week
Christmas Puddings	Our Cherry Tree branded puddings are on sale again this year priced at £5.50 each or 3 for £15. Order forms are available from reception	

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Mary's Lymm Christmas Tree Festival- Friday, 30th November – Sunday, 2nd December 2018

*This year marks the fourth St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival and it promises to be bigger and better with more local groups and organisations being involved. Admission is **free** to see over forty Christmas trees on display and enjoy several choirs and musicians who will be entertaining visitors over the weekend as follows:*

Friday, 30th November- Young Peoples Day

- *10am **Children from Cherry Tree Primary School** (Year 3 and 4) will open our Christmas Tree Festival with festive carols.*
- *Praise and Play is at 10.30am,*
- *11.00am Statham Community Primary School Choir.*
- *1:15pm Ravenbank School Choir*
- *2:30pm Lymm High School Brass Ensemble.*

There are craft activities and produce stalls to peruse and also a 'church mouse trail' to find, before the church closes at 5.00pm.

The Festival reopens at 10.00am – 5.00pm on Saturday. Concerts continue at 10.30am with Lymm Pop Choir, Lymm Golf Club Ladies Ukulele Band at 12 noon and 2.00pm Lymm and District Chorus.

Sunday begins at 10.00am with an informal family Advent Service including carols, story time and crafts to make. There will be a gift of an Advent book for everyone, young or old.

At 12.30pm the Serenade Singers will be providing some seasonal music before the Festival ends at 4.00pm. Refreshments of tea coffee and cake will be served throughout the festival, with soup and a roll also being available on Saturday and Sunday lunchtime.

Rev Bev Jameson, Rector St Mary the Virgin Lymm and Chaplain to the Royal British Legion Lymm and District Branch said "This year is going to be an absolutely breath-taking festival. Do come along and hear the wonderful concerts. Why not make a day of it and stay for lunch on Saturday and Sunday. I can highly recommend the cakes! The 10.00am Advent Service on Sunday is going to be fun for all the family with a gift of a little Advent booklet with my love. Enormous thanks to Carol Roberts, Sue Walton and everyone who is helping make this a spectacular event."

SPORTING NEWS

Walton Gardens Cross Country- At the second leg of this competition, our boys' team did particularly well, coming second overall!!! Well done team Cherry Tree!

Basketball 19th November- Our Year 6 team narrowly missed a win by one goal/basket in their recent Basketball competition, putting us in a very respectable second place! Congratulations everyone!

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.

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher



Year 1 Parents - School Lunch invitation- Wednesday, 23rd January 2019

I would like to join my child _____ Class ____ for lunch at 12 noon on Wednesday, 23rd January.

I have transferred funds to Parent Pay (cost per meal £2.30) and would like to order:

- Fruity chicken curry with rice
- Tomato and cheese pasta bake with garlic bread
- Filled jacket potato with cheese and beans

OR I will be bringing my own packed lunch

For safeguarding reasons, parents are not allowed onto the playground after eating their lunch.