



NEWSLETTER

10TH FEBRUARY 2023

WELCOME

Hello everyone!

We have some wonderful news to share with you: Cherry Tree have successfully achieved the GOLD Learning Outside of the Classroom award!

This is a truly wonderful reflection of the work we have done 'beyond the curriculum'. The personal development of our pupils was highly commended by Ofsted in July and has now been reflected in this award. 'Learning for Life' is part of our motto and is it something we will continue to champion for our pupils. Please share the good news!



Have a lovely Half Term, everyone and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 21st February.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day. At Cherry Tree we teach the SMART safety rules and consistently talk about being safe online as part of our curriculum.

However, the majority of the time children spend online is actually at home. With the half term approaching, we know that time online will increase so please be mindful of what your children are doing, who they are talking to and how they are speaking. [This link to the Herts for Learning Newsletter](#) will help to keep you up-to-date with current online safety issues.

Please remember that safety blocks on your internet are really important and are easy enough to do - just contact your internet provider for more information. Click the links to see safety checklists for [TikTok](#) and [Roblox](#). Stay safe!

Emma Penfold
Year 5 Class Teacher and Upper Key Stage 2 Leader

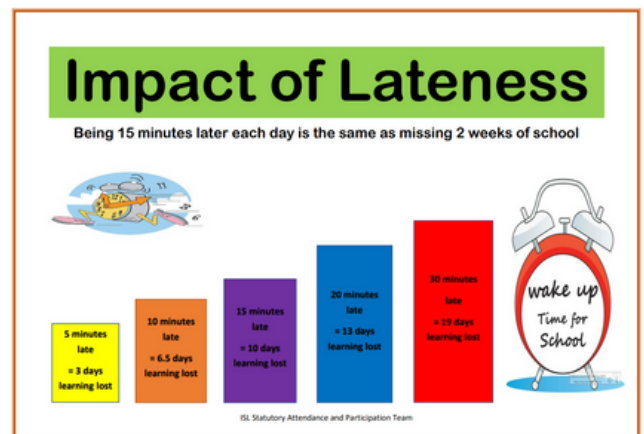


- Friday 10th February - Last day of this Half Term (School closes at the usual time of 3.15pm)
- Monday 20th February - INSET day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 21st February - First day of Spring 2 term & fun lunch with pancakes
- Tuesday 28th February - Book Swap
- Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day Celebrations

ATTENDANCE

We have now completed over half of the 22/23 academic year and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the children who are always attending school or those who have been trying really hard to improve their attendance - well done!

It is so important for your children to attend school as when they are not here, they are missing out on vital learning. We understand that, particularly at this time of the year, there are lots of bugs going around and these are unavoidable. Please remember to continue to communicate with the school office if your children are not going to be at school, this can be done over the phone or via email.



It is also important that your children arrive on time for school, from the moment they enter the building their teachers are providing them with opportunities to learn and even 5 minutes late a day will result in a loss of 25 minutes of learning over a week - that can be a whole lesson! Thank you again to all our families for your continued support with your children's attendance.

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

READING CORNER

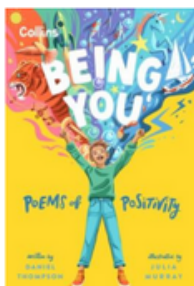
Hello everyone,

During half term there are some fabulous, free story telling activities happening at Atria in Watford. Families can delve into their giant bookcase and meet big ol' Bertie the Bookworm for a different magical storytelling adventure everyday between 13-17 of February. They can meet the big not-so-bad wolf or maybe they could help put Humpty Dumpty back together again? Families can get comfy on the beanbags and hear stories come to life. Why not pop along and join in the fun.



Don't forget our local library is just down the road and has story time activities and a Lego club too during the holidays. They also have a fabulous selection of books to choose from.

We are thrilled to welcome poet Daniel Thompson to Cherry Tree during Book Week. He will be entertaining and informing our children on the 1st of March. Look out for the pre-order letter that will enable you to buy your own dedicated and signed copy of his latest book.



As always happy reading...

Jane Sibbit
LKS2/ Reading Leader/ Class Teacher

BOOK WEEK BOOK SWAP

On Tuesday 28th February we will be holding our first pre-loved book swap event in the playground after school. It's a great way to get some new reads and allow others to read some of your favourite stories.

If you have any pre-loved books that you wish to donate, please hand them in to Sycamore Class, or the School Office, on Monday the 27th February.

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.

WRITERS OF THE MONTH

We have been fortunate to see some beautiful pieces of writing from our children this month and congratulate the following students - we are all very proud of them.

Berries	Umar & Christopher	Sycamore	Ria
Conkers	Jacob	Yew	Uthman
Acorns	Elicia	Ash	Imaan
Birch	Ava	Pine	Ayaan
Maple	Ishaa	Fir	Artan
Willow	Lily B	Oak	Esther
Cedar	Raaya	Elm	Khadijah
Hazel	Jasmine		

SPRING 2 CLUBS

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

EARLY DROP OFF

Please note that Nursery starts at 8.35am and the rest of the school does not start until 8.50am. Children cannot be left in school any earlier unless they are booked into Red & Ready, our morning club - [details at this link](#).

YEAR 3 ALLOTMENT TRIPS ARE BACK!

On the first Tuesday back after the holidays Year 3 are returning to the allotment. We are very much looking forward to starting our growing for this year and doing some fun and fabulous outdoor learning.



If you want to come along and join in the fun and help the children you are very welcome.... even if your child is not in Year 3! Just let the office or Mrs Sibbit in 3 Sycamore know.

FIRST AID

If your child has an accident at school, you will either be handed a bump slip or a slip will be given to the child to let you know. Please remember to check their book bags daily for any items that are sent home.



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	Bivon	For always showing great play leader skills and consistently being a great role model for the younger children.
Fireflies	Amelia	For being kind and trying really hard to have a positive attitude. Well done Amelia, keep it up.
Berries	Ayana	For coming in happy to Nursery every day.
Acorns	Dominic	For developing your self-confidence by being brave.
Conkers	Ziki	For aiming high and being brave when facing new challenges in PE – climbing to the top of the ladder. Well done Ziki!
Maple	Amreen	For always being such a kind friend! You are patient and caring with all your peers in your class and always take time to listen. Thank you and well done!
Birch	Kingsford	For a fantastic attitude to learning. You have aimed high in Maths when learning number bonds and when using phonics in your reading and writing too. We are proud of you.
Cedar	Navya	For always showing enthusiasm in all your learning and having your hand up to share your ideas.
Willow	Theia	You always give your best to everything you do; you are a kind friend and a good example to your friends.
Sycamore	Kabir	You have Aimed High with your handwriting. Keep up the positive attitude.
Hazel	Naila	For always having a positive attitude to learning, always asking questions and always Aiming High.
Ash	Jamie	For aiming high and working hard on the presentation of his work. Well done!
Yew	Eboy	For being kind, caring and considerate towards their peers and for showing great perseverance in their swimming lesson this week.
Pine	Kiyaan Ali	For trying so hard in English this week and showing a significant improvement.
Fir	Mason	For always showing the school values of bravery, kindness and aiming high. I am so proud of you!
Oak	Demi-Leigh	For being a kind and helpful classmate. Once Demi had made her own pin-hole camera, she wandered around the classroom offering to help her peers to finish building theirs #WeAreKind
Elm	Iqra	For always being a polite and kind member of the class and always trying her best in her work!

Well done, Cherries!



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