

**SPRING TERM
2019
NEWSLETTER 9
Friday, 8th
February**

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

NEWSFLASH

SAVE the DATE: Parents' Evenings

Monday, 25th March from 4:30 to 7:30pm

Tuesday, 26th March from 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Separate letter to follow nearer the time.



Happy News

Mrs Kennedy's baby boy, Patrick James, arrived weighing 9lb 5oz on Saturday, 26th January. Both Patrick and Mrs Kennedy are doing really well.

Young Minds

We have recently received a thank you from 'Young Minds' for the generous donation of £907 that we raised for their charity last term. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Yoga Day

I hope you have heard about our 'Yoga Day' on Monday when Jen Hoe from Happy Kids Yoga delivered a workshop to each class. Jen also trained the staff to be able to deliver simple yoga and mindfulness activities during the school day. Ask your children about the Happy Yoga Flow or the Happy Humming Breath activities. 😊

Development Fund

A total of £499 has been transferred into our bank account via the PTA this month. This is the combined amount raised from our 'Development Fund' since September. A further two, separate donations of £1000 have also been made by two very kind families who wanted to support our Daily Mile/All-weather track project. I find it difficult to express just how much we appreciate the generosity of these families who are willing to contribute money that will benefit our whole school community. Our school budget continues to be tight, but we are able to set a balanced budget thanks to careful financial management and the generosity of our community.

Daily Mile/All-Weather Track

A while ago I wrote to parents to explain that it was our dream to develop our grounds by having an all-weather track installed. This track would allow our children to be more active even when our field is wet, as it would be suitable for use in all weathers. (Excepting extreme conditions of course!)

Our PTA and governors have joined force to bid for funds to help us achieve this goal. Our initial bid to Aviva was unsuccessful, but this does not deter the Cherry Tree spirit. Two further bids have been submitted to other organisations. Even if these bids fail, with the support of our PTA and the generosity of parents who have donated money to this cause, we are on target to be able to afford to install a track this summer. We are very grateful to the Round Table who last month, donated £500 towards this project.

Computing

Next month, we will be updating all of the children's IT equipment as our current lease comes to an end. The 64 laptops that we currently use, will be replaced with 84 chrome books, plus an additional 16 iPads. Our aim is for every child to use technology confidently, skilfully and creatively to support and develop their learning across the curriculum. Plus for every teacher to be able to confidently deliver a computing scheme of work with the technology to support it. Currently only 29% of the children in school can access technology at the same time. This will rise to **46%** with the addition of the new technology. Alongside the new equipment, staff will receive



training to upskill them in the delivery of the latest developments in technology curriculum. Thanks go to our PTA who have agreed to help us with the set up costs involved in upgrading our IT provision and also switching over from one company to another.

Peer Review

A reminder that we are looking forward to welcoming the Head Teachers from Statham Primary and Thelwall Infants and the Deputy from Bradshaw Primary on Monday, 11th February. This review team will talk to staff and children, look at children's work and observe lessons. They will be focusing on how we teach writing at Cherry Tree and then discuss their findings with the senior leadership team. (Mrs Graham, Mrs Bottomley and Mr Adams.) We are looking forward to working with other professionals and sharing good practice.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Class	Date and Time
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

Praise Assembly

As previously advertised, each class has an opportunity for their parents to attend Praise Assembly. 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.

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! ;-))

Cherry Tree Holiday Camp (Sports and Crafts)

Back by popular demand, our very own Holiday Camp, run by Cherry Tree staff. We have had a good response so far, meaning that each day will definitely go ahead. Places are still available to book. Please contact the school office if you should wish to book a place.

Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents

Mrs Kinzett will lead a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents on **Tuesday, 26th February at 2:30pm**. Please come along to find out more about how we teach phonics, how you can support at home and what the statutory phonics screening check entails. The Year 1 phonic screening check will be administered by Mrs Kinzett, during the week commencing 10th June.

RE Workshops

Class 4 shall be visiting St Mary's Church for an Interactive Easter Workshop, more information will be provided closer to the event. Class 5 will visit the Methodist church for their Hope Journey workshop on Thursday, 7th March.

Class Assemblies This Term (all start at 9:15am)

- **Class 3 Assembly**- Friday, 15th March
- **Class 2 Assembly**- Friday, 29th March
- **Class 2 Assembly**- Thursday, 11th April

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

NEW Parent Forum Chair

Our NEW Parent Forum Chair, Gillian Shaw has recently been appointed. Mrs Shaw has two children at our school, Kate in Year 1 and Ben in Year 3. Gemma Jack will hand over the role to Mrs Shaw who will lead the next Parent Forum meeting on **Friday, 15th March at 2:15pm**. Any topics for discussion that you wish to add to the agenda need to be forwarded to my email address or passed to the school office by 9am on Friday, 8th March.

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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



CHERRY TREE HOLIDAY CAMP
18th to 21st Feb
8.30am-5pm

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)

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

I have already mentioned a couple of significant investments that the PTA have agreed to this academic year for which we are very grateful. I cannot emphasise enough how important the PTA is to our school. Their events are well-organised and fun and raise large amounts of money that DIRECTLY benefit all of our children. Please come along and enjoy yourself at one of our forthcoming events, while raising funds for our school.

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Cake Sale	Friday, 8 th February	After school, please donate cakes. Nut free please.
Quiz Night	Friday, 15 th February	Adults only, teams of up to 6 allowed
Second Hand Uniform and Books Sale	Thursday, 7 th March Friday, 8 th March	Donations welcome the week of the sale. (Not before please, we have limited space...)
Pamper Night	Friday, 8 th March	Details to follow.
PJs and Popcorn Night	Wednesday, 27 th Feb	Children only.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 5 th April	Chocolate donations please.
Chocolate Bingo	Wednesday, 10 th April	Details to follow
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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Last term our School Council asked if we could have some additional roll bars as the children love to play on these during break times. Their wish has been made possible by the Co-op Community Fund which rased £4112 for our school grounds. We will also be able to use this money to complete our outdoor Story Circle by installing wooden benches around the seat which commemorates Sheila Woodyatt, our late Chair of Governors.

SPORTING NEWS

Yet again this is turning out to be a great year for Cherry Tree Sporting achievement! The current 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

As you can see, out of the 9 competitive competitions, we have come in the TOP THREE EVERY TIME and have WON FIVE of the competitions! We are incredibly proud of our children and the attitudes they demonstrate during trials and subsequent competitions.

Children are selected for teams in a fair way, following a trial. Mr Morris has support from one of our governors when selecting our teams.

Forthcoming Competitions

SPORT	DATE & TIME	YEAR GROUP	VENUE	TRANSPORT
Hockey	Monday, 11 th February 3pm- 5:30pm	Year 5 and 6	Lymm High School	To be arranged by parents
KS1 Athletics	Monday, 11 th March 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.
- We always prefer to use our outdoor space for playtimes and PE lessons as much as possible. Therefore, in the winter months please ensure your child has the following:
 - Warm coat, hat, gloves.
 - Tracksuit for PE lessons.

If you have any suggestions as to how we could further develop our school or ways in which we can help you, do come along to the Parent Forum meeting or get in touch with me directly. I am out on the playground most mornings, whatever the weather so come and chat to me if I can help or you just want to share something with me.

Finally, take the time to have a look at our two displays showing all the reasons why your children love Cherry Tree School- they have made some uplifting comments.

Kind regards,

H Graham

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

