



NEWSLETTER

25TH OCTOBER 2024

WELCOME

As we draw to the end of our first half term, it's been wonderful to reflect on our achievements and just how well our children have settled into their new routines. I'd like to start with this beautiful piece of home learning from Mustafa, who has been thinking about our school beliefs, even at home!



Thank you for attending our Parent Open Evening this week. This was a new event for us, replacing our more 'traditional' parents' evening. We made this change based on feedback from last year's parent survey, so thank you again for your input. If you have any further feedback about the event, please speak to a member of staff - we are always striving to improve.

We are incredibly excited to announce that our wonderful Mrs Crocket has re-joined the team at Cherry Tree as our new Pastoral Leader. You will be able to find Mrs Crocket in the Hub along with Miss Parles. If you would like to make an appointment, please see them directly or contact our school office.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Mitchell on Friday 15th November. We would like to thank Mrs Mitchell for the commitment and care she has given to our children over the years, and wish her all the best in her new role.

Thank you parents, for supporting our ASDA 'Cashpot for Schools' fundraiser. You've raised over £400 so far and this promotion runs until November 30th - so please continue to choose Cherry Tree when shopping at ASDA to help us raise even more funds!

Thank you also for voting in Watford Council's Neighbourhood Grant scheme. Voting has now closed, and we are eagerly awaiting the results to see if we've been awarded £16,000 to enhance our playground. We will update you once we hear more.

Have a lovely half-term holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November at 08:45am.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 31/10/24 - Deadline for Secondary School Applications
- 04/11/24 - First Day of Autumn 2 Term
- Wk Comm 04/11/24 - Maths Week
- 05 - 08/11/24 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 05/11/24 - Fun Lunch
- Wk Comm 11/11/24 - Anti-Bullying Week
- Wk Comm 11/11/24 - Nursery Rhyme Week
- 15/11/24 - Children in Need
- 15/11/24 - Year 5 Viking Day
- 18/12/24 - Year 2-6 visit to the Church
- 18/12/24 - Festive Lunch
- 18/12/24 - Year 6 Nutcracker Ballet
- 18/12/24 - SEND Coffee
- 20/12/24 - Last Day of Term (School closes at 1.30pm)

DLD AWARENESS DAY

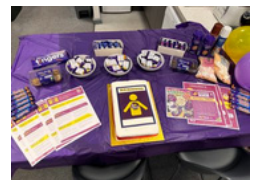
Last Friday 18th of October, we recognised Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Awareness Day. DLD is a lifelong condition affecting approximately 2 children in every average classroom of 30 in the UK. It is diagnosed by speech and language therapists for those facing ongoing challenges with talking and understanding words, creating barriers to communication and learning. Many people remain unaware of DLD, despite its prevalence.

Staff showed their support by wearing purple and yellow, the official colours for DLD awareness.



To engage students, we shared a [short video](#) titled 'Lily Farrington's Amazing Developmental Language Disorder Animation', which helped them understand DLD and its impact on many children. Additionally, classes participated in a fun activity that encouraged discussions about communication and understanding.

By raising awareness, we foster a more inclusive environment for all students. Thank you for your support in promoting understanding within our school community!



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

BOOK CORNER

The upcoming book fair at Cherry Tree School is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books for children, friends, and family, highlighting the lifelong benefits of reading for pleasure on both academic success and personal growth. Open to everyone, the fair will run in the foyer of the Mulberry building from Tuesday 5th November - Friday 8th November, from 3 pm to 3:40 pm each day. Payment can be accepted by card, cash, or online.



Students will have the chance to browse the fair during school hours, and as a special treat, the first 70 customers will receive a free Dog Man comic.

There's also an exciting competition - send in a photograph of your child reading in a unique or special place over the half-term holiday for a chance to win a £10 or £15 voucher to spend at the fair. Submit entries by email to admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk by 5pm on Monday 6th November.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

We kindly remind parents that children remain under their supervision before and after school hours. Please ensure that children are properly supervised (especially in the playground area) and do not climb on playground equipment and trees during these times, as these activities can be risky without staff present.

Please remember that children should not be left unsupervised on school grounds before school starts. Any child found alone on the playground in the morning will be taken to the Sunrise Club, for their safety, and a charge of £6 applied.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe - your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

KEEPING 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.

HERTS PARENT/CARER SURVEY

This survey is for parents and carers in Hertfordshire who have children and/or young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities).



Please take some time to complete because your responses will drive work with Hertfordshire County Council/Hertfordshire's NHS Services to improve services for children and young people with SEND.

MATHS WEEK



Mark your calendars for Maths Week, happening from November 4th to 8th, 2024, with the theme "Maths is creative!" This week will focus on showcasing the fun and creativity in mathematics through various activities. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's experiences and try puzzles together at home. For any questions, please reach out to the child's teacher. Let's celebrate the creativity of mathematics!

YOUNG AUTHORS

We congratulate all our Writers of the Month listed below - we have been blown away by their creativity!

Parents you can nurture creativity at home by encouraging children to enter the BBC's 500 Words competition, open to ages 5-11, with submissions due by 9 pm on Friday, 8th November 2024 - [more details here](#).

