

# Year 1 Autumn 1 Class Newsletter





**CHERRY TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on your child's learning this half term and to provide you with some information. If you wish to speak with us, please catch us at the classroom doors after school or make an appointment to see us with the office. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

<p><b>Adults who will be working with your children this half term are:</b></p>	<p><b>Best ways to communicate with us:</b></p>
<p><b>Miss Wolstencroft</b>- Birch Teacher and KS1 Phase Leader  <b>Mrs Gornall</b>- Maple Teacher  <b>Mrs Aghimien</b>- KS1 TA  <b>Mrs Plummer</b>- KS1 TA  <b>Mrs Sulaman</b>- Higher Level Teacher Assistant  <b>Mrs Fisher</b> – Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Ms Petrof</b> – Higher Level Teaching Assistant  <b>Mr Hibbit</b> – Sports Coach  <b>Mrs Noor</b> – SEND TA  <b>Mrs Majid</b> – SEND TA  <b>Miss Andrew</b>- SEND TA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class door – catch up after school</li> <li>• Meeting - please arrange this with the school office or Class Teacher.</li> <li>• Marvellous Me</li> <li>• Twitter</li> </ul> <p>We will be sharing the amazing things we do in school on Twitter. @CTS_Watford, @MrsGornallCTS</p> <p>If you are not sure of your log in details for Marvellous Me! Please ask.</p>
<p><b>Reading at Cherry Tree:</b></p>	<p><b>The School Day and Key Dates:</b></p>
<p>Cherry Tree we understand the importance of enabling our children to become confident and enthusiastic readers. Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, will give children the opportunity to thrive.</p> <p>Books are used in every area of our teaching and are an integral part of Cherry Tree School. Please read with your child at home, encourage them to read independently and ensure that a log of their reading is kept in their Reading Record which will be brought into school each day.</p>  <p>(This can include online books, recipes, instructions, shopping lists, letters, postcards, newspapers as well as stories).</p>	<p>Doors will open 8.49am Doors will be locked at 9.00am.          Register will be taken before 9am.          After 9am take your child to the office          School will finish at 3.15pm</p> <p>Monday 18th September: Inclusion team coffee morning          Friday 29th September: Friends bake sale          October- Start of Black History Month          Monday 2nd October SEND parents coffee morning          Friday 6th October: Harvest Celebration          Tuesday 10th October: Hello Yellow Day          Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October: Parents evenings          Friday 20th October: Halloween Disco          Monday 23rd October- Half term week          Tuesday 31st October: Back to school</p>
<p><b>PE and Outdoor learning</b></p>	
<p>PE is usually on a Wednesday but we do expect the children to have their PE kits in every day. All PE kit should be named and left in school on your child's peg. It can be taken home at half term to be washed.</p> <p>We are practising getting changed quickly and putting our clothes away. Please make sure <b>all uniform</b> is labelled and children have a chance to practise changing at home to speed up this process!</p> <p>We will be learning outdoors every day. Our outdoor learning 'forest school' lesson will usually be on a Monday. Children should have a coat and wellies left at school.</p> 	
<p><b>Home Learning:</b></p>	
<p>It is expected that...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children read every day with an adult who records this in the orange reading record book.</li> <li>• Children to use numbots to practise Maths at home throughout the week</li> <li>• A 'Home learning Menu' will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. Children should complete 5 home learning tasks each half term (1 a week). These should be completed by the child and be brought back to school for our home learning sharing on the last week.</li> </ul>	

**Our themes this term are...**

During this half term we will be investigating **What makes me special?**

In **Geography** we will be learning about our local area. We will design and build a playground in **D&T**. We will also learn about the five senses in **Science**. In **English** we will write stories and learn poems. In **Maths** we will become confident at counting, ordering and estimating. We will also learn how to add and subtract within 10. We will produce self-portraits in **Art** lessons. In **History** we will make a timeline of our lives so far. In our **RE** lessons we will learn about being thankful and giving to charity. We will sing songs in **Music**, learn **Spanish** greetings and practise independently logging on to the Chromebooks in **Computing**.

**Useful links to support your child's learning:**

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/login/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>