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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

To mark this year's significant Remembrance Day, I would like to invite all children to take part in a homework task. Please find a pebble/cobble and then paint it with a Remembrance Day/Memory design. I have included some images to give families some creative ideas. There are lots more fantastic pebble designs, both simple and intricate, on the internet (Pinterest is great). We will display all of the poppies in the entrance hall initially and then they will be placed in our grounds, therefore please make the pebble design waterproof by using Sharpie pens or acrylic paint and then a waterproof varnish to coat the pebble.



Feel free to include the name of a loved one who you wish to remember.



Generous Financial Support

We are incredibly thankful to those parents who have opted to make a regular donation to school via a direct debit mandate. On behalf of the Governors and Staff, I would like to express our gratitude to you all.

We are passionate about making our school the very best place it can be; financially this has become more challenging due to budget cuts. With the support of our dedicated PTA and generous parents we are able to provide your children with experiences, opportunities, resources and a well-maintained building, beyond the basic minimum.

In addition, we work hard to generate our own income wherever we can through grant funding (Co-op Community Fund, Tesco Bags for Life, Aviva, National Lottery) and through our Lettings Policy. St Mary's Pre-School rent our mobile classroom; not only is this extremely beneficial for the transition from pre-school to Cherry Tree, it also generates an income of around £10,000 per year. The recent Co-op Community Fund has generated £4112.40 for our PTA, this money is ring-fenced for development of our school grounds and play areas. We are extremely grateful to the Co-op and those of you who signed up to the scheme, in doing so you helped us to raise over £4k.

Our latest in-school venture has been to establish our own Holiday Camp, run by Cherry Tree Staff, rather than 'Dave Earndon Coaching Limited'. Over time, as popularity increases, we hope that this will provide a service to our families, a fun and active time for our children and additional funds for our budget. A range of activities are provided at each holiday camp, not just sports. Feedback so far has been highly positive.

Also, I was very fortunate to receive the following email:

Dear Mrs Graham

My husband and I run a tax advisory business, based locally in Lymm. For the last few years our daughters have attended Oughtrington Primary. However, we no longer live in Lymm, and so they have now moved to a school in Northwich. Whilst our girls were at Oughtrington we regularly made donations to the school for them to buy new books for the children.

My husband and I (and now both of our girls) are passionate about reading, and we wanted to support reading in schools.

Now that the business has grown such that we have staff with children at many of the local schools, we have decided to extend this support to all of the local primary schools and would like to offer a donation of £250 to Cherry Tree. Perhaps you could let me know how you would like us to make the donation i.e bank transfer, vouchers, direct purchase. Our only condition is that this money is used to buy reading books for the children.

Angela Wood

Without all of the above we would be in a much worse financial position and unable to provide the high quality education that your children deserve.

A heart-felt thank you to all of you.

Whole School Christmas 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 during their time at Cherry Tree.

Jars

We are still collecting recycled glass jars so that we can re-use them for our allotment preserves. If you have any at home, please send them into school 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, jg.daniel@btinternet.com. Chutneys will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Thursday, 29th November.

Mindfulness Day

Mrs Clarke spent the day with us, delivering Mindfulness Workshops for all our children; helping them to develop strategies to keep calm and relaxed.

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
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.



Wacky Hair Day



I have the following message to pass on from our recently elected School Council:

*Cherry Tree School Council would like to raise money for Children In Need. Pay £1 (or more) to come to school on Friday, 16th November with Wacky Hairstyles. Hand any donations to the teacher on the day. Have lots of fun making your hair wacky!
From Cherry Tree School Council*

School Lunches

Tracy, our school cook and her team provide our children with delicious nutritious school meals every day. The Warrington School Meals Service has won a national award recently for one of their recipes. (Included below.) The whole premise behind school meals, is that they are home-made, tasty, nutritionally balanced, have low sugar, fat and salt, and are made with locally sourced, fresh ingredients. For more information please visit the following website: www.warrington.gov.uk/schoolmeals
Currently Tracy's most popular dessert is:-

Chocolate and Coconut Brownie (24 portions)

Ingredients	Method
250g Vacuum Packed Beetroot	1. Puree the beetroot.
250ml Rapeseed Oil	2. Whisk together the egg, sugar, honey and vanilla. Then whisk in the oil.
6 Eggs	3. Sieve together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder, coconut milk powder and the cocoa powder.
4 drops Vanilla Essence	4. Add the beetroot to the egg mixture and mix, then fold in the dry ingredients.
40g Honey	5. Pour into a pre-lined and greased tin.
170g Sugar	6. Sprinkle with desiccated coconut.
120g Coconut Milk Powder	7. Bake at 150C for 25 minutes. Cake should be firm to the touch. Check with a skewer, which when inserted, should come out clean.
85g Cocoa Powder	
120g SR Flour	
¼ tspn Bicarbonate of Soda	
¼ tspn Baking Powder	
25g Desiccated Coconut (to sprinkle)	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Extreme Bike Show – Tuesday 20th November



We are very excited to announce that some European and British Bike Champions are visiting Cherry Tree to showcase their amazing stunts and talents. Whilst exhilarating the children with their daring stunts, the team shall communicate key messages around road safety, healthy eating and what it takes to be a champion. After the demo, the children will get involved with their heroes in a question and answer session.

PARENTS EVENING- Tuesday, 20th November

A letter and online booking information has been sent out to parents this week. Over 190 slots have already been booked. If you are having a problem logging onto the online system, please give school a call. We always aim for 100% attendance at Parents Evening (which included those parents who make a separate appointment in exceptional circumstances.)

Year 2 Parents join us for Lunch- Wednesday, 21st November 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 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 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. 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.

Holiday Camp- SAVE the DATE

We are delighted to say that in response to a survey, 100 percent of parents were happy with the October Holiday Camps and every child that came along enjoyed them. 100 percent 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.

PTA NEWS

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
Children's PJs and Popcorn Night	Wednesday, 14 th November 5pm-7pm	Come in PJs/Onesies, watch a film and chill out on a beanbag/cushion at Cherry Tree. Pay on the night
Christmas Bauble Decorating	Friday 23 November	Children will create personalised baubles for the school Xmas tree. These can be purchased for home – return slip by 16 November.
Non-uniform day	Friday 23 November	Bring a donation for the "secret presents" room in return for wearing non-uniform
Christmas Fair	Thursday, 29 th 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 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

SPORTING NEWS

Cross Country at Walton Gardens- 17th November

We have entered the Warrington Wide Cross country event at Walton Gardens. This involves three separate races, each on a Saturday at Walton Gardens. At the first of the three, our girls' team came second- a great achievement as there were 150 runners from across Warrington. The second event takes place on Saturday, 17th November. We wish our girls' and boys' teams lots of luck and hope that they enjoy the race, whatever the weather or the (often muddy) conditions!

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.

Scooters/Football on the Playground

Please do not allow your child to play football or ride their bike/scooter on the playground before and after school. This includes pre-school children (and adults). Over 250 adults and children are crossing the playground at this time and therefore safety is at risk if balls are being kicked and scooters/bikes ridden. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

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Year 2 Parents - School Lunch invitation- Wednesday, 21st November

I would like to join my child _____ Class ____ for lunch at 12 noon on Wednesday, 21st November.

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.