



# Cherry Tree Primary School - Newsletter

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*"Welcome back to everyone and a very warm welcome to our many new families and staff. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to another busy and successful year."*

*Ms Bruce*

## Meet the Teacher Sessions

Parents/Carers are invited to come along and find out what their children will be learning about in their new classes. The sessions take place in their classrooms as follows unless otherwise stated:

- **Reception** - Wednesday 11th September at 9am in the School Hall
- **Year 1** - Wednesday 11th September at 3.15pm
- **Year 2** - