



NEWSLETTER

13TH JANUARY 2023

WELCOME

Hello everyone!

I would like to express a very warm welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope that you were able to enjoy the time over the festive period. It has been a pleasure seeing the children return to school, ready to learn.

We welcome Mrs Noor to our team this term. Mrs Noor will be working in our Early Years Team. Welcome!

I'd like to sign post you to our Twitter pages. Our teachers tweet our children's learning every day so you can watch the brilliant things they are doing. Our school account [@CTS_Watford](#) also highlights events and important messages. Both mine and Mrs Hibberd's accounts [@headcherrytree](#) and [@MrsHibberdCTS](#) often retweet learning from across the school and the Pastoral Team [@CherryTreePST](#) tweet about lots of things that could help you at home. Mrs Carrack also has an account to highlight the work we do with our children with SEN [@SencoCTS](#). Please look for your class teachers account and follow them too!

We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks at Cherry Tree. In the week beginning the 23rd of January we will see our Cherry Week where we focus on the Five Ways to Wellbeing. I look forward to updating you all on that!

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted that Sarah Wickham, our SEN Teaching Assistant, has been appointed as a parent representative for [DSPL 9](#).

Sarah will be part of the decision-making process for local SEND services sharing the views of families in the area along with staff from early years settings, schools and colleges. [DSPL 9](#) supports the needs of children and young people with SEND, aged 0-25.

Well done Mrs. Wickham!



- Sunday 15th January - Deadline for Reception Admissions
- Tuesday 17th January & Wednesday 18th January - Parents Evenings & Friends Doughnut Sale in the playground after school
- Tuesday 24th January 9.30 - 10.30am - SEN drop-in session in the Hub
- Thursday 26th January - Individual and sibling photographs
- Tuesday 31st of January 9 - 10am - Hub 'Worry Workshop'
- Friday 10th February - Last day of this Half Term (School closes at 3:30pm)
- Monday 20th February - INSET day (school closed)
- Tuesday 21st February - First day of Spring 2 Term

EYFS ARE GOING FOR GOLD!

This year EYFS are working towards the Hertfordshire Gold Quality Mark which is a recognised award in Hertfordshire. The award will support us to give the best education possible for your child at Cherry Tree.



We are asking you to support us by donating outdoor resources or by recommending our school to companies you know, that may be able to donate objects previously requested such as guttering, seeds, pots and pans.

Thank you so much to those parents who have already supported us by donating items and by gifting from our Amazon wish list which can be accessed by [clicking this link](#).

ONLINE SAFETY - ANDREW TATE

Andrew Tate is an online influencer popular with many young people. Tate's behaviour and views have led domestic abuse charities to warn that he may radicalise boys to harm women and girls and he has expressed both racist and homophobic views. As the internet becomes the second home for many children, Andrew Tate targets millions of young boys who perceive him to be rich and successful and want to be like him. [This link](#) is a useful tool to help you have an open and honest conversation with your children about this topic.

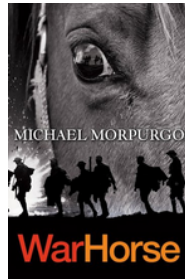
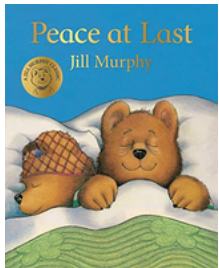
We are kind, we aim high, we are brave!

READING CORNER

Hello,

Happy 2023 everyone! I hope you all had a good holiday and took the time to enjoy at least one good book.

I thought it would be a good start to the year to share with you some book suggestions. Here are a few of my favourites.....



What is your favourite book? Why not let me, or your teacher, know so we can suggest them to everyone else in our next newsletter.

Happy reading everyone!

Jane Sibbit
LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher

NURSERY CHILDREN - RECEPTION ADMISSION REMINDER

The online system to apply for your child's Reception place is now open. As you are aware your child's nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place. We hope that your child will continue their education at our wonderful school, [click here](#) to make an application for September 2023.

Please note the deadline to apply for a Reception place is this Sunday, the 15th of January 2023.

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

HINTS FROM THE HUB

We know that times are hard for many members of our local community and wanted to sign post you to some of the local services that may be able to provide help and advice. Click on the links for more information:

[Random Café](#) is a not for profit project currently running a waste food shop and plant sales from plants grown in their community garden.

[Watford Borough Council](#) have an up-to-date list of voluntary and community groups across the borough offering advice and support.

Hertfordshire County Council also have information about ways to [manage and get support with the cost of living](#) and provide [specific advice for coping with the costs associated with winter](#).

If you are finding things difficult our Pastoral team have a range of contacts that may be able to offer help.

DOES YOUR CHILD WORRY?

If you have concerns that your child is unduly worried or anxious our colleagues at the NHS will be running a coffee morning in the Hub, alongside our Pastoral team, on Tuesday the 31st of January from 9 - 10am.

This is an informal opportunity to raise any questions or concerns that you may have.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent/Teacher Consultations take place on Tuesday 17th January & Wednesday 18th January. Appointments are being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If you have not made your appointment yet please do so [via Arbor at this link](#).

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday the 26th of January for individual and sibling photos.



Please ensure that children attend school in the correct uniform.

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Our website has been updated with all the details that you need to book Clubs for the Spring term. Please check your emails for more information or [click](#) this link to view our webpage.



CHERRY TREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Are you a parent of a child with SEN?
Are you unsure of how to manage your
child's behaviour?
Are you looking to extend your support
network?

Then come along to our 'Parent Hub'
and chat to other parents, offer each
other practical and emotional support
and share tips and strategies.

Listen ,cry, laugh...
whatever you need, we
can do it together.
Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday 24th January

9.30am - 10.30am
In the Hub
Just turn up!

Contact
Swickham@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk



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	Rayan (Ash)	Fantastic positive attitude during the lunch hour. Helpful, kind and great manners.
Fireflies	Oscar	For always aiming high and sharing his creativity – drawing an amazing fox!
Berries	January Starters	For settling into their new class with confidence and growing independence.
Acorns	Iosif	For consistently aiming high and always showing great enthusiasm.
Conkers	Aidan	For showing a can-do attitude and persisting when creating his rocket model.
Maple	Ishaa	For aiming high with her Phonics! She has grown in confidence with all her sounds, and this is allowing her reading and writing skills to blossom. Well done, Ishaa!
Birch	Alexander	For a brilliant enthusiasm for writing this week. I have been amazed at how you have been aiming high when writing a story. Keep it up!
Cedar	Gladys	For always trying her best in all her learning and having a positive attitude towards everything she does.
Willow	Alyaan	For really trying hard with his writing the last two weeks.
Sycamore	Sara Magda	For her positive approach to everything she does. A great attitude to have!
Hazel	Eshal	For always being willing to have a go at every activity and aiming high!
Ash	Safiya	For being brave in her learning this week.
Yew	Minahil	For aiming high by working really hard on their descriptive writing and using wonderful adjectives. Keep it up!
Pine	Maria	For always presenting her work perfectly! It's a pleasure to read.
Fir	Hassan	For settling in well into your new class, you have slotted into our Fir family beautifully!
Oak	Dax	For always making the right choices and being a superb role model for all to follow.
Elm	Ibrahim	For always showing a positive approach to learning and enthusiasm for every lesson and willing to contribute his ideas!

Well done, Cherries!



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