



NEWSLETTER

3RD DECEMBER 2021

WELCOME

I can certainly say that December is bringing us some welcome sparkle here at Cherry Tree! Our festivities are well under way and the children are very much enjoying themselves!

Myself and Mrs Hill had the pleasure of having a lunch meeting with our new School Leaders last week. Congratulations to Sophie in 6 Oak and Lawrence in 6 Elm. Previously, we had named these 'Head Boy and Head Girl' but we had a very honest discussion and together, we decided that this wasn't the message we wished to convey and so we settled on 'School Leaders'. They set a truly wonderful example and were thoughtful in their discussions. They are beginning to think about their aims for the year and are very much looking forward to holding their first Children's Parliament this term.



We have been working away to find a suitable solution to replace our After School Club provision following the departure of Little Rascals. We wholly empathise with those parents who have been left with having to find childcare at such short notice and can only apologise on behalf of Little Rascals. We have met with a number of external providers and have explored the idea of running our own provision, in-house. We are incredibly close to being able to finalise these arrangements and expect to send a full update to you next week. Our intention is still to have a provision in place for January. We'd like to thank you for your patience on this matter.

Thank you for your ongoing support regarding the situation with the pandemic. Let me reassure you that we are reviewing the situation regularly and updating our safety measures accordingly. Please help us by wearing masks on the playground and only one visitor in the school office at a time.

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

NURTURE CORNER

A big thank you to Mark and Grace from the Watford Salvation Army who for three years running have supplied food for our festive recipe boxes which will benefit some of our families across the Trust.



CHERRY TREE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET!

Come and join in the festive fun at Cherry Tree's very first outdoor Christmas Market! This event will be held on Friday 10th December, after school.



READING CORNER

Last Thursday we were delighted to welcome the author, Colm Anthony, to our school. He read his engaging and funny stories to the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children loved hearing 'a real live author' read to them and they asked him some great questions about his work and his inspiration for writing.

Next week, at the Winter Wonderland event the Friends are organising, look out for our book stall. Whilst sorting out our school library we have had a big clear out of some of our much loved books that are now looking for a new home. You will have an opportunity to choose some great books to take home with you and the family.

Happy reading.....

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher



DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If your child is a vegetarian or only eats halal meat and has school dinners can you please ensure that they know they should be choosing the vegetarian option at lunchtime to avoid being given incorrect food.



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.

GOODBYE MRS WEBB

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Webb on Friday 10th December. Mrs Webb has been at Cherry Tree for 14 years and has always been a positive, friendly face for our children (and staff!).

We will miss her very much but wish her lots of luck in her new role in the NHS.

TIME TABLES ROCKSTARS

This week, Cherry Tree children have been competing in a Times Tables Rockstars competition against 17 other local primary schools, which includes 212 classes and over 1200 Watford primary school pupils.

Learning mathematical facts, especially multiplication and division facts is so important for many other areas of mathematical learning so we have been pleased with the fantastic effort of children in Years 2-6 both at home and at school. The competition has been tough so the children have had to keep persevering to make our school average as high we can.

On Friday morning, Cherry Tree were 6th for the overall school score and 9th for the average score per player. We will announce the final results at 3pm today.

Well done Cherry Tree and hope you keep rocking!

Overall School Scores		Only my school (taking part)	
Rank	School	Rank	School
1	Central Primary Sc... 202,183	17	Year 4 YEW - Cherry ... 16,300
2	Fair Field Junior S... 184,798	20	Year 5 PINE - Cherry ... 14,953
3	The Orchard Prim... 156,613	25	Year 5 FIR - Cherry T... 12,356
4	Oxhey Wood Primary... 95,453	53	Year 2 CEDAR - Cherry ... 2,961
5	Beechfield School 95,431	53	Year 6 ELM - Cherry Tr... 1,528
6	Cherry Tree Primary ... 51,815	70	Year 3 SYCAMORE - Ch... 1,193
7	Abbots Langley Sch... 32,453	76	Year 6 OAK - Cherry Tr... 1,001
8	Coates Way School 28,520	81	Year 2 WILLOW - Cherry Tre... 794
9	Chater Junior School 25,149	92	Year 4 ASH - Cherry Tree Pri... 404
10	Laurance Haines Sc... 20,809	95	Year 3 HAZEL - Cherry Tree ... 373

Y1 CROSS TRUST COMPETITION

Year 1 had a wonderful time at our inter-trust competition at Laurance Haines School. They took part in various mini games and used skills that they had learnt in PE to help them complete the challenges. They showed great determination in each game and worked excellently as a team. Well done Year 1!



UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

The Friends of Cherry Tree are excited to welcome all pupils and their families, to our magical Winter Wonderland, Friday 10th December, commencing straight after school.

If you would like to participate in our VIP activity bundle, please email friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk for more details.

The Jazzy Jar Competition will be our next activity, with prizes to be won, for the jazziest of entries! For all Friends updates, please follow our Facebook page, Friends of Cherry Tree PTA.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

The application window for September 2023 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.

SCHOOL MILK

Please see the email that was sent this week. If you wish to order school milk for Spring 2022 term, log into your Arbor Parent Portal [here](#). The deadline for orders is Friday 10th December

SCHOOL PANTO - ALADDIN!

We have purchased an online school panto this year! The children will be watching this in classes on Thursday 16th December. After that, we will be sharing the link with our families for you to watch at home. We hope you enjoy and maybe next year, we will be able to go to a theatre to see the real thing!

FESTIVE CORNER

Our children have been busy making our school sparkle and shine this week!



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

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| Fri Dec 10th | - Christmas Jumper Day |
| | - Christmas Market (3pm-6pm) |
| Wed Dec 15th | - Christmas Lunch |
| Thurs Dec 16th | - Nursery end of term |
| Fri Dec 17th | - Autumn 2 Term ends 1.30pm |
| Wed Jan 5th | - 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 - Emilia - For knowing and joining in with all the Christmas songs.
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R Conkers - Halimah - For working really hard and showing a can-do attitude in all her activities, especially phonics.

R Acorns - Tejas - For working hard on his target of expressing likes and dislikes.

Y1 Birch - Suruthika - For making a fantastic effort with reading and phonics this week. She loves reading books and has shown great enthusiasm for stories.

Y1 Maple - Riaan - For aiming high with his writing! Riaan wrote a wonderful story for his homework and was able to retell Robin Hood in his own words- well done!

Y2 Cedar - Rosie - For always aiming high in her behaviour and being a great role model.

Y2 Willow - Daro - For working hard in reading and writing and making an astronomical improvement since he joined Cherry Tree.

Y3 Sycamore - Naomi - For aiming high in their maths work. They have been striving to complete tricky challenges.

Y3 Hazel - Tariq - For aiming high with his story and descriptive writing

Y4 Ash - Waseem - For aiming high in his assessments this week. I am very proud of the commitment to your learning that you have shown.

Y4 Yew - Artan - for being a fantastic role model to his peers and always aiming high in his learning and behaviour..

Y5 Pine - Laurenz - For his increased focus and concentration in all lessons. Larenz is aiming higher and higher every day and I am really proud of him, and his achievements.

Y5 Fir - Alex - For his determination and confidence when reading in front of the whole class during class reading sessions. Alex's confidence is growing week by week.

Y6 Oak - Aya - For aiming high in her writing. She has made a huge improvement, and it has been wonderful to be able to share her recent work with the class as examples of great writing.

Y6 Elm - Mahum - For her fabulous effort and attitude to learning in Maths and English. She pushes herself to progress every day!

Well done, Cherries!



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