



NEWSLETTER

27TH JANUARY 2023

WELCOME

Hello everyone!

We loved inviting our families in for parents evening last week. Thank you to all those who came. We hope you found the event informative. If you do have any feedback, please do come and let me know on the playground. Thank you also to those parents that attended our 'Parent Hub'. We look forward to welcoming more of you in the future.

Important Message

We are seeing a huge increase in children coming to school talking about images, videos or other media that they have seen which is far beyond their years. It is having a significant impact on the emotional wellbeing of these children as they do not have the emotional capacity or experience to cope with such content. I would like to stress to parents to please take note of age restricted content and abide by this. If you would like more support on this, please come and speak to our Pastoral team. We are always happy to help.

We've thoroughly enjoyed our Cherry Week this week, please do have a look at our Twitter pages to see what we've been up to. Our children and staff have been taking part in various wellbeing activities this week linked to our '5 Ways to Wellbeing'. We've also had visits from The Dog Trust, a pop up farm and a planetarium! Please talk to your children about what they can do to help them feel 'well' and let them share with you some ideas from the week.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher



- Tuesday 31st of January 9 - 10am - Hub Worry Workshop
- Friday 10th February - Last day of this Half Term (School closes at the usual time)
- Monday 20th February - INSET day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 21st February - First day of Spring 2 Term

MEET THE GOVERNORS

We would like to introduce to you our new Chair and Vice Chair of governors. Mark Scoulding will be taking the role of Chair of Governors and Jo Ball will be taking the Vice Chair position. We are very much looking forward to working with them in these new roles.

Hi! I'm Mark Scoulding and I'm delighted to be the new Chair of Governors. Cherry Tree has won my heart and I'll do all that I can to help every member of this vibrant community to flourish. I live locally with my wife and daughters, and I'm responsible for The Salvation Army's work in the area.



Please do say hello if you see me in school or around town, or email me via chairofgovernors@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk if you would like to talk.

Captain Mark Scoulding
Watford Salvation Army | Commanding Officer

Hello,
My name is Jo Ball and I am privileged to serve Cherry Tree as your new Vice Chair of Governors.

I have been working in schools since 2003 and some of you may know me as the Assistant Head at Laurance Haines. I am committed to supporting the school and community to be kind, aim high and be brave. I am excited to work alongside Mark and the rest of the Governing team to help all the children at Cherry Tree to thrive.



I am a mum of three myself and have been fortunate to also experience what school is like from a parent's point of view too. Fun fact about me - myself, my children and even my pet's names all start with the letter J! My email is vicechairofgovernors@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk if you would like to get in touch.

Best wishes,
Jo Ball
Assistant Headteacher - Laurance Haines School

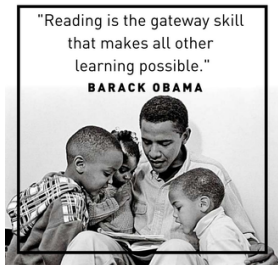
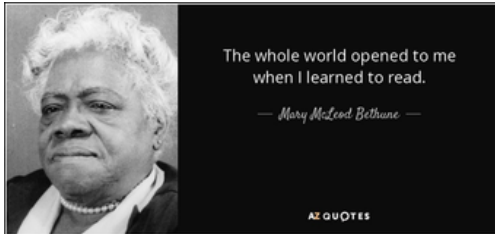
We are kind, we aim high, we are brave!

READING CORNER

Hello everyone,

It was lovely for our teachers to meet with so many parents last week at our Parent Consultation meetings. At these meetings, we discussed with you the importance of reading with your child at home and also recording the reading you do together in the Reading Record.

Here are what a few far greater people than myself, say about the importance of reading...



Jane Sibbit
LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher



BLUE PETER

A new Blue Peter competition is coming... if you like using your imagination and writing, then we think you'll be as excited as we are.

The new competition will launch on Friday 27th January at 5pm, but before it does, why not get thinking about writing a short adventure story or poem with an awesome main character.

As part of the prize, amazing author and mega pop star Tom Fletcher will bring the winner's work to life by reading it for a BBC Sounds podcast and on CBeebies Bedtime stories. The winner's story or poem will also be turned into a book AND an animation, how incredible is that! Watch Blue Peter on Friday 27th January, TONIGHT, on CBBC and BBC iPlayer to find out all the details.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please be aware of our designated safeguarding team here at Cherry Tree. If you ever have a concern about a child, family or staff member in our school, please contact one of these members of staff: Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Debbie Massey (Pastoral Leader), Emma Birdsall (EYFS Lead), Katy Wolstencroft (KS1 Lead), Jane Sibbit (LKS2 Lead) or Emma Penfold (UKS2 Lead).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform. This includes on PE days. Children should not be wearing any jewellery to school apart from stud earrings if they have pierced ears. Nail varnish and make-up are also not permitted in school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We would like to clarify that we operate our lunches on a 'restaurant style' service in order to help children 'Learn for Life!'. We share the menu choices in advance of the day and again in the morning so that children are aware of what is on offer. They are also clearly told that their preference may not be available when they arrive so to come prepared with other options. The class order of children going in for their lunch is rotated to ensure fairness. There will always be something on offer for our children. We believe this is an important lesson for children to learn. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

EYFS PROVIDE FRIDAY INSPIRATION

We reported last week that EYFS are working towards the Hertfordshire Gold Quality Mark. The audit team were so impressed with their visit that they made Cherry Tree the focus of their social media last week.

Well done EYFS team!



PARKING

We have seen an increase in the number of complaints from local residents about their drives being blocked at the start and end of school. Also the coach, returning children from a school trip, experienced significant difficulties because of parking on the roundabout. As a result, we are working with our local Community Police Officer to try and improve the situation for our local community. The Community Police Officer will be patrolling before and after school, so please be mindful where and how you park on the school run.

MISS WOLSTENCROFT'S TIMES TABLE TOP TIPS

It is so important that children practise their times tables regularly. Little and often is best. 10 minutes each day will ensure they have the facts at their fingertips.

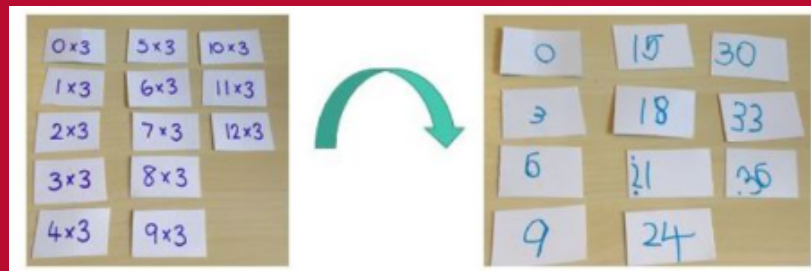
Here are some hints:



- Practise when you're sitting at traffic lights or waiting in the queue at the shops.
- Practise counting in steps as you walk up the stairs or as you get dressed in the morning.
- Make sure you practise one table at a time. Trying to learn too many facts at once can be overwhelming and you'll find the facts don't stick.
- Instead, warm up with a table they know well and then practise a multiplication table where they are unsure of all the answers.
- Use the known facts like 1x, 2x, 5x and 10x to calculate the others.
- Ask your child's teacher if you don't know which table they are working on in class.

Games you can play at home:

- Click this link to play [Times Table rockstars](#)
- Click this link to play [Hit the Button](#)
- Make your own mini flashcards. Choose one multiplication table (e.g. 3s) Write the times table fact on one side (2 x3) on a piece of paper. Write the answer on the back (6) .



- Turn your flash cards into a game. E.g Choose one multiplication table (e.g. 6s) and mix them up, lay them out answer side down. Time yourself calling out the total for all 12 calculations as you turn them over to check.
- Recite your times table. Use an online playlist, there are some on [YouTube](#), or make up your own song or rap.
- Choose one table (e.g. 6) and roll two dice. E.g. They land on 3 and 4 which equals 7. I then calculate 7 x 6. I say 7x6=42.
- Let your child help if you need to use multiplication to work out quantities for scaling up a recipe, or calculating the price of more than one item of shopping.

Have fun and enjoy practising your multiplication tables! You can find out more by coming along to the Parent Workshop at school on Tuesday 7th February 9.00am - 9.30am or 5.30pm - 6.00pm.



TOP CHERRIES!



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

Class	Child's Name	Reason
Lunchtime	Amelia (3S)	For showing great independence and always aiming high.
Fireflies	Alex	For always being a great role model to his peers. Well done Alex!
Berries	Ariella	For writing her name.
Acorns	Elicia	For always doing her personal best and being a great role model.
Conkers	Zariyab	For showing a can-do attitude and aiming high with his phonics and reading.
Maple	Nicolas	For trying really hard with his behaviour and making the correct choices in the classroom - keep it up!
Birch	Bella-Mae	For an outstanding effort in writing and maths this week. It has been lovely to see your confidence grow as you have aimed high. Keep being brave and you can achieve anything!
Cedar	Suruthika	For aiming high in your maths this week. Well done!
Willow	James	For improving your behaviour and attitude tremendously and for self-reflecting maturely to set your goals.
Sycamore	Lola	For always aiming high and trying her best in everything she does.
Hazel	Abdul Hakeem	For always aiming high in everything that he does, and always making sure our classroom area is clean and tidy.
Ash	Leonard	For sharing his ideas in class discussions, sharing his work in class and aiming high in his lessons. Well done, Leonard!
Yew	Faizan	For working super hard in their learning and really taking their time with their handwriting skills – keep it up! 😊
Pine	Ralph	For his very well-written report on NASA!
Fir	Jaden	For aiming high in his work and having a real positive attitude! Keep it up!
Oak	Mia	For aiming high in her writing. Your character description was a joy to read. Well done!
Elm	Senuli	For always being so polite, kind and helpful and being a great role model to others.

Well done, Cherries!



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