



NEWSLETTER

14TH JANUARY 2022

WELCOME

Happy New Year!

We have had a truly wonderful start to 2022! Our children have returned ready and raring to go. As usual, they have slipped straight back in to routine and are aiming high every day.

This half term, our Value is 'Collaboration'. We will be exploring this word and finding opportunities to collaborate across the term. The children took part in an assembly today (our first whole school assembly on Zoom!) during which we celebrated their achievements and each class had a wonderful example of collaboration. Please talk to your child at home about this topic and we would love to hear from you or your children about collaboration that happens outside of school. We will celebrate this in our assembly on Friday next week.



Next week, Mr Saddler will be talking to the children about creating an online digital charter. Please talk to your children at home about being safe online and how to spot signs of irregularities. This would be a really positive opportunity for you to discuss this at home and maybe come up with an online charter for using tech at home too. Mr Saddler would be happy to support any families with this, please let us know if you would like help in this area.

Please note that parents evening is happening the last week of this term. You will soon be sent communication about this and will be asked to sign up for appointments. The children have completed assessments and are reaching the middle of their year, so please do prioritise this and ensure that you get the opportunity to meet with your teacher. Thank you.

Cheska Tyler

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

GOODBYE

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Ms Ranyard this week as she leaves her role here as Pastoral Leader. She has been incredibly committed to our children during challenging times and we will miss her very much. That said, we may be seeing her a little more until our new Pastoral Leader starts here at Cherry Tree.

Mrs Ranyard has also recently undertaken training with Miss Tyler to help us work with Bonnie as our 'Dog Mentor' so may also be completing work in the future with our children and Bonnie...

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

Emotional literacy is an important skill to develop and at Cherry Tree all of our children from Nursery through to Year 6 and all of our staff use The Zones of Regulation to reflect upon and articulate the way that we are feeling throughout the day. For more information and to support your child at home with feelings and emotions please visit: www.zonesofregulation.com

Even Bonnie communicates how she is feeling!



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographers will be in school on Thursday 27th January. Please make sure children are in the correct uniform

READING CORNER

Happy New Year to all our Cherry Tree families.

January brings us an exciting Children's Writing Competition in association with Chorleywood and Gerrards Cross Bookshops! There are three fantastic authors judging the entries: LAUREN CHILD, JAQUELINE WILSON AND ROSS WELFORD! An incredible line-up, I'm sure you'll agree.

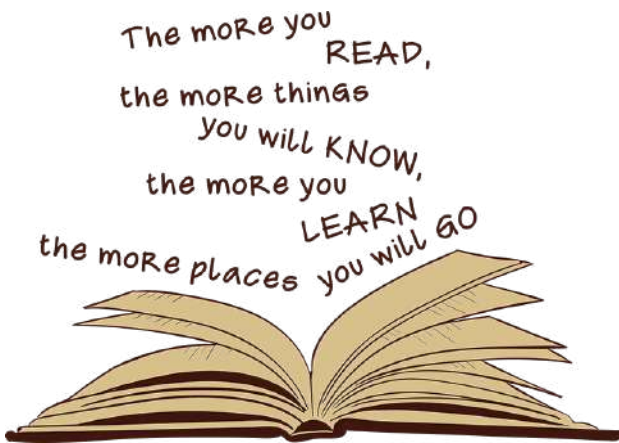
Chorleywood & Gerrards Cross Bookshops' Writing Competition has been held for over 15 years. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity of our children and young people!

This year's theme is CELEBRATION. Please see the flyer for details (attached to this email). Full details of the competition and the relevant paperwork are also available on their website:

<https://chilternbookshops.co.uk/schools-2/childrens-creative-writing-comp-2022/>

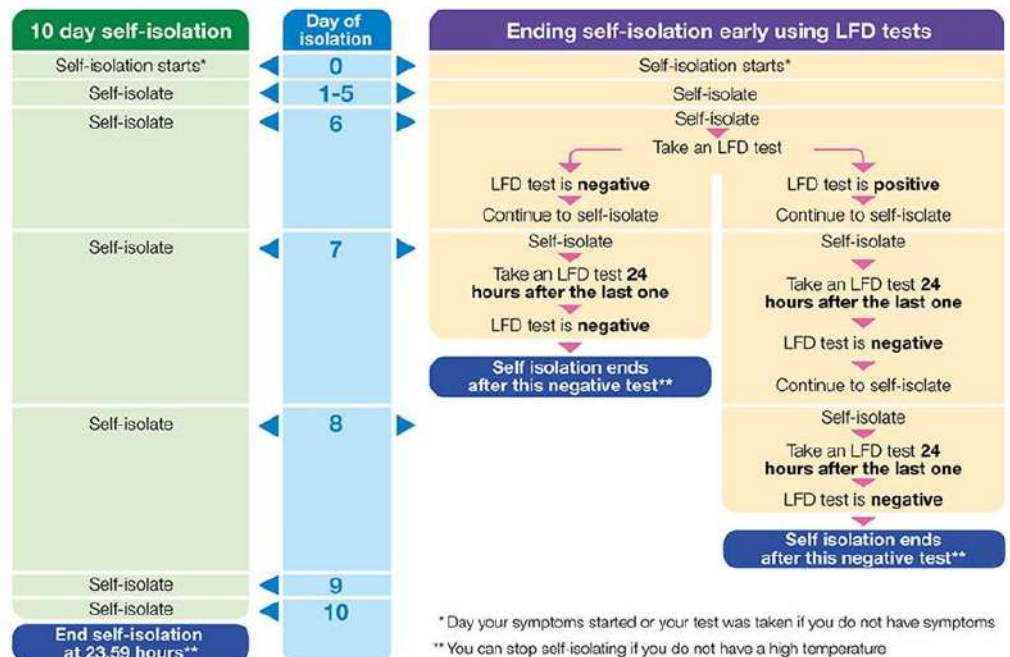
Happy reading.....

Jane Sibbit
Reading leader



COVID GUIDANCE

From 11 January in England people, including children in Year 7 and above and children 5 and over who are testing daily as close contacts, who receive a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. You can read the guidance in full [here](#).



FUN LUNCH

We will be having a fun lunch on Thursday 20th January. This will be available to all children, including those that do not currently have a school meal. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can enjoy a free meal on this day. You only need to complete the Microsoft form if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and does not normally have a school dinner on a Thursday. The cost of this lunch will be £2.30 per child which will be added to their Arbor account, if they are not entitled to Free school meals.



WELCOME TO CHERRY TREE!

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to the Cherry Tree team!

This term, we welcome:

- Ms Parles - 1:1 SEN TA
- Ms Coy - Booster Tutor (M-F Afternoons)
- Mrs Wells - Booster Tutor (W/Th Afternoons)
- Ms Riches - Booster Tutor (M all day/Tu/W Afternoons)
- Ms Boxall - Booster Tutor (Tu/Th Afternoons)
- Ms Selvaraj - MSA

We are excited to be working with you from now on!

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

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

We are offering tours of our nursery on the following dates and would love to see you there! These tours are in person, held at Cherry Tree.

Friday 21st January at 10am
Thursday 27th January at 10am
Monday 31st January at 6pm
Wednesday 9th February at 10am

Click [here](#) to register for a tour.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a Reception place for September 2022 is tomorrow - Saturday 15th January. Please click [here](#) to apply.



CURRENT VACANCIES

Please check our school website to find information on joining us here as part of the Cherry Tree team!

We are currently advertising for an Administrator.

PARKING

Can we please remind you to be considerate to our neighbours when dropping and collecting children at school. Do not park across anyone's drive or garage.

We have received a complaint this week where a resident was unable to attend an appointment due to a parent vehicle blocking her driveway.

DONATIONS

If you have any spare uniform or underwear aged 4-5, can you please drop it off to the school office.



The Friends would like to announce that Cherry Tree School has been selected to take part in the Asda Green Token Scheme! This is now done online, with a voting system, instead of the green tokens in store. We will be competing against two other charities, and the one with the most votes will win £500! The voting will commence on the 1st February 2022. Please look out for further details next week.

We also have a small number of art-work calendars left. If you would like to purchase one at a reduced price, please email: friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk.

Next week the Friends will be organising a special New Year fundraiser! Please look out for further details, which will be sent home in the children's book bags.

XTRA TIME - AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

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

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



We have worked closely with our new provision leaders to make sure this is right for our children so please feedback to us how you think it's going.



Bookings are now open for Spring 1!

If you would like 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.

You will find our Red & Ready club in the Mulberry building.

Thursday 27th January 22 - School photos
Monday 14th February 22 - Half Term
Monday 21st February 22 - INSET
Tuesday 22nd February 22 - Return to school
Thurs 14th July 22 - Year 6 Transition Day





TOP CHERRIES!



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

Berries - Anika - For working hard to follow the routine.
Emir - For working hard to work with an adult.

R Conkers - Shamar - For working really hard with his phonics and reading skills. Well done 😊

R Acorns - Athena - For always aiming high and being motivated. You have a super attitude to learning.

Y1 Birch - Samuel - For being an absolute superstar. He tries his hardest in every single lesson and is a pleasure to teach!

Y1 Maple - Rachel - For aiming high with her writing and storytelling this week when writing our own versions of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Y2 Cedar - Isa - For aiming high in his reading and phonics.

Y2 Willow - Aiden T - For setting a good example.

Y3 Sycamore - Anna Maria - For Aiming High with her spellings and achieving great improvement! A super role model.

Y3 Hazel - Faizan - For settling well this term and aiming high!

Y4 Ash - Lawrence - For a wonderfully settled return to school and showing great desire to improve in all aspects of your learning – well done!

Y4 Yew - Javeria - For consistently demonstrating a great attitude to learning and being a good role model in the class.

Y5 Pine - Robert - For always aiming high in every subject, asking questions to further his learning and making super progress with his spellings and handwriting. Keep up the great work!

Y5 Fir - Marwa - For being so enthusiastic about her learning, asking thoughtful questions and being so kind to those around her! Keep aiming high!

Y6 Oak - Freya - For excellently demonstrating the use of parenthesis and including differing punctuation to vary her use of parentheses within her writing.

Y6 Elm - Georgiana - For her superb description of London during The Blitz.

Well done, Cherries!



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