



NEWSLETTER

17TH MARCH 2023

WELCOME

Another busy week here at Cherry Tree - we seem to have hit the news a few times this week celebrating many achievements including our £4,500 grant from the Mayor's fund, World Book Day, our Learning Outside the Classroom award and our London Marathon fundraising efforts! It's a pleasure to see the children involved in these events and the impact they are having on their personal development.

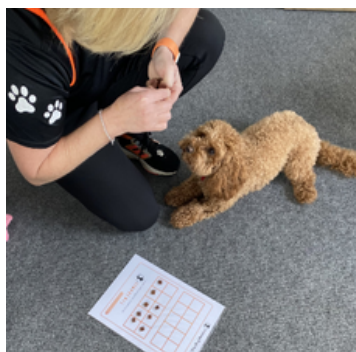
You will have seen my email sent this week regarding parental conduct. Please do ensure that you read this carefully and ensure that this is followed at all times. Our children are learning themselves how to be kind, resolve conflict and manage challenging situations as they grow older. It is our responsibility, as the adults in their lives, to model this at all times. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated at this school. Thank you.

May I please remind parents that the school day starts at 08:50 and that children should be in class and ready to learn at this time. Thank you.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

BONNIE GETS GOLD

We are very proud to announce that Bonnie, our school dog, has been awarded the GOLD award through her Dog Mentor UK training. The Dog Mentor Programme uses the benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences with dogs that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially.



Bonnie makes such a difference to the adults and children that she works with and we are very lucky to have her!



- 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
- Wednesday 3rd May - Mini Marathon Day
- Week Commencing 8th May - Scholastic Book Fair
- Week Commencing 9th May - Year 5 Bikeability
- Week Commencing 15th May - Big Cherry Tree Help Out
- Week Commencing 22nd May - Year 6 Bikeability
- Friday 26th May - last day of half term (School closes at 3.15pm)
- Monday 5th June - First Day of Summer 2 Term
- Friday 9th June - Class Photographs

MAYOR VISITS CHERRY TREE

The Watford Mayor, Peter Taylor, recently visited Cherry Tree to deliver the £4,500 awarded from Watford Council's Neighbourhood Grant. We are very thankful to the Friends of Cherry Tree who nominated our school for this fabulous award.



The money will be used to develop a biodiversity garden, with a sensory element, to give the children opportunities for peace and reflection time, decreasing stress and anxiety and promoting happiness. It will also enhance the local biodiversity at Cherry Tree by attracting birds and bee pollinators to the wildflowers and bug city homes.

Many thanks to everyone who voted for us.

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

READING CORNER

Hello everyone,

We are looking forward to another exciting author visit to Cherry Tree!

On Monday March the 27th Jenny McLachlan is coming to work with KS2 children and share her wonderful new book 'STINK: Worst, Fairy, Ever'. There is an opportunity for all parents to pre-order a copy of her book, ready to be signed and dedicated at school on the day, by clicking [this link](#).



You may also like to know that our friends at Chiltern Bookshops are hosting an event with Dame Jacqueline Wilson on Saturday 18th March at 2.30pm. She is the author of The Story of Tracy Beaker, Hetty Feather, and more than a hundred other books so this is likely to be an incredibly popular event.



For more details and a link to purchasing a ticket, please [click this link](#).

As always Happy Reading.

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Hertfordshire County Council have decided to provide a £30 digital Supermarket voucher for every child that is entitled to benefit related free school meals for the Easter holiday. This voucher will be emailed to you on Monday the 27th March 2023, please check your emails.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2023

All applicants for Nursery places for September 2023 should have received an admission form via email.

Please complete the form and return by Friday the 24th of March.

SCHOOL MILK

The deadline to order school milk on [Arbor](#) for the Summer term is Friday the 24th March. Please see the email that has been sent home.



Thank you to everyone that supported our most recent fundraiser by purchasing a breakfast in a bag. We have raised £180 to add to our kitty.

Also thanks to you, and our fabulous volunteers, the first Friday tuck shop was a great success. In addition, to creating much excitement on the playground we raised £83. The tuck shop will be open every Friday after school and we would really welcome any volunteers who can help setup and run the shop.

We also have a vacancy, on our Committee, for a Grants Officer. In the past, Friends has had great success securing grants and external funds. You may have voted in the Asda Green Token scheme and the Watford Neighbourhood Grant in the past 12 months. We are looking for a volunteer that can spend some time looking for these types of grants and liaising with the school to find out what we need to enhance the children's learning. If you are interested please contact the friends at friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk.

Upcoming news is that the children have been busy designing their own tea-towels to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen Consort. Please keep an eye out for more information on how you can order yours.

Finally, if you haven't already, please sign up to our new portal by [clicking this link](#). Here you can find information on all of our upcoming events.

Kristy Praties

Chair of the Friends of Cherry Tree Primary School

THE FRIENDS PORTAL

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE WE HAVE A NEW ONLINE PORTAL.

YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT TO PAY FOR EVENTS RUN BY THE FRIENDS AND
YOU CAN SIGN UP HERE:

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofcherrytreeschool

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US

friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

You can now find the times and dates of our upcoming events on the site along with any additional information you may need to participate.



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

If you have created an account you will have the seen the advertising banners across the site.

For a fee we can control which businesses are advertised on our website.

If you would like some more information on how you could advertise your business on our website, on our printed tickets and in our emails or simply add your name to our business directory then please get in touch.

friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk



EVENT BOOKING

You can now easily book and pay for our fundraising events such as our very popular discos and movie nights and you will receive a confirmation email or ticket via email meaning you have all of the information you need to hand in one place.



FUNDRAISING PRODUCTS

All of our fundraising products such as our Christmas cards and upcoming coronation tea-towels will be available to order and pay for online making payments easier for you and saving you a trip to the school office.





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	Abdul Hakeem	For always being so polite and helpful at lunchtimes.
Fireflies	Ghezal	For exploring with confidence and being brave whilst at Forest School. Well done Ghezal!
Berries	Joseph	For settling into his new class and school. He is always working hard.
Acorns	Hasti	For being brave while settling into her new class and school. She is already aiming high in her learning.
Conkers	Zainab	For aiming high and working hard with her phonics and reading. Well done Zainab 😊
Maple	Sarah	For always being so kind and helpful to all her friends in class!
Birch	Ava	For always following instructions carefully and being a good role model to the class. You are polite and aim high.
Cedar	John	For always having a positive attitude to your learning and working hard to improve your writing.
Willow	Kody	For working particularly hard to make her story exciting.
Sycamore	Amelia	For following instructions and aiming high in your lessons.
Hazel	Aizah	For always having a positive attitude, and always trying her best in her learning.
Ash	John	For having a positive attitude to learning and contributing lots of ideas to our class discussions.
Yew	Kya	For always being a hard-working individual and having a positive attitude to all their learning – they are kind, brave and aim high.
Pine	Ammar	For always being kind and helpful to absolutely everyone!
Fir	Omar	For settling in well into your new class, you have slotted into our Fir family beautifully!
Oak	Mehr-Ali	For aiming high in his writing recently and working incredibly hard to implement all the feedback he's been given to improve his work.
Elm	Larenz	For aiming high in all of his lessons this week and showing a fantastic work ethic.

Well done, Cherries!



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