



NEWSLETTER

9TH DECEMBER 2022

WELCOME



It's been a lovely couple of weeks, gearing up for the holidays. The school is glittering with art work and creations made by our children. The corridors are alive with the sound of carols. We look forward to welcoming you in to see our various performances over the next week.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new members of staff: Jushna Akhtar and Anie Ali who are joining our SEN team and our new volunteer Mirela Matmuja.

I have exciting news! In April 2023, I will be running the London Marathon to raise money for our children here at Cherry Tree. I am hoping to raise £3,000 to send all of our children on an experience they will never forget! We will be fundraising for this over the year and I will be taking the children on the journey with me, sharing the challenges and triumphs of the training. If you would like to donate to this event, please visit my [Just Giving page here](#). Wish me luck!



A few reminders from us:

- Please walk your children to their classroom door.
- If your child requires medicine, please come and see the office to fill out the relevant paperwork.
- Please park considerately around the local area. Do not park on our roundabout, or on double yellow lines.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

AMAZON WISH LIST

The current financial climate is having a big impact on many members of our society. Unfortunately, Cherry Tree Primary is not immune to this and our School budgets are also very constrained this year.

As a result, we have set up class Amazon wish lists as a way to allow parents and carers to directly donate items to benefit their child's class.

We will be emailing you a link but if you can donate an item to the school please keep this in mind.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 13th December - KS2 Choir trip to Courtlands Lodge
- Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 15th December 9.30am - Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Concerts
- Thursday 15th December 1.45pm - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Concerts
- Monday 19th December - EYFS Christmas Play
- Wednesday 21st December - Last Day of Term (Early finish at 1.30pm including Nursery)

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Performances on Thursday 15th December 2022. There will be two performances, the first for children in Year 1, 2 and 3 at 9.30am and then the Year 4, 5 and 6 children at 1.45pm. If you haven't managed to secure a ticket for this event, we will be filming on Zoom and a link will be sent out, closer to the time.

We have also begun spreading Christmas cheer in our local community. This afternoon, our KS1 choir sang carols in ASDA raising money for our Year 5 children to get to the Youth Champs competition and next week our KS2 choir will be singing for the residents at Courtlands Lodge!

Thank you and well done in advance, to all the children and staff involved with these wonderful events.

Miss Rebekah McCafferty
Year 1 Class Teacher/ Music Lead

NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANT FUND



**WATFORD
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Thank you so much to our Friends who nominated Cherry Tree for a grant from Watford Council. Thanks to votes from the community we have received £4,500 to spend on our student designed biodiversity garden. Watch this space for more information on our progress with this exciting project.

READING CORNER

Our final Reading Corner of 2022 and what a year it has been.



Cherry Tree have had a number of amazing author visits, both in person and via zoom, over the last year. These include Michael Rosen, Andy Griffiths, Sophy Henn, Sam Copeland and Jenny Pearson, our very own 'Draw with Rob' when Rob Biddulph visited, Jack Meggitt-Philips and the Gruffalo! I am sure some of these authors will be finding their way into your children's stockings this Christmas.

Our school library is now closed for borrowing books until January but if you have one of our library books at home please ensure your child returns it next week. Thank you to all those children who have borrowed and enjoyed the fantastic books we have in our library and for treating them with the loving care they deserve.

As always, Happy Christmas Reading, everyone...

Jane Sibbit
LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher

WRITERS OF THE MONTH

Well done to all of our terrific writers month.

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| Berries | Selwa & Abdullah | Sycamore | Rosie |
| Conkers | Yahya | Yew | Naomi |
| Acorns | Lily | Ash | Zain |
| Birch | Huzaifa | Pine | Patrick |
| Maple | Logan | Fir | Dexter |
| Willow | Theia | Oak | Esther |
| Cedar | John | Elm | Kelechi |
| Hazel | Michael | | |

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

HINTS FROM THE HUB

Exciting news for next year. Cherry Tree School will be working alongside Step 2 Skills to provide a space within the school to support parents and carers with adult learning.



Step2Skills offer a wide variety of courses for Hertfordshire residents aged 18+. These range from accredited educational opportunities to those focusing on wellbeing, household budgets, personal finances and crafting. We will be hosting a coffee morning in January and would welcome your thoughts on what you think would be beneficial to our Cherry Tree community before confirming what courses are on offer.

Please pop into the hub to discuss further or pick up a [Step 2 Skills information pack](#).

SCHOOL MILK

The deadline to order school milk on [Arbor](#) for the Autumn term is Wednesday 14th December. Please see the email that has been sent home.



SCHOOL MEALS

Hertfordshire County Council have decided to provide a £50 digital Supermarket voucher for every child that is entitled to benefit related free school meals. This voucher will be emailed to you on Friday 16th December 2022, please check your emails.

There has been an amendment to the school lunch menu. On Wednesday, week 2, Vegetable pie has been replaced with Vegetable Bolognese. Please check the website for the latest [menu](#). When we return in January, we will be on week 2.

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 15th January 2023.



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 |
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| Lunchtime | Senuli | For being a fabulous playleader on the Infant playground and being such a reliable member of the team. |
| Berries | Aiza | For always working hard and helping her friends. |
| Acorns | Alyssia-River | For settling into your new class with such enthusiasm, confidence and always aiming high. You are a pleasure to teach and are making good progress already. Well done! |
| Conkers | Catalina | For working hard to learn her Christmas play lines. |
| Maple | Alberto | For using some brilliant vocabulary when talking to his friends and teachers. He used some lovely adjectives when describing the dragon, he had made! |
| Birch | Anayah | For making brilliant effort in Maths this week when learning about doubles. I have been so impressed with how you talked about the numbers. |
| Cedar | Tiana | For always being kind and helping others when they are finding things tough. |
| Willow | Kyri | For the effort he has put into improving his writing. |
| Sycamore | Praanav | For always being kind and having a positive approach to everything. |
| Hazel | Ahaan | For always aiming high in class, and always being willing to listen to feedback in order to keep learning and improving! |
| Ash | Jai | For aiming high in writing this week and writing a fantastic ode. Well done! |
| Yew | Moosa | For settling into Yew class – well done! 😊 |
| Pine | Ayra | For her growth in confidence and growth mindset in all lessons. |
| Fir | Katie, Lillie, Nakshatra, Maheen, Khadijah | The mini mermaids for showing incredible determination, perseverance, kindness and strength in completing their 5k run this week. We are all so very proud of you, keep up the fantastic work! |
| Oak | Marwa and Sagaana | For being superheroes and helping me to organise the Geography and History ambassadors for our Curriculum Ambassador meeting this week. |
| Elm | Senuli | For always trying her best and aiming high in all her work and being focused and ready to learn! |

Well done, Cherries!



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