



# NEWSLETTER

21ST DECEMBER 2022

## WELCOME

Hello everyone!

We have finally made it to the end of a very long term! We have achieved so much and our brilliant children have learnt many new things - making us proud every day!

A huge thank you to all the parents that attended our various performances over the last week. The children adored having the support and we are really grateful for your donations. We raised over £250 for our Cherry Tree fund!

I would like to mention a very special group of children in this week's newsletter: my Mini Mermaids! For those of you who don't know, I have been leading a running club for a group of children in Year 5 since September. This group of children have been brave and aimed high and are now able to run 5 kilometres!

We held a fantastic event at the school where we celebrated what they had achieved - well done, girls! I wonder what you will achieve next!



With that, I shall wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone on their return on Thursday 5th January.

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## A BIG, BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who have bought generous gifts into school, gifted through our Amazon wish lists, made cash donations at one of our events or through the [JustGiving](#) page.



It makes such a difference to our children's school experience and we really appreciate your kindness - every little really does help!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 5th January 2023 - First Day of School
- Sunday 15th January - Deadline for Reception Admissions
- Tuesday 17th January & Wednesday 18th January - Parents Evenings
- Friday 10th February - Last day of this Half Term (School closes at the usual time)
- Monday 20th February - INSET day (no school)
- Tuesday 21st February - First day of Spring 2 Term

## SCHOOL LEADERS

This half term we have been busy forming our Children's Parliament. All classes held elections to select their representative. The children were asked to write a short speech about why they would be good for the job and present it to their class.

We also held a whole school election to appoint our school leaders. We had nearly 20 children from Year 6 'aim high' and 'be brave' and put themselves forward for the positions.



Each candidate had to create and present a manifesto. The whole school then voted for who they wanted to become their leaders. The successful candidates were Alex, Toby, Summer-Rose and Abdelmoniem. They are all very excited to get stuck into the role. The first thing they would like to work on is the reintroduction of the House Point system here at Cherry Tree.

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

## READING CORNER

Hello,

We had another amazing author visit 'zoom' in to Years 1 and 2 last week! Nick Sharratt virtually visited and worked with the children to explain to them how book illustrators get inspiration and then put pen to paper.



Our children have enjoyed visiting our library this week and exploring the fabulous selection of books we now have. Please return any library books you still have at home - they are there for everyone to share and it would be sad if our offering diminished.



Happy reading and a very happy Christmas 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 15th January 2023.

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) has been set up so that all agencies and organisations who work with children and young people work together to keep children safe.

Call 0300 123 4043 at anytime if you are a child or young person being abused or mistreated; or if you are an adult worried about a young person. Call 999 if you're in immediate danger or a crime is being committed.

## HINTS FROM THE HUB

We would like to introduce you to Andrea Andrews who is a trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). Andrea will be working at Cherry Tree on Tuesdays based in the Hub. Andrea's role involves working with parents to support their children with their worries or behavioural challenges and delivering different interventions to help children with managing their emotions.



We are very happy to welcome Andrea to the Cherry Tree community and support her with her ambition to help destigmatise mental health for young people and their families.

## YEAR 6 BRASS BAND

Parents and children were treated to a special rendition of Jingle Bells during our Christmas concerts last week. Our Year 6 brass band were very excited for their first performance of this school year.



## SCHOOL GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT



Why not become a school governor and make a difference in your local community.

While there are more than 250,000 school governors in the UK, we need more in Hertfordshire. Becoming a school governor brings amazing rewards and satisfaction but with over 500 schools in the county requiring 6000 governors, the search is on to find more people!

For further information about becoming a school governor/trustee [click this link](#).

## 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 for more information.



# It's Christmas Time!

## It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



[A Parent's Guide to Social Media](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Gaming](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Fake News](#)



[A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings](#)

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**



**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

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