Berries	Amira & Alicia	Hazel	Antonia
Acorns	Diyon	Ash	Jahliyah
Conkers	Riyan	Yew	Amelie
Maple	Kayon	Pine	Daisy
Birch	Myla-Grace	Fir	Shaynan
Cedar	Lola	Oak	Thavaneiya
Willow	Lily	Elm	Kayla
Sycamore	Kaden		

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

What we are learning.....

For EYFS, please see updates on your weekly letters and Tapestry.

Year 1

Phonics - we will be learning the new phase 5 sounds: ir (bird), ie (pie), ue (blue, rescue), e (she), u (unicorn), i (tiger), a (paper), o (post).

Maths - comparing a group of objects. We will use the < less than > greater than and = equals symbols.

Science - we will be identifying materials and looking for things made from metal, wood, paper, glass and fabric.

Wider Curriculum - we will learn about some famous Kings and Queens of Britain from the past.

Year 2

Writing - we will be learning about narratives and using adjectives.

Phonics - spelling patterns of words that end in k, ck, ch, and tch. When to use -es (bushes) or -s (ducks).

Maths - add & subtract two numbers that bridge through 10, calculate & explain the difference when information is presented in different ways.

Science - explore the properties of different materials and which are best for specific purposes.

Wider Curriculum - The Great Fire of London.

Year 3

Writing - we will be learning about explanation texts and how to use commas in a list.

Maths - we will be using mental methods for adding and subtracting two-digit numbers.

Science - we will be exploring the composition of soil and identifying the properties of different rocks.

Wider Curriculum - we will be exploring events on a timeline and recognising what life was like in the Stone Age.

Guided Reading - 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo.

Year 4

Writing - we will be looking at characters and setting using our next text 'Escape from Pompeii'.

Maths - looking at factor pairs, units of measure and problem solving.

Science - The digestive system and the different parts that make it up.

Wider Curriculum - The Roman Empire and the reasons why the Romans invaded Britain.

Guided Reading - 'The Firework-Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

Year 5

Writing - exploring characters in our new book 'Odd and the Frost Giants', recapping skills such as speech and expanded noun phrases.

Maths - revising strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Science - our new topic is 'Forces' and exploring air resistance.

Wider Curriculum - 'Vikings' topic including our exciting Viking Day!

Guided Reading - 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.

Year 6

Writing - we will be writing discussion texts debating the pros and cons of workhouses, considering whether they were a good or bad idea.

Maths - we will be adding and subtracting fractions and looking at fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents.

Science - we will be exploring the invention of electricity and how it has changed the world.

Wider Curriculum - Identifying key events in Queen Victoria's life.

Guided Reading - 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo.

Reminders

- Thursday 31st of October is the deadline for applications to secondary schools. However, we would recommend that parents complete these by Friday 25th October, so that any queries can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.
- Monday 4th of November is the first day of Autumn 2 term.
- Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th of November Scholastic Book fair in the Mulberry Building Foyer from 3:15pm (cash or card payment accepted).

WRAPAROUND CARE & CLUBS

Discover a wide range of engaging before and after school clubs designed to suit every interest! From choir to football and sewing to gymnastics, there's something for every child to enjoy. You just need to login to Arbor and book.

Our Sunrise and Sunset Clubs offer convenient wrap-around care, operating from 7:30am to 8:45am and 3:15pm to 6:00pm, giving parents flexible options for childcare. For more information and a full list of activities, visit our website here.



DAY	CLUB	ELIGIBLE TO
Mondays	Basketball	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Tuesdays	Gymnastics	Reception, Y1 & Y2
Wednesdays	Multi-sport	Reception, Y1 & Y2
Thursdays	Dodgeball	Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Fridays	Football	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6



SEWING TREE CLUB

Start Date: Wednesday 6th November
 End Date: Wednesday 18th December
 3:15pm - 4:15pm
 Year 2 - Year 5
 Located in Maple Class
 Cost: £35.00 for Autumn 2 Term
[Please book here](#)



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	Lilly (6E)	For consistently being a wonderful role model, always offering help, and embodying the Cherry Tree values in everything you do.
Sunrise/Sunset	Ava	For being so kind and helpful.
Fireflies	Elijah (Cedar)	For being brave and engaging in Forest school activities.
Cherry Blossoms	Reuben	For always being kind and helpful.
Berries	Alicia	For consistently showing kindness and always being helpful.
Acorns	Aara	For consistently following our school values. You are a super role model!
Conkers	Suhash	For being brave and settling into his new routine in Reception this term!
Maple	Matthew	For super counting in 10s this week!
Birch	Pritesh	Aiming high in phonics lessons and always working hard.
Cedar	Karina	For being so helpful in the classroom. Thank you!
Willow	Cattleya	For being such a positive role model in the class and being kind.
Sycamore	Kany	For always doing their best and engaging positively with their learning.
Hazel	Albert	For showing phenomenal knowledge during our topic this half term.
Ash	Anastasia	For having a fantastic attitude to learning this week and working so well with her peers during group work in science and maths.
Yew	Raaya	For a great attitude to learning and demonstrating the school values consistently.
Pine	Oscar	For always following instructions and aiming high.
Fir	Abdul Hakeem	For consistently following our school values and classroom rules.
Oak	Eboy	Aiming high and being brave in writing and maths this week to complete his work independently and to a very good standard.
Elm	Talia	For showing amazing confidence in sharing your mental health poem in the Trust assembly.

Well done, Cherries!



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