

**AUTUMN TERM
2018
NEWSLETTER 4
Friday,
19th October**

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

Charity Assembly

All of our children gave a beautiful and emotional performance during our charity assemblies over the past two days. I could not be more proud of them. Thank you for your generous donations, we have raised a total of £793, with this being broken down into £403 from the sale of tickets and £389 from the coffee morning. We are hopeful that a further amount will be raised at the cake sale after school. Your donations will be forwarded to the Young Minds charity. Thank you.

At each assembly, there was a strong sense of community spirit and genuine pride for our children. They astonish me every day with their passion and enthusiasm! Our mission statement 'Bringing the best out in each other as we blossom and grow' was played out before our eyes today.

Well done to every member of the Cherry Tree team for another successful charity assembly!

Surveys

Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent parent survey. 81% of our families have responded, giving us a comprehensive result. This particular survey gave us an overwhelmingly positive picture. Initial headline figures are as follows: 99% of parents agree/strongly agree that their child is happy at school, feels safe at school and is well-looked after; 98% of our parents would recommend our school to others.

I will give a more detailed response to the survey next half term. Your feedback is valued and will be acted upon where appropriate.

Jars

We are still collecting recycled glass jars so that we can re-use these for our allotment preserves. If you have any at home, please send them into school after half term for the attention of Jan Daniel, our gardener and allotment co-ordinator. We would also welcome your help to make chutneys, jams etc. please contact Jan Daniel, our Allotment Coordinator – jg.daniel@btinternet.com
Chutneys will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Thursday, 29th November.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support at our Book Fair. We raised £562 in commission to spend on books for the school. In addition, £70 of the commission was used to provide prizes for the children who won the competition. We also raised £109 from donations given on Book Character Day- your children ALL looked amazing!

Our winners this year were:

Year F	Frederick Gregory	Year 3	Ewan Langley
Year 1	Aimee Paul	Year 4	Sophie Burke & James Mayne
Year 2	Jessica Howcroft & Vivek Rao	Year 5	Jessica Whitehead
		Year 6	Kitty McIntosh & Ben Walton

Active Playtimes

We are keen to promote active and fun playtimes. To support this we do allow girls to wear shorts under their skirts so that they can do handstands etc. without embarrassment. However, we would prefer them not to wear their red PE shorts as these do not look smart peeping below skirts. Instead, we recommend they wear grey or black cycling shorts, which do not show below the skirt.

As you know we have a large field that is ideal for playtime. In the winter months, this tends to get rather muddy, therefore a pair of old trainers for children to change into at playtime is recommended, for those wishing to play football.

One of our governors, Georgina Walker, has kindly agreed to continue to run the 'Change for Life' club at lunchtimes after half term. Children will be able to join in with active playtime games, led by some of our Year 5 children who are 'Change for Life Champions'.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Class 4 Trip to Chester- Thursday, 1st November

Class 4 will be taking a trip back in time when they are escorted round the Roman walls of Chester by a centurion. The visit will provide a great stimulus for their History topic this half term.

Emotional Health Workshop for Year 6- Monday, 5th November (a.m)

Our school health adviser, Anne Plant will deliver a workshop to our Year 6 children around emotional health and resilience.

Join us for Lunch- Wednesday, 7th November

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 3 and 4 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 7th November
- Class 2 parents are invited to join their children for lunch on Wednesday, 21st November
- 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 and sitting with their child and experiencing lunch time or ordering a school meal, at the normal price of £2.30. Please pre-order/complete the relevant slip and arrive at 12:30pm (KS2) or 12 noon (KS1) should you wish to join your child on the specified date. You will need to ensure that you have enough funds for both you and your child in your Parent Pay account, in order to have a school meal.

Mindfulness Day- NEW DATE: Thursday, 8th November

Mrs Clarke will once again be delivering Mindfulness Workshops for all our children; helping them to develop strategies to keep calm and relaxed.

SAVE the DATE- PARENTS EVENING- Tuesday, 20th November

A letter and online booking information will be sent home when we return from the half term holiday.

PTA NEWS

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Halloween face painting	Wednesday, 31 st October	After school on the playground.
PTA meeting	Tuesday, 6 th November at 7:30pm	The Church Green- all welcome
Children's PJs and Popcorn Night	Wednesday, 14 th November	Early eve- watch a film and chill out on a beanbag/cushion at Cherry Tree
Christmas Fair	Thursday, 29 th November, 5:30pm to 7:30pm	

SPORTING NEWS

We have had the most incredible half term for sporting success!!! I am proud to tell you that we have developed the reputation of being the 'school to beat'!

Over the past 5 weeks, we have won the following competitions (of the 5 entered!):

- KS2 Boys Football
- Tag Rugby
- Netball – not one single goal conceded!
- The KS2 girls' football team narrowly missed winning when they lost during a penalty shoot-out!

Cross Country at Walton Gardens- Last weekend was the first of a series of events. We have some excellent young runners who ran really well in this cross country event. Our girls' team came second- a great achievement as there were 150 runners from across Warrington, for the girls' event. The boys' team were not placed in the top three this time, but they competed with true Cherry Tree determination and we were proud of all of them.

REMINDERS

Match Funding

Many companies have 'Match Funding' schemes, which could raise double the funds for our school. If you work for an organisation that has a 'Match Funding' policy, and are able to help us this way, please let one of our office team know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Running News

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, the school and our PTA are raising funds for an all-weather surface to go around the perimeter of our two football fields. This will allow the children to use this part of the field even when the weather is wet and also to use this as a running track and a 'Daily Mile' track. Our target is to ensure that we, as a school, enable EVERY child to 'be active' in school for at least 30 minutes per day.



Our Run Leader, Georgina Walker has given me the following feedback:

The Cherry Tree running club is going from strength to strength. Our newest recruits have successfully completed their first 20 minute nonstop run (week 5 of the Couch to 5k program)! Effortless.

Last weekend saw one of our runners tackle her first half marathon, a couple are training for a ten mile race and others this week have entered 10k races or their first 5k. Some are even tempted by the Tough Mudder in September 2019! A few have sampled the track sessions at Lymm Runners, and survived. Good luck and well done to you all.

We regularly have over 30 runners, toddlers and prams with us on a Friday - please do join us. We meet every Friday on the school field at 9am and run for 30 minutes with an option to stay on for more if you'd like to.

To all our parent runners: Thank you for inspiring our children to be fit and healthy as they spot you running around our grounds!

Today brings us to the end of the first half term of the year. I feel it has been a very successful half term for our children with many things to celebrate including: modernised classrooms; Class F settling into school so well; the charity assembly; a great Book Character Day; being placed first in several sporting events and several of our parents raising over £3000 for the Grace Kelly Ladybird Trust when they took part in Tough Mudder.

I am sure that as we have the run up to Christmas, we will have many more memorable occasions and opportunities to feel proud of our children.

Kind regards,

Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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Year 3 & 4 Parents - School Lunch invitation- Wednesday, 7th November

I would like to join my child _____ Class ____ for lunch at 12:30 on Wednesday, 7th November.

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

- Moroccan lamb tagine with cous cous or rice
- Baked gammon, cremaed potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- 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.