



# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME!

We come to the end of another year. One with less disruption, more togetherness and a rebuild of our Cherry Tree community.

As you will be aware, we had a visit from Ofsted last week which validated just how special Cherry Tree is. Our children made us proud and demonstrated our beliefs in all that they did...we aim high, we are kind, we are brave! We are expecting our report to arrive in September so we will share more details with you then. I would like to say a big thank you to our children, parents and staff for their efforts during the inspection (and always!) to help us share all the things that make us a brilliant school.

Of course, the end of the year often brings sadness as we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children (we are SO proud of you!) and certain members of staff. We have already said goodbye to some but we would like to extend our thanks and goodbyes to Emma Hill our Assistant Headteacher, Jeanette Riches & Lydia Wells our Booster Tutors, Asha Adiraju our Fir Class Teacher, Jennie Ranyard our Pastoral Support/Dog Mentor, Annie Hill our Teaching Assistant and Lillian Lu our SEN 1:1 Teaching Assistant. We wish all our staff well on their various journeys and would like to thank them for the dedication and support they have given our children.

With goodbyes come hellos! We have already introduced to you our new teachers but I would also like to now introduce our new Assistant Headteacher: Emma Hibberd, our new Inclusion Leader Vicky Carrick and our new SEN 1:1 Teaching Assistant, Teresa Donald. We are excited to be welcoming you to our Cherry Tree team. Caroline Boxhall will also be continuing as a volunteer working with our children as a Booster Tutor and will be running a Book Club.

I wish you a relaxing break and am very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to our new academic year on Monday 5th September. I wonder what next year may bring!

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 1st September - Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
- Friday 2nd September - Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
- Monday 5th September - First day of new term - Welcome Back!

## DEAR YEAR 6

What a year it has been! Thank you for your maturity, enthusiasm and creativity all year round - we have adored learning with you this year. You have so much to be proud of and so many skills to take with you into the next chapter of your life. We know you will do us proud. Always remember how far you have come and how you can do anything you want to! Remember to be kind, be brave and aim high. There is no limit to what you can achieve. We will miss you lots.



Good luck!  
Love Miss Penfold and Mrs Malhotra

## CHALK CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Cherry Tree were lucky enough to win the Teach Outdoors Chalk Challenge competition when pictures of our outdoor learning were shared on social media.



Staff at Cherry Tree will now be the lucky recipients of a live online learning session to help to develop our skills teaching writing outdoors.

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

## READING CORNER

Summer is such a fabulous time to sit in the sunshine or curl up in the shade and lose yourself in a book! Think of all the adventures you can go on this summer, the places you can visit and the people you can meet...all waiting for you between the covers of a good book!

Recently the children met with the librarian from North Watford Library. She told them all about the exciting Summer Reading Challenge - Gadgeteers. Pop down to your local library to find out more.



Wishing you all a very happy holidays with family and friends. Happy reading!

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher

## CALLING ALL WRITERS - THAT'S YOU!

Miss Penfold would like to encourage you to put your creative writing to the test over the summer holidays and enter the summer writing competition.

You have free reign to write anything you'd like! This could be a poem about summer, a letter to your new teacher, a story about an amazing summer adventure...anything you like to grab Miss Penfold's attention. She is looking for creativity and originality. The winners will be announced in assembly in September.

Happy writing!



## 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.

## NURSERY

We still have some funded places, for September, for 15 or 30 hours with both am and pm sessions available. Places on a school tour can be booked by [clicking here](#).

## HINTS FROM THE HUB

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse. If you need more help than your usual support network - for example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre - they can work with you and your family to create a package of support.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability). They can help with issues such as parenting, debt problems and much more. Click [this link](#) if you need more information.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child is in Year 3 or older you need to apply for this at [this link](#). It takes 5 mins and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals at school.

Hertfordshire County Council decided to provide a £60 digital supermarket voucher for every child receiving benefit related free school meals. This voucher should have been emailed to you on Monday 18th July 2022.



Thank you to everybody who has supported the Friends fund raising activities this year. To round off the year we had the pleasure of meeting Beverley, the Asda Community Champion, who presented our school with a cheque for £500 that we won as part of the their green token giving scheme.



We are also pleased to report that the Summer Disco, in addition to being lots of fun, raised £650. Thank you so much to everybody who came to help out - your support for our events is much appreciated by all.



# 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
Red&Ready	Ria	For being kind and helpful.
Fireflies	Husayn (1B)	For being brave and singing on stage.
Lunchtime	Huzaifa	For being respectful, resilient and well behaved every single lunchtime.
Berries	Whole Class	You have all been amazing this year. Every single one of you has worked extremely hard and excelled in the progress you have made.
Acorns	Whole class	It has been an incredible journey watching you all develop this year and you certainly have proved you are Amazing Acorns by consistently aiming high, being brave and kind too. I am so proud of your progress and achievements!
Conkers	Whole Class	Conkers you have been amazing to teach this year! You have been brave, aimed high and shown how kind you are. You have shown how responsible you can be both within school and on our school trips. I am very proud of each and everyone of you ☺
Maple	Whole Class	I am so proud of all of Maple! You have aimed high, been brave and are always kind. I will miss you all as you head into Year 2!
Birch	Whole Class	Well done Birch Class! You have all aimed high, been brave and been kind. Keep working hard in year 2!
Cedar	Whole Class	You have aimed high and shown resilience in your learning, and I am so proud of the progress you have all made this year. Well done Cedar Class!
Willow	Whole Class	Willow, you have been a dream to teach. This year has been wonderful, funny, memorable and inspiring. I cannot believe what you all have achieved. I am so proud to have been your teacher.
Sycamore	Whole class	You have aimed high, been brave and always kind this year. Thank you, Sycamore class, for just being you!
Hazel	Whole class	Well done for aiming high this year Hazel Class. I am proud of all of you.
Ash	Whole class	Thank you for making Y4 such a wonderful and memorable year. You have shone and made me extremely proud of you all. Thank you for remembering our beliefs and promises. I will miss you all – have an incredible Y5 and beyond!
Yew		Yew have aimed high and made amazing progress this year. It has been a pleasure to be part of your journey at Cherry Tree and I will miss you all. I wish you every success and good luck for Y5 and beyond.
Pine	Pine class	For being such a wonderful class to teach. I will miss you all very much but know that you will all continue to shine in Year 6.
Fir	All of Fir Class	I am proud of all of you in Fir Class! You have all consistently tried your hardest and have given your best in everything you have done. Thank you for being such a brilliant class to teach. I will miss you all. I wish you all every success in anything you do: )
Oak	All of Year 6	For being amazing – we will miss you greatly.
Elm	All of Year 6	For being amazing – we will miss you greatly.

Well done, Cherries!



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