



# NEWSLETTER

5TH NOVEMBER 2021

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to our new half term and a Happy Diwali to all our Cherry Tree families celebrating this week.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. There is so much happening this half term, as always and we look forward to sharing this with you.

We've had our School Improvement Partner this morning, looking at our reading provision and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Children at Cherry Tree love to read and are making great progress. A huge well done to the children who are certainly 'Aiming High' and to the staff for their commitment and efforts in teaching our children.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evenings are next week.

Due to a change in our school risk assessment in light of rising COVID19 infection rates in Hertfordshire, we have taken the decision to move our in-person parents evening, to phone calls. Whilst we were excited to welcome you back into school, we feel this is the right measure to take to ensure everyone's safety.

Please expect a phone call from the school or a withheld number at your selected time. If you have not chosen your slot yet, please do so on Arbor before the end of today.

## PARENT/CARER CONTACTS

It is important that the information we hold for you and your child/ren on Arbor is correct and up to date, in particular your contact numbers and address.

Please take a moment to log into your Arbor Parent portal <https://cherry-tree-primary.uk.arbor.sc/> to check if the fields below are blank or contain inaccurate information.

- Notices - agree or decline the consents which appear here. Please see attached our updated Home School Agreement
- Student details (including language and ethnicity)
- Student contact details
- Family, Guardians and contacts
- Consents

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

## NURTURE CORNER

**Anti bullying week is week commencing 15th November and will include our Odd Sock Day!**

**We are inviting children to wear odd socks to school on the 15th with their uniform to celebrate that we are all different :**

**Get your socks ready for this fun and important day.**



## HELLO YELLOW

A huge thank you for your donations on Hello Yellow day! We raised £240 for Young Minds - the Children's Mental Health Charity.

## COVID MEASURES

At school, adults will be returning to wearing face masks when moving around indoors. In addition, this is to confirm that any visitors who spend any time on the school site, inside or outside, must also wear a face mask. This will be required until the end of term. A letter to all parent/carers was sent out earlier this week - please take note of the paragraph regarding siblings and what may be expected should we experience a further outbreak. You can continue to help us limit the impact Covid-19 has on our school by regularly testing adults/secondary school aged children at home using LFTs and by wearing a face covering when interacting with our staff.

Thank you.

## READING CORNER

This week, the children in Key Stage 2 had the pleasure of welcoming Andy Griffiths into their classrooms (via Zoom). He shared with them the exciting life of an author and explained how ideas get from inside his head, onto the page and then into the amazing books that we all love and enjoy.

The children were able to ask questions and find out all about how he is inspired, what his favourite books are as well as telling us all about his pet cat!



You are able to buy copies of his latest book at a very special price as detailed in the flyer that was sent out to you on Monday.

This offer does close at the end of today!



This week we have had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to everyone who has supported this event and we hope you enjoy all the new books you chose. It is not too late to buy books on line if you missed out on getting to the fair in person.

We are continuing to make progress with updating our school library and would welcome any offer of help with making or fixing shelves, seating and units to make this a great space for our children to build on their love of reading.

Contact myself through the school office if you can help in any way.

Jane Sibbit  
LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher  
Cherry Tree Primary School

## PITCH PERFECT!

This week our football team had a home match against Beechfield. It was a hard fought game, with lots of thrills and spills. At the final whistle, Cherry Tree won 6-3 with goals from Charlie, Billy, Heath and Ethan. What a team!

Congratulations to our Cherry Tree team on your victory and for showing excellent sportsmanship!

## RECEPTION PLACES

Nursery parents:

The online system to apply for your child's Reception place is now open. Your child's nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place. Click here to make an application for September 2022. Please do not hesitate to see Mrs Brown in the School Office if you have any queries or need help completing your application.

Prospective parents:

We are currently holding tours of our school for prospective parents applying for Reception and Nursery places. If you know anyone who would like to join our wonderful school please ask them to register for a tour on our website.

## CHRISTMAS!!

Friends Christmas cards



Templates should be sent home with your child today, if you wish to purchase, please return the template with payment to the school office by Wednesday 10th November. You may want to complete your own template at home.

## RESIDENTIAL TRIP YEAR 6

Please could you ensure you respond to the Microsoft Form about the exciting Year 6 Residential Trip by the end of this weekend if you haven't already.

Thank you!



## UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS



Christmas Market - the Friends will be holding a Christmas Market on 10th December. Stalls are available and a flyer with more information was recently sent out.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please ensure your children are dropped off to and collected from school on time. If you have registered your child for an after school club (Apex, Super Star Sport etc) please check the date the club starts and finishes and the timings. The club information changes each half term so please pay attention to the information sent to you to avoid your child being uncollected on a day the club isn't running. If, for an unavoidable reason, you are late collecting your child, please contact the School Office immediately so we can update the class teacher and your child.

## RED & READY MORNING CLUB

The Apex breakfast clubs are no longer running now that we have opened our brand-new Red & Ready morning club. Sessions are £6. If you need to book your child into the club you can register via your Arbor Parent Portal and choose from daily or half-termly sessions, subject to availability. [Click here for more information and to view the booking guide.](#)

## YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

On Thursday 14th July 2022 all Year 6 pupils will be invited to visit their new Secondary Schools.

This date is the same for all schools within Hertfordshire.

Please add this date to your diary.



## TOP CHERRIES AWARDS

Our Top Cherry Award is an award to celebrate exceptional behaviour, learning or manners. These children really are going above and beyond!

Berries

Lola - for being able to retell a story independently

Khushi - for trying hard to write her name

Freddie - Acorns - for being brave during transition times

Shai - Conkers - for doing well during transition and being confident at carpet times

Hasan and Husayn - Y1 Birch - for amazing attention and focus during story time and independently exploring books

Charles - Y1 Birch - for super enthusiasm for our castle topic

Luqmaan - Y1 Maple - for amazing attention and focus during story time and independently exploring books

Lilli-Mai - Y1 Maple- for aiming high in Maths.

Olivia - Y2 Cedar - for her fantastic attitude to learning and for trying her best.

Talia - Y3 Sycamore - for writing thoughtfully about the importance of Diwali to Hindus.

Aliki - Y3 Hazel - for being 'Brave' and staying calm after an accident

Azaan - Y3 Hazel- for working really hard on his handwriting

Ammar - Y4 Ash - Well done and keep aiming high!

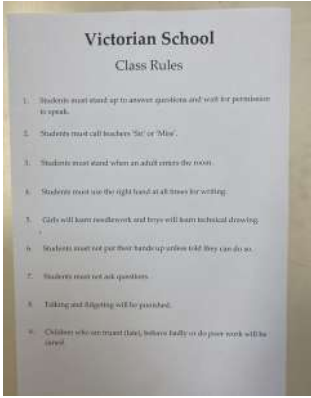
Lillie & George - Y4 Yew - for trying much harder to make the right choices with their behaviour in class. Well done and keep aiming high!

Abdelmoniem- Y5 Pine - for being extremely polite, and always willing to help and support everybody. He is a pleasure to teach.

Nazeem - 6 Oak - for showing perseverance in all his work. He has been so focused and engaged in his learning this week and it is really showing in his work.

Vlad - 6 Elm - for taking advice on board when checking his writing and making improvements

# Out and about this week!



Year 6 were time travellers to the Victorian era.



Year 1 have been identifying materials.



Year 3 were developing their subtraction skills in Maths this week.

Andy Griffiths answering questions at Cherry Tree this week - all the way from Australia!

An important quote from Andy -

'Read as much as you can - books feed your brain.'

## SORRY TO SAY GOODBYE

Last, but not least, Cherry Tree would like to say a very fond farewell to one of our team.

Mrs Aldridge is leaving us this term after many years at Cherry Tree. Mrs Aldridge has been exceptional in her work with many children over the years. We are so grateful to her commitment to the school.

We wish her all the very best for the future and want her to know that we will miss her greatly.



Friday December 17th at 1.30pm -Autumn 2 Term ends

Thursday 14th July 2022 - Year 6 Transition Day



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