



# NEWSLETTER

3RD MARCH 2023

## WELCOME

We've had a lovely couple of weeks and have been very pleased to see a positive change in the weather. This, along with our recent Forest School staff training on the INSET day, has led to lots of sessions learning outdoors. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed these and are making great progress in their skills.

Our London Marathon journey is going well! So far, we have raised £1,770.00 which is 59% of our target. If you are able to donate to this amazing cause benefitting our Cherry Tree children then please visit our Just Giving page [here](#). Last weekend, Bonnie and I visited family in Weymouth so I completed a 16 mile run along the coast. It was really tough but made much more enjoyable with views of the sea. The training is hard but I am motivated by the generous donations we are receiving so thank you very much! 7 weeks of training left to go until the big day! If you fancy a day out, put it in your diary and come to London on Sunday 23rd April and cheer me on!

We've had a wonderful new timeline installed in our Year 3 corridor today. Ask your children to show you after school one day, it represents all areas of our curriculum and highlights lots of local history.

Thank you for your patience whilst the work has commenced on Everett Rovers football pitches. We are grateful for your support and flexibility.

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## WATFORD HARRIERS JUNIOR CHALLENGE - 25th MARCH 2023

The Junior Challenge is a fun road race held annually by [Watford Harriers](#) at Cassiobury Park. This is open to all children up to Year 9 regardless of ability and is a great opportunity for young athletes to take part in a competitive event.



If your child would like to enter please [click the link](#) for more information.



- Wednesday 8th March - World Maths Day
- Monday 13th March - Start of Science Week
- Friday 17th March - Comic Relief
- Friday 17th March - Friends Special Person Breakfast Bags
- Thursday 30th March - Friends Dress Down Day
- Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term (School closes at 1.30pm)
- Monday 17th April - INSET Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 18th April - First day of Summer 1 Term
- Friday 21st April - Marathon Dress Down Day

## WRITERS OF THE MONTH

We have seen some amazing progress in writing this month and are very proud to recognise the work done by these children in particular. Well done!

Berries	Lubyanka & Alannah	Sycamore	Eva
Conkers	Khushi	Yew	Yenul
Acorns	Yahya	Ash	Safiya
Birch	Leo R	Pine	Manesa
Maple	Isabella	Fir	Nivethan
Willow	Riaan	Oak	Kaylen
Cedar	Charles	Elm	Robert
Hazel	Naila		

Please ask your child's teacher if you'd like to come and see our writing display!

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

## READING CORNER

Hello everyone,

What a fabulous Book Week we have had at Cherry Tree!

Mrs Boxall came in to share her fascinating book - The Railway Children of Mumbai with Year 5.

Daniel Thompson came in to share his love of poetry and let us preview his latest book, 'Being You', with KS2.

This is a collection of beautiful poems all about being positive and feeling good about ourselves. Every child had the opportunity to write a poem, a reflection of themselves and the good that is within us all. Amazing ideas from all KS2!



On Thursday the children came in as their favourite book characters and what a wonderful selection we had in school! Well done everyone, and thank you for making it such a special day at Cherry Tree. We have more photographs on our Twitter feeds and do look out for us in this week's Watford Observer!



Jane Sibbit

LKS2/ Reading Leader/ Class teacher

## 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).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

## CRACKING GOOD FUN IN EYFS

EYFS were very excited when two batches of mysterious eggs arrived on Monday. We have been observing them carefully and trying to figure out what type of feathered friends are growing inside.

Well, as the week has progressed, we have been delighted to watch the cracks emerge and ducks, not dinosaurs, hatch! We look forward to watching them grow and having the opportunity to hold them over the next week.



We would really like to thank the Friends who paid for this amazing experience for our early years children.

## ILLNESS & HEALTHCARE APPOINTMENTS

Parents are expected to make medical or dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.

Where this is not possible, please inform the School Office as far in advance as is practicable. This will help us to ensure that children are ready on time and minimise disruption to classes.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL



Can we please remind you that we are a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties.

So, please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or sent into the school as treats. Many popular snacks contain nuts so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but if this was your child, you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

# FUNDS RAISED



so far for 22/23 £6,400

# Friends

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## WE HAVE A NEW COMMITTEE

After a very successful coffee morning and AGM before half term we are happy to introduce a new and bigger committee.

We also have a team of class reps that will be making sure you don't miss out on our events by ensuring they are shared across the class Whatsapp groups.

We still have a group of event volunteers and the opportunity to join is ongoing.

- Chair - Kristy Praties
- Secretary - Karleen Brown
- Treasurer - Kelly Rogers
- Events co - ordinator - Rachel Plummer
- Media secretary - Manmeet Edwards
- Grants secretary - Julie Strong
- Sports co-ordinator - William Wadham

## COMING SOON



- **Breakfast in a Bag** - Let the children treat you to breakfast in bed. Available now to pre-order on the friends event portal.



- **Coronation Tea -Towels** - The children will be designing coronation tea-towels which will be available to order before the end of term.

- **Friday Tuck shop** - starting 10th March we will have a tuck shop in the playground after school every Friday. This will be weather dependent!



- **Yr 6 Leavers Hoodies** - information on how to order will be sent home soon.



## WE'RE GOING ONLINE



To reduce the amount of paper we are using and to make payments for events easier we are going online. We have chosen a website that has been designed just for PTA's and will work in a similar way to how the Arbor app works for the school. You will need to go to

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofcherrytreeschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofcherrytreeschool)

to create an account. We will continue to advertise all of our events via email and Whatsapp and the link for the events portal will be attached.



# 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	Ezmarelda	For having wonderful manners and always being so polite.
Fireflies	Yuvan	For being so engaged as he created a fabulous den this week. Well done!
Berries	Dinal	For working hard to develop his communication skills.
Acorns	Mason	For consistently following the beliefs and promises. This has helped him to achieve well in all areas.
Conkers	Anika	For working hard with her communication skills and clearly expressing her needs and wishes with others.
Maple	Gabriel	For brilliant reading in his Guided Reading group - keep aiming high!
Birch	Ruby	For always displaying our Cherry Tree values. You always aim high, listen to feedback to make your work better. You are kind to everyone, and you have been brave when trying new things. We are proud of you!
Cedar	Jayden & Vincenzo	For settling in so well to your new class and having a positive attitude to your learning. We are so happy to have you in Cedar Class!
Willow	Leyla	For your perseverance and kindness to your friends in your class.
Sycamore	Sonia	For always 'Being Kind' and 'Aiming High'. You are working so well in maths and writing Sonia. Well done.
Hazel	Aiden T	For wholeheartedly throwing himself into activities - especially at the allotment and in Gardening Club
Ash	Hayan	For consistently aiming high, being brave and being kind. Well done, Hayan!
Yew	Tariq	For aiming high by using their great imagination for their descriptive writing and being kind by supporting their peers.
Pine	Sadaf	For her amazing commitment to her work. She is improving every day!
Fir	Khadijah	For showing all the Cherry Tree values and bettering herself in all aspects! I am particularly impressed with your times tables work! Enormously proud of the person you are becoming!
Oak	Alin	For consistently aiming high in all his work. He always challenges himself to improve the quality and content of his writing and his presentation is impeccable in every one of his books.
Elm	Robert	For being so engaged in every lesson, contributing ideas, offering to read aloud to the class and always presenting all his work beautifully.

Well done, Cherries!



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