



NEWSLETTER

17TH DECEMBER 2021

WELCOME

We have come to the end of a very busy term but it's important to reflect on all that we have achieved.

We have had an uninterrupted term whereby our children have had the consistency and support they deserve. They have participated in Art, DT and PE lessons led by our new specialist teachers Mrs Petrof and Mr Littleboy. They have performed in concerts whether this has been singing, playing musical instruments or acting. They have competed against other schools in sports and have enjoyed a wonderful Winter Wonderland - our first big school event since the pandemic began. They have taken their learning outdoors, enjoyed reading new books and have taken part in many science investigations, really exploring the world around them.

We have welcomed dedicated new members of staff and lost some friendly faces. We have introduced Bonnie our school dog and set up our brand new morning club 'Red & Ready'. We have changed the way we teach reading and have participated successfully in inter-trust and inter-school competitions in times tables.

We are so proud of what our children are achieving and encourage you to follow us on Twitter to see daily updates. Our teacher pages are alive with learning and fun. Follow us @CTS_Watford @HeadCherryTree or your class teacher will follow a format similar to this e.g. @MrsSibbitCTS @MrSaddlerCTS .

We would like to thank our parents for their kind gifts and well wishes for the holidays. We feel well and truly supported by you all and are grateful for such a caring community.

We will be watching the national situation over the holidays and will update you should the situation change dramatically, however, we hope and plan to welcome you back on Wednesday 5th January having had a restful break.

Enjoy the time together, rest and keep safe. See you in 2022!

Miss Cheska Tyler

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHERRY TREE TEAM



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BONNIE TOO!

Bonnie wishes all our families a very Merry Christmas! She is excited to take part in her Dog Mentor training on Thursday 6th January which will enable her to work with children on a 1:1 and small group basis. Thank you for being so welcoming to her this year.



READING CORNER

Welcome to our final Reading corner of 2021!

What a year it has been! All the children at Cherry Tree have been reading and enjoying a huge range of books during their reading lessons and it is wonderful to see them developing and nurturing a love of books.

I am therefore pleased to announce that our school library is now back in action!

We have ordered some new furniture for the library which will be arriving in the new year but in the meantime the children are now able to browse and enjoy all the wonderful books we have on offer.

Wishing you all peaceful, joyful and Happy Holidays.

Happy reading.....

Jane Sibbit
Reading leader



KS1 WENT TO WINDSOR!

On Friday, Year 1 visited a very historic building. The children were so excited to travel to Windsor Castle and learn more about why it was built in this location nearly 1000 years ago. The children showed fantastic knowledge about castles and were amazed at being able to see the castle features including the battlements. They showed off their knowledge to all of the staff at Windsor and we were very proud of them.

YEAR 2 WERE ON FIRE!

Year 2 had a very important visit this week to support their topic on the Great Fire of London.



GOODBYE

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Crockett and Miss Campbell this week. Both ladies have been incredibly committed to our children during challenging times and we will miss them very much.

We wish both of them luck in their new roles.

Mr Byer and Ms Hosier are also leaving our cleaning team this term. We would like to thank them for their time here at Cherry Tree - you will be missed.

KS1 CHOIR VISIT

The KS1 choir were delighted to have our first performance on Monday afternoon. We were invited to visit the residents of Courtlands Lodge care home to sing to the residents. The children loved being carol singers in their garden, singing festive tunes and spreading Christmas cheer to an excited and appreciative audience. Year 2 had also made a card for the residents which we were able to deliver and in return, the choir were given a small gift. We can't wait for our next performance and for future opportunities to build relationships with people in our community.

SCHOOL PANTO - ALADDIN!

We have purchased an online school panto this year! The children watched this in classes on Thursday 16th December. However, we would like to make this accessible for our families over the holidays. If you could like to watch this at home, please use this link:

<https://vimeo.com/641436194>

Password: Aladdin



CROSS TRUST COMPETITIONS

Currently Cherry Tree are in the lead against all Trust schools after both Year 1 and Year 2 have won their competitive days.

We are very proud of our children's sporting spirit and look forward to seeing how Key Stage 2 get on in the next term.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS

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

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

Current 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.

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:

- Level 3 Early Years Teaching Assistant
- Cleaner
- Premises Assistant
- Pastoral Leader

PEDESTRIAN GATES

For safeguarding purposes, can we please ask parents/carers not to leave the pedestrian gate open when you enter the school grounds during the day.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) VOUCHERS

For those eligible families that receive FSM, Hertfordshire County Council have issued vouchers for the Christmas holidays, you should have received an email this week with details on how to claim your voucher.



The Friends would like to thank all the children and their families for participating with our fundraising effort this year!

Since September we have raised £1,700 from our Halloween disco and Christmas events alone.

Throughout the year, we are delighted to report to you that we have given back £9000 to our school! This has gone towards:

New school jumpers
Infant classroom beanbags
Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
Picnic benches
Story-telling chair and seating
Reception starter bags, including stationary.

This term we have contributed towards the new outdoor floodlights and the real Christmas Trees in school. In January, the spring chicks will be arriving in Berries and Reception.

We are always looking for more active members for our Friends, please contact friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk if you might be interested.

Thank you to everyone and have a happy holiday.

The Friends



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.

Fri Dec 17th 22 - Autumn 2 Term ends 1.30pm
Wed Jan 5th 22 - Spring Term begins
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 - Everyone! for an amazing performance - you all worked so hard!

R Conkers - Everyone! For working really hard in the Christmas Nativity – you were amazing!

R Acorns - Everyone! For aiming high and being brave throughout our performance of 'Angel Express' - you certainly were Amazing Acorns!

Y1 Birch - Albie - For showing such fantastic enthusiasm for books. You show thoughtfulness and demonstrate curiosity about new areas of learning and make connections to things you already know.

Y1 Maple - Ben - For showing a real love of music and singing this week with wonderful participation in our singing assemblies and on our KS1 choir trip!

Y2 Cedar - Everyone! For your fantastic performance of London's Burning and your Christmas Carols

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Y3 Sycamore - Emmanuel - For being so kind and helpful and working well with others in class. Well done!

Y3 Hazel - Naomi - For aiming high in all subjects and being kind and helpful to those you are working with.

Y4 Ash - Daniel - For a consistent attitude to learning in all subjects and a desire to constantly improve your work– well done!

Y4 Yew - Maheen - For a fantastic attitude to learning generally and doing extra work at home on her Google slides about the Romans. Fab!

Y5 Pine - Charlie M - For aiming high in everything you do. You are so helpful around the classroom and supportive of your classmates. It is a pleasure to teach you. Well done!

Y5 Fir - Kaylen - For working so hard to produce an amazing Viking Rap. You also put so much effort into singing it to the rest of the class! Well Done!

Y6 Oak - Everyone! For your incredible efforts this term right up until the end of term and for a fantastic performance in our singing assembly.

Y6 Elm - Ennakshi - For a brilliant Victorian biography! Well done.

Well done, Cherries!



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