

NEWSLETTER

17TH NOVEMBER 2023

WELCOME

It's been very noisy here at Cherry Tree this week whilst we've been 'making a noise about bullying' as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

Our Odd Socks Day was very successful and reminded us to celebrate one another's differences. We have been learning about what bullying is and the role we can play in stopping it. We have talked about our beliefs of being kind and brave and our older children have been talking about 'banter' and how this can turn in to bullying. Our children have yet again, impressed us with their thoughts and understanding of this topic. We then collaborated with the other schools in the Inclusive MAT and presented our learning to one another on a trust-wide Zoom. It was lovely to see the whole trust working together against bullying.

We have a new member of staff joining our SEND Team, we would like to welcome and introduce to you, Elena Sandu!

Cheska Tyler Headteacher

NEW GOVERNOR

Hello everyone,

I have recently been appointed to the board of governors and am looking forward to getting to know the Cherry Tree community.



Earlier this year I retired from a career in banking and education and will draw on this experience in my new role.

I live in Rickmansworth, have two grown up children and enjoy walking our Labrador, Dooley, travelling and keeping fit.

I hope I will get the opportunity to meet you soon.

Sandra Child Cherry Tree Governor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 23rd November Year 5 Viking Workshop
- Friday 1st December Decoration Day
- Friday 1st December Friends Christmas Fair, 3.15pm
- Tuesday 5th December Year 5 trip to British Museum
- Wednesday 6th December Friends Winter Disco
- Thursday 7th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 19th of December Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 20th December Last Day of Term (Finish 1.30pm)
- Thursday 4th January 2024 First Day of Spring Term
- Friday 5th January Year 6 trip to Nutcracker Ballet
- Thursday 25th January Individual & Family Group photos

CHERRY TREE STUDENTS HONOUR REMEMBRANCE DAY WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Cherry Tree students paid their respects to the Armed Forces on Remembrance Day by observing a two-minute silence.

Students also took part in various activities, including creating their own poppies and a beautiful wreath, to help them reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave military.







Through these activities, the students and staff united in their hope for a brighter and more peaceful future filled with kindness.



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

READING CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

We are thrilled to announce that we were able to raise over £450 for our school library's new books! Your support has been overwhelming and we cannot thank you enough for your contributions.



As we move forward, we will use the funds to invest in books that our young readers love the most. It's important to us to promote a love of reading and provide our students with every opportunity to succeed.

We hope that your children will enjoy the books selected at the Book Fair and those they bring home from our library. Thank you again for your generosity.

Happy Reading! Jane Sibbit LKS2/Reading Leader/Class Teacher

WELLIE APPEAL

Do you have any old wellies



lying around? Our outdoor learning could use a hand! Please donate your outgrown wellies and help tiny feet explore the great outdoors. We're looking for sizes 2-4 in children's wellies. Please drop off to the office if you can help.

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).







SALVATION ARMY -CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

Last year, the Salvation Army distributed more than 76,000 gifts to help struggling families celebrate Christmas! This year, they are expecting the number of families requesting help to rise as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Watford Salvation Army will be running the Christmas Present Appeal again this year, collecting new toys for families in our local area. You can help them to spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift.



Please support your local Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need in our local area.

You can bring any donations to Miss Massey and Mrs Crocket in the Hub.

Thank you in advance for any support that you can give.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS 2024-25

Applications for Reception 2024-25 are now open. The deadline for applications is Monday the 15th of January 2024. We are conducting <u>weekly tours</u> of the school so please share this with anyone who may be interested.

VACANCIES AT CHERRY TREE

Do you want to make a positive impact on young minds? We're hiring and on the hunt for a special soul to join our team: an enthusiastic teaching assistant. Do you have what it takes to inspire our little ones and help them reach for the stars? If you're nodding yes or know someone who fits the bill, <u>click</u> <u>the link</u> and let's get this ball rolling.



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	Kamil	For being a good role model, always giving a helping hand and encouraging others to make the right choices.
Red & Ready	Maisie	For being thoughtful and kind.
Fireflies	Illythia	For concentrating and aiming high whilst using a new tool at forest schools.
Berries	Lubyanka	For always being helpful and supporting others in their play.
Acorns	Archie	For an excellent attitude in phonics and aiming high with name writing.
Conkers	Aiza	For aiming high and showing a positive can-do attitude at home and school with her phonics. Well done!
Maple	Safa	For being kind and aiming high by always helping to keep the classroom tidy.
Birch	Amie Marie	For aiming high in writing. Well done for your effort and for trying hard to put all the skills into your work.
Cedar	Erva	For challenging herself in writing lessons and aiming high with her editing.
Willow	Lacey-May	For her perseverance in maths and english.
Sycamore	Raaya	For always following the Cherry Tree beliefs and promises and being a great role model to Sycamore class.
Hazel	Theia	For always aiming high in everything that she does both in lessons and on the playground.
Ash	Sara Magda	For aiming high with her composition and using great descriptive writing.
Yew	Naila	For always working hard and being a great role model.
Pine	Imaan	For always aiming high with her writing and really challenging herself to create atmosphere in her setting descriptions.
Fir	Maahir	For excellent descriptive writing this week, you are really showing off all those skills we have focused on. Well done!
Oak	Ayaan	For aiming high in his writing this week and including conjunctions and fronted adverbials to keep his writing cohesive.
Elm	Patrick	For improved effort in his writing – keep it going!

Well done, Cherries!



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