



# NEWSLETTER

28TH JANUARY 2022

## WELCOME

Hello everyone,

We've had a slightly different week here at Cherry Tree as we celebrated our 'Cherry Wellbeing Week'.

Our children have really enjoyed accessing their curriculum through different means. They have had the opportunity to learn outdoors, read with different teachers from across the school, and focus on assessing their own work and the work of others in their classes. We have focused on a different 'Way to Wellbeing' each day and completed activities which focus on our mental health. Staff have also enjoyed the week by attending a circuits session and quiz together!

Please don't forget that we have Parent Consultations coming up during the last week of this half term. These will be held over the phone. Thank you to those families that have already booked their slots. If you haven't, please book on [Arbor](#) by Monday 7th February.

We are starting something exciting here at Cherry Tree! Please see the flyer below for our 'Parent Hub'. If you have any questions about this, please come to the school office or speak with Mrs Wickham. We hope to see lots of you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cheska Tyler

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

## VISIT FROM THE MAYOR!

We were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Mayor, Peter Taylor this week. He spoke to the children in an assembly and gave the children a chance to ask him lots of questions. The children were incredibly engaged - I wonder if the future Mayor of Watford is in our school right now....!



## FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

We have been celebrating 'Cherry Week' this week. A week dedicated to wellbeing. Here is a reminder of the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. Can you use these at home?



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

## READING CORNER

This week we have welcomed some new friends to our school and these children have really enjoyed playing with their new friends. A great way to bring stories to life!



Our children have also been spending time enjoying the school library this week and engaging with all the wonderful books we have at Cherry Tree.



We are looking forward to welcoming Jack Meggit - Phillips to work with our children, in Years 3-6, on 8th February. He has written some brilliant books and there will be the opportunity to purchase signed copies at this event - more details to follow.

Happy reading.....  
Jane Sibbit  
Reading leader



## COVID GUIDANCE

A letter was sent to all parents on Friday 21st January outlining the most recent update following national changes.

From Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow test (LFT). Individuals have to test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and must ensure that they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

Whilst we encourage it, masks are no longer compulsory on the playground but please be mindful when having face to face conversations with members of staff.

## GOODBYE

We are sad to say goodbye to Blazej Sawiki, our Site Manager. Blazej has been with us for a short time but has been a wonderful addition to the team. We wish him luck in the future.

## WELCOME TO CHERRY TREE!

We have two new members to welcome to the school this week:

Miss Hamid - Early Years Teaching Assistant  
Ms Azmat - Cleaner

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

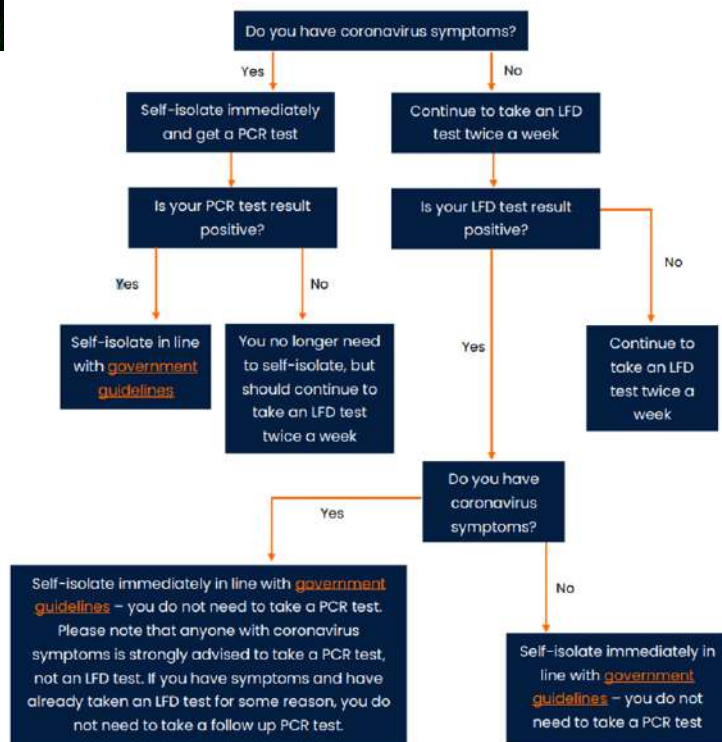
## SKILLS BOOT CAMPS

Please have a look at the updated skills bootcamps. These may be of interest to our parents. There are a selection of skills covered for a variety of different job roles. Click [here](#) for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-skills-bootcamp/list-of-skills-bootcamps>

## PARKING

We are working with our local Community Police Officer to try and improve the parking issues that we have had recently. The Community Police officer will be patrolling before and after school, so please be mindful where and how you park on the school run.





## 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.

Monday 31st January at 6pm  
Wednesday 9th February at 10am

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

## Friends of Harebreaks Wood

The new 2022 Events programme is now on our website, as ever things can change due to Covid regulations, adverse weather etc, so always check for late emails and check the [website](#).

I have a number of bird box kits left over from a project we did many many years ago, if you would like one let me know. The bits need nailing together (nails supplied), so a fun thing to do with children.

## XTRA TIME - AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Bookings are now open, 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.



To celebrate New Year 2022, we have an exciting challenge to share! Can you raise £20.22 for our school, any way you choose? If you don't manage to reach the goal, any contribution is a great achievement! Maybe siblings could work together to reach the target?

Sponsorship forms have been sent home. Please return forms and money to the school office 7th-11th February. We would love to see photos or drawings of everyone's ideas, so we can celebrate success and creativity in assembly. Please email them to [friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk). There will be a prize for the class team who raises the most, and individual prizes for extra creative ideas.

On 1st February, our virtual Asda Green Token Scheme goes live. Please look out for a link and further details of how you can vote for our school. Let's be the charity with the most votes to win £500!

This summer, as part of our queen's jubilee celebrations, Cherry Tree will be 'planting a tree for the jubilee'. Watford council is organising an event on Saturday 5th February, where they will be giving away sapling trees to residents. Please consider claiming your free tree and donating it to school.

Spring chicks for Early Years Foundation Stage children will be arriving next week. This has been funded by the proceeds and support from our Christmas Winter Wonderland last term.



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.

Mon to Wed 7th - 9th Feb Parent Consultations  
Monday 14th Feb 22 - Half Term  
Monday 21st Feb 22 - INSET  
Friday 25th Feb 22 - Parent Hub  
Tuesday 22nd Feb 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 - Yahya H - For working hard in maths to compare quantities  
Albert - For always working hard and trying his best

R Conkers - Amreen - For aiming high and showing a positive can-do attitude in maths whilst exploring with numbers in a range of different ways.

R Acorns - Daniel - For using phonics really well in your reading and writing. You always do your best and take pride in your work.

Y1 Birch - Bayan - For making a brilliant effort with writing, you have been aiming high for two weeks!

Y1 Maple - Kasthoori - For being kind and helping her friends with their writing. She sat and supported a friend with their spelling and adding missing words to their sentences. Well done!

Y2 Willow - James - For improved handwriting

Y2 Cedar - Olivia - For aiming high in maths. You always try your best. Well done!

Y3 Sycamore - John - For aiming high in maths. You always try your best. Well done!

Y3 Hazel - Harin - For aiming high with your handwriting. Your letters are really clear and I can see super progress!

Y4 Ash - Maria - For aiming high in the presentation of your work and taking on board all feedback that you are given. Well done!

Y4 Yew - Kyle - For always contributing to class discussions, being polite and trying hard to manage his feelings better in class. Keep aiming high Kyle!

Y5 Pine - Christabel & Tiffany Rose - For being amazing dinner ladies and helping out at lunchtimes. From Mrs Shuttleworth and the lunchtime team!

Y5 Fir - Baria - For always working so hard and never being afraid to answer questions! Keep aiming high!

Y6 Oak - Tomasz - For aiming high and trying his hardest with his spellings this week as well as putting in the extra time at home with some additional spellings.

Y6 Elm - Vishnu - For sharing his amazing musical talent with us and helping us to learn and achieve.

Well done, Cherries!



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