

**SPRING 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

Staffing News

Mr Hughes and his wife are pleased to announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Freddie. Mr Hughes has taken paternity leave this week in order to spend time with Freddie, his wife and their two year old boy Charlie.

Moving Up Day (For all current classes, not new intake.)

Our previously advertised 'Moving Up Day' has changed and will now take place on Tuesday, 9th July so that it coincides with Year 6 going to Lymm High School for their transition day. Each class will send the day in their September classroom with their new teacher. Class teachers are remaining in their current roles, teaching the same year group they are now.

Bank Holiday Alteration

You may have heard in the national press that the May Day bank holiday 2020 is being moved to Friday, 8th May to coincide with VE Day. I have not had notification from the DfE or the council that this move will apply to schools, but thought I would forewarn you that we may need to alter our school dates to accommodate this change in 2020.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Tree Holiday Camp (Sports and Crafts)

There will be a Holiday Camp during the Summer break, again run by our Cherry Tree staff. Please contact school if you wish to book a place. If you know of any children from other primary schools who would like to attend, we can accept bookings for 4 to 11 year olds who do not attend Cherry Tree. Please pass on the details to your friends.

Health and Well-Being Fortnight- Monday, 10th June until Friday, 21st June

Our annual Health and Well-Being Fortnight is half way through and our children have been very active so far this week. The Hoola Nation workshop today has been brilliant. Every child and adult has had a go at mastering the correct Hoola technique, as taught by Guinness World Record Hoola Hooping champion, Sasha! Thank you for your donations towards our healthy activities this week.

Children are encouraged to walk to school over these two weeks. Each child who walks to school will be given a raffle ticket which can be added to a class box. **Extra raffle tickets will be awarded to children who bring water bottles and fruit/veg snacks daily.** At the end of the week there will be a reward for the class with the most tickets. 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!)

All classes will be involved in exciting events, over the course of the fortnight, some of which are provided by visiting professionals and are kindly funded by our PTA. Please could you ensure that your child has their full PE kit and a water bottle in school for the fortnight. Here are *some* of the events still to take place:

- ✓ Walk to School
- ✓ YR 6 Personal Safety Workshop
- ✓ Sports Morning
- ✓ KS2 intra class football competition
- ✓ Stranger Danger/Sun Safety/Yoga lessons
- ✓ Cherry Tree's running club working with classes
- ✓ Dentist workshop YR3 and YR4

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 fresh fruit / vegetables each day.

Parent Forum- Monday, 17th June 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. Georgina Walker as one of our parent governors, will attend each meeting and provide any necessary feedback to the governing board.

A warm welcome from the new chair- Gillian Shaw!

It was my pleasure to take over as chair of our Parent Forum at the meeting on 15th March 2019. As a working mum with two children at Cherry Tree Primary, my aim is to ensure that the forum is run by the members and to ensure that you feel able to be involved.

What is a Parent Forum?

The Parent Forum is a meeting where Cherry Tree parents and carers come together in an open discussion about matters or concerns relevant to the interests of the whole school. All parents and carers with a child attending Cherry Tree Primary School are automatically a member of our Parent Forum.

Member involvement is key to the success of the Parent Forum. I am keen that the Forum is run by the members. Previously Mrs Graham, as the Head teacher was the point of contact for questions, moving forward the chair will fulfil this role. Mrs Graham attends the meetings to represent the school and to address and action each subject raised.

When?

The forum will take place once per term. Dates can be found under *School Events (in the Parent section of the website)*. Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Monday, 17th June at 2:15pm. All parents are very welcome to attend. [The deadline for agenda items has now passed.](#)

To maximise each member's ability to attend the meeting, it will take place on different days and times each term.

What if I can't make the meeting?

I'd like to encourage you to be involved. This is an opportunity to raise points, praise, and concerns or seek clarification and understanding about those wee niggles that, from experience, are not just shared by one carer. Previous actions from the Parent Forum have resulted in changes to morning playground arrangements, transition into Class F, homework and healthy snacks to name a few.

How to raise a question for the agenda?

Please email me any topics/questions/points at gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com. I'm happy to raise questions on your behalf if you are unable to attend the meeting. I appreciate an email may not capture your views and I'm happy to discuss them if that's easily, just drop me an email to get in touch.

Any ideas for developing the Forum are also welcome.

Sports Morning- Tuesday, 18th June at 9:30am (weather dependant)

Sports Morning will take place on Tuesday, 18th June at 9:30am, with the reserve date being Friday, 21st June. Please make a note of the date on your calendars. We are all looking forward to our Sports morning and invite you 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 | |
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| Richmond | BLUE |
| Merton Glory | GREEN |
| Morello | RED |
| Sunburst | YELLOW |

Class 2 Visit to Knowsley Safari Park- Thursday, 20th June

After all their hard work in the lead up to the SATs, our Year 2 children deserve to have a wonderful time on their forthcoming trip to Knowsley. This day trip is linked to the work they have been doing in Science. Further details to be sent to the Y2 parents.

Crucial Crew- Wednesday, 28th June

Our Year 6 children will be attending a series of safety workshops taking place at The University of Chester (Warrington Campus). The workshops are led by members of the emergency services and will be ideal for our oldest class who are about to embark on a new adventure at their secondary schools.

Key Stage 2 Show- 'Rock Bottom' Wednesday, 10th and Thursday, 11th July

Keep the date free for three fantastic Key Stage 2 shows at 2pm and 6:30pm on Wednesday, 10th July then 6:30pm on Thursday, 11th July!

You will be able to order tickets soon- look out for a separate letter that will be sent home next week.

Talent Show

On Friday, 12th July, we are holding a talent show; entry is open to all children who have a talent that they are developing. In the past we have had musicians, gymnasts, dancers, cookery demonstrations, magicians etc. This will be held in school hours for school children only. Further details were sent out earlier this week.

Year 6 Treat Trip – Monday, 15th July

Our Year 6 children have reached their final weeks in school after seven years (for the majority) at Cherry Tree. Every year our PTA provide some kind of a treat for the Year 6 children. This year they are funding a trip to Gulliver's World for the whole class.

Meet the Team- Wednesday, 11th September- 5pm-7pm approx.

There will be an opportunity to 'Meet the Team' at an informal meeting in the Autumn Term on **Wednesday, 11th September**. At this event, each teacher will provide a short talk to the parents to provide specific, introductory information about how their class operates. There will also be an opportunity to meet our governors, teaching assistants, office staff and our school cook. Exact timings to follow in September.

PTA NEWS

Forthcoming PTA Events

| Event | DATE & TIME | Details |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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. |

REMINDERS

- **Book Amnesty**

If you have any books at home that belong to school or have the Cheshire Library Service label on them, please return them to school.

- **Playground Gate**

The playground gate will only open at 3:15pm for safety reasons. Mr Morris has PE lessons taking place on the playground/field most afternoons when the weather is dry. We need to safeguard these children by keeping the gate locked as we do during the school day. It is also disruptive when younger siblings see their brother or sister doing PE and go over to speak to them or hug them, interrupting their statutory PE lesson.

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher