



NEWSLETTER

11TH FEBRUARY 2022

WELCOME

Hello everyone,

This week is 'Children's Mental Health Week' which has been celebrated over the last couple of weeks across all of our classes. The children took part in an assembly and various other activities in class and have concentrated on being mindful and aware of their growth both internally and externally. The children have responded beautifully to this and we look forward to this being a focus as we progress through the year.

To follow the exciting work of our children, please follow our school Twitter account [@CTS_Watford](#) and your child's class teachers. You can also follow [@headcherrytree](#), [@MrsHillCTS](#) and [@CherryTreePST](#).

Thank you for attending parents' evening this week. It is so important to seize the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher. If you missed your appointment for whatever reason, please do get in contact and rearrange a meeting for after the half term. We would love the opportunity to discuss your child with you at this stage of the year.

Please remind your children that no balls from home should be brought in to school. We have plenty of playground resources for the children to use. Thank you.

Lastly, we will be looking forward to returning with a mathematical bang! Our first day back after the holidays is Tuesday 22nd February (Monday 21st is an INSET day so the school is closed) and Miss Wolstencroft has organised a very special 'TWOSDAY'. Please encourage your children to come to school with numbers on their tops!



Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on your return to school on 22/02/22!

Cheska Tyler

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

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

The application window for September 2022 Nursery admissions is now open, please register your interest [here](#). The deadline for Nursery admissions is the 25th February 2022.

We are offering tours of our nursery. These tours are in person, held at Cherry Tree. Please contact the school office to book in.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The deadline for ordering any photos is Tuesday, 22nd February. The easiest way to do this is to follow this [link](#) click on Order Online - you will need the unique barcode located under your child's photo in their pack. Alternatively, you can bring your order, complete with payment, to the school office.

PARENT HUB

Please do come along on the 25th February and meet with other parents. It's vital we network with others in our school community and it's been so long since we have been able to! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

Are you a parent of a child with SEN?
Are you unsure of how to manage your child's behaviour?
Are you looking to extend your support network?

Then come along to our 'Parent Hub' and chat to other parents, offer each other practical and emotional support and share tips and strategies.

Listen .cry, laugh... whatever you need, we can do it together. Everyone is welcome!

Friday 25th February
9.45-10.45am in The Hub
Just turn up!

Contact
Swickham@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk

READING CORNER

We have warmly welcomed Jack Meggitt Phillips (and Patrick the parrot) to Cherry Tree this week. What an inspiration to us all! He shared his secret on how to write a great story with the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and by the end of the session everyone was an author!



We have received lots of new reading books into school this week and a huge thank you to those children who helped distribute them to their new homes. Meanwhile, Year 1 have been voting on their favourite read so far.....time to dive into a new story everyone!



On Friday Harry Potter came to school! Years 4, 5 and 6 had the amazing opportunity to become costume designers using the original costumes and props from the Harry Potter films as inspiration. There was a new head in school! The children loved getting creative and designing costumes fit for a wizard or a giant.

Happy reading.....
Mrs Sibbit
Reading leader



GOODBYE

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kearns today. Mrs Kearns has worked as part of the Cherry Tree team for a long time now and more recently has spent time supporting our pastoral team. We wish her lots of luck in the future.

We are also sad to say (a temporary) goodbye to Mr Saddler, our Y4 Class Teacher. Mr Saddler is off to look after his little boy for the next three months but will be returning back to the Cherry Tree family after that. In the mean time, his class will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs Hoare and Ms Riches.

WELCOME TO CHERRY TREE!

We had a new staff member to welcome to the school this week and are looking forward to welcoming more just after half term. Welcome!

Ms Mitchell - Early Years Teaching Assistant
Ms Cottey-Bennett - 1:1 Teaching Assistant
Ms Massey - Pastoral Leader
Ms Lench - Administrator

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Over the last few weeks, we have been sharing a very important message with our children to empower them to 'be brave' when they find themselves in challenging situations that make them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. We would like to share this message with you so you can reiterate the 3 clear actions with your children at home.

Firstly, we want our children to feel they can always say 'please stop, I don't like what you are doing' if they feel unsafe. All children need to understand that 'stop' means stop!

Secondly, we want our children to feel confident enough to 'speak out' if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable. This could be for themselves or for others.

Finally, we want all our children to respect the personal space of others. No-one should touch them without their permission.

We thank you for your continued support with helping to make Cherry Tree a place where all our children feel safe and heard.



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

Friends

OF CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our new school charity fundraising page is now live! The great thing about it is that there are no fees and all money raised will be spent directly on our school children. Please join in with the first fundraiser of the year...The 2022 Challenge! This link can be shared on social media and to family and friends. We can't wait to celebrate fundraising success after half term!

If any families have a fantastic fundraising idea...(sky divers, marathon runners?) please feel free to click on 'create your fundraising page' and link it to 'Friends of Cherry Tree School PTA!'

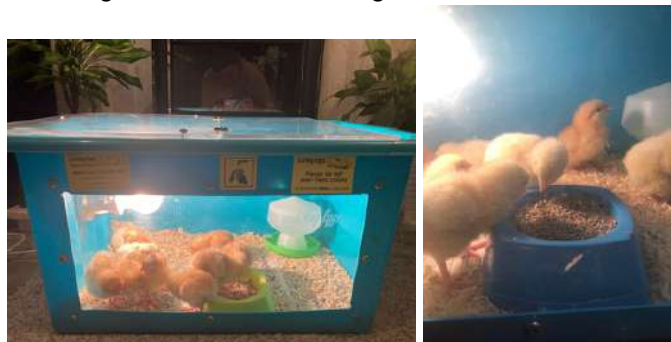
[Wonderful.org | The £20.22 Challenge](#)

Our quest to win the Asda Green Token Scheme is well underway! Please remember to vote every week, from all home devices, so we can stay in the lead. Let's win £500 for Cherry Tree! Click below to vote:

[Green Tokens - Vote | Asda](#)

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

Thank you to The Friends for providing our EYFS team with chicks! The children (and staff!) have adored watching the chicks hatch and grow!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14th Feb 22 - Half Term
Monday 21st Feb 22 - INSET
Tuesday 22nd Feb 22 - Return to school
Thursday 24th Feb 22 - Y6 SATs workshop 9:15am & 6:30pm
Friday 25th Feb 22 - Parent Hub
Tuesday 1st March 22 - Y1 Phonics Workshop 10am & 7:30pm
Friday 1st April - End of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm
Thurs 14th July 22 - Year 6 Transition Day

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Hertfordshire County Councillors have decided to provide a £15 digital supermarket voucher for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals (FSM) for February half term. The voucher was emailed to you on Monday. Please note that Morrisons are still having issues with their gift cards.

To check if your child is now eligible for FSM, please click [here](#).

Y1 PHONICS WORKSHOP

Miss Birdsall and Miss Wolstencroft will be holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 1st March at both 10am and 7:30pm, on Zoom for our Year 1 parents. They will be covering how to support your child in phonics and information about the phonics screening check. We would love to see lots of you there!

Y6 SATS WORKSHOP

Miss Penfold and Mrs Malhotra will be holding a parent workshop on Thursday 24th February at 9.15am in the school hall and 6:30pm on Zoom, for our Year 6 parents. They will be covering how to support your child and provide information about the SATs. Please register your interest [here](#).

XTRA TIME - AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Bookings are now open for Spring 2, click [here](#) to register for a place!

Our after school club runs from 3:15pm until 6pm. The children have a wealth of activities to choose from and are provided with a light tea.

Please see www.xtratime.co.uk for more info!



Bookings are now open for Spring 2. If you would like to book your child into the morning 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.



TOP CHERRIES!



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

Lunchtime Champion - All of Reception – for great behaviour in the dining hall, for eating their food properly, keeping the noise down and trying their best to be always polite and kind.

Berries - Aasiya - For settling into her new class
- Aida - For always working hard

R Conkers - Haniya - For working really hard in all areas of her learning and showing a positive can do attitude.

R Acorns - Ruby - For always showing enthusiasm, being a kind friend and aiming high at home and school. You are a pleasure to teach!

Y1 Birch - Aleena - For aiming high in every lesson this week and being a super role model by being kind.

Y1 Maple - Haroon - For settling into his new class so wonderfully, aiming high, being kind and always smiling!

Y2 Willow - Logan - For a great improvement in writing and a lovely poem this week

Y2 Cedar - Eva - For aiming high in all subjects and being kind and helpful to those you are working with.

Y3 Sycamore - Emily - Aiming high with her writing!

Y3 Hazel - Uthman - For aiming high in with his writing and writing a brilliant story this week.

Y4 Ash - Ayra - For her progress this term in aiming high in lessons and being brave by contributing more to class discussions. Well done on an excellent half term!

Y4 Yew - Illythia - For a huge improvement in her behaviour and focus this term. Well done and keep it up!

Y5 Pine - Aisha - For your fantastic work in Maths this term. You have aimed high and completed some rather tricky fraction calculations. Well done!

Y5 Fir - Mia - For always helping those around her and helping with jobs around the classroom! Keep aiming high!

Y6 Oak - Ghadeer - For being helpful and always putting herself forward at the end of each day to take the classroom bins out.

Y6 Elm - Vlad - For always being a responsible eco-warrior. He always sorts our recycling and turns off the electrics without being asked!

Well done, Cherries!



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