



NEWSLETTER

18TH MARCH 2022

WELCOME

Hello everyone,

We are trying to update and streamline our newsletter so we have condensed all information to just two pages. Please do give us feedback on the best way to communicate with you as we are adapting every day!

It has been a pleasure to see the weather turn recently, the children are enjoying more outdoor lessons and the staff have had recent training on Forest School education. We can't wait to use our outdoor spaces even more over the coming months.

Our children joined in with our staff training this week and came to talk to our staff about the importance of looking after our world.

They shared a presentation they had made themselves and proudly talked about what was important to them.

We were inspired by their words and are very proud of their bravery! Well done!



Cheska Tyler

OUR CHERRY TREE WORLD

We are inviting all children and staff to place a red dot on our geography display 'Our Cherry Tree World' to represent their family's country of origin. Many of our children have already joined in and celebrated their nationalities.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 31st March - Easter Bonnet Parade (EYFS/KS1)

Friday 1st April - End of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 18th April - Bank Holiday School closed

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday School closed

Friday 6th May - 'Friends' Quiz Night at 7pm (adults only!)

Thursday 23rd June - Bank School closed (in lieu of Friday 3rd June Queen's Jubilee)

Friday 24th June - Occasional Day School closed

Monday 27th June - Staff Training Day School closed

Thurs 14th July - Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 22nd July - Last day of school - finish at 1.30pm

BONNIE - THE DOG MENTOR

We are pleased to announce that Bonnie has completed her official Dog Mentor training!

The children have all attended an assembly to learn about Bonnie's new job role at Cherry Tree, which is to help children with their academic learning and emotional well-being. Bonnie has visited each class and we have been practising 'Bonnie Breathing' which is our new regulation technique.

Ms Ranyard will be working with specific children and Bonnie in her Dog Mentor role each week, but all children will benefit from Bonnie being in school.



We have been working on the following:

- Greeting Bonnie in a calm manner, not calling her name
- Asking first if we are allowed to touch Bonnie
- Making sure that only two hands are on Bonnie at any time
- We don't feed Bonnie any food
- We don't pick Bonnie up - Paws on the floor!

See Bonnie's own page on the school website for further information.



**We are kind, we aim high, we
are brave!**

READING CORNER

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 spent time with Michael Rosen via a live video link hearing all about the magic of fairy tales. We were all so excited when he answered not one...but two of the questions we had submitted to him! We then became authors and made our own miniature fairy tale books with fabulous illustrations too.



Reception have been to the local library this week. Our local library is a great place to take the children, it is open 5 days a week and is crammed full of fantastic books for the children to freely borrow. [Click here](#) to get all the information you need.

Happy reading...
Mrs Sibbit
Reading leader

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

We added some more dates to our calendar so if you would like a tour of our Nursery, please [click here](#) to register your interest.

VACANCIES

We currently have the vacancies below. Please visit our 'Vacancies' page on our website to apply.

- Premises Assistant
- Midday Supervisor Assistant
- Class Teacher

We will also be advertising for an Assistant Headteacher from September as Mrs Hill will be leaving to embark on a Masters course to further develop her knowledge and passion for outdoor learning. She is planning to continue to work with some of our children in this area in the new academic year.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Hertfordshire County Councillors have decided to provide a £30 digital supermarket voucher for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals (FSM) for the Easter holidays 2022. The voucher will be emailed to you on Monday the 28th of March. Please claim your voucher once it has been received so that we can assist you if you have any problems before the end of term

To check if your child is now eligible for FSM, please click [here](#).

HELLO FROM THE HUB

I am thrilled to be working full-time alongside the staff, parents and children of Cherry Tree school having previously supported as a therapeutic behaviour practitioner.

The Hub has provided the Cherry Tree community with much advice and support and emotional well-being and I hope to continue the good work of its predecessors. Please pop in if you have a query or wish to know more about therapeutic play and learning and the reasoning behind it or email to request a meeting. The kettle is always on.

Kind regards Miss D Massey

A CHERRY GOOD IDEA?

Do you have any suggestions to help us improve our school? If so please tell us by leaving a note in our suggestion box in the school office area.



SICKNESS

To keep our school healthy, it is our policy that children who have vomited or had diarrhoea should not return to school until 24 hours after their last episode.



Bookings for Summer 1 are now open. [Click here](#) to book via your Arbor Parent Portal.



Please don't forget to vote to help us win £500 from the Asda Green Token scheme: [Green Tokens - Vote | Asda](#) we are nearing the end of this project now and are in the lead!

Keep an eye out for our next event: Adult Quiz Night on Friday 6th May...more info to follow!



TOP CHERRIES!



Our Top Cherry Award is an award to celebrate exceptional behaviour, learning or manners. These children really are going above and beyond!

Lunchtime Champion - Ruby (Acorns) – for having such a positive attitude to lunchtimes.

Hub hero - Yusuf (Maple) - for listening to instructions in Calm Start.

Berries - Muhaddisah and Haajrah - for excellent retelling of stories.

R Conkers - Jhanvi - for settling well into her new class, following a new routine and making new friendships.

R Acorns - Kayden - for consistently having great manners and behaviour. You are a super role model!

Y1 Birch - Freddie - for an independent attitude to learning. You have been trying really hard in all lessons and we are proud of you!

Y1 Maple - Kiyon- for settling in well into Maple class. Well done for working hard and showing a great attitude to lessons.

Y2 Willow - Ayaan - for working hard persistently both in school and at home.

Y2 Cedar - Ria - for always aiming high and trying your best in everything you do.

Y3 Sycamore - Awa - for the huge improvement in your writing and good attitude to work. Keep aiming high Awa!

Y3 Hazel - Yenul - for settling well in to his new class and aiming high with his work. Well done.

Y4 Ash - Ralph - for his enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitude to learning. Keep aiming high!

Y4 Yew - Nora - for a huge improvement in listening to instructions first time, making the right behaviour choices and being polite in class. Well done, Nora!

Y5 Pine - Kya - for aiming high in Maths this week and showing a greater confidence in your abilities. It has been lovely to see you sharing your ideas with the class. Well done, Kya!

Y5 Fir - Dylann N- for working really hard to improve his handwriting this week! Keep aiming high!

Y6 Oak - Gabriel - for aiming high and making a huge effort to improve his reading and writing after arriving only recently from Hong Kong.

Y6 Elm - Bailey - for wonderfully reflective RE learning.

Well done, Cherries!



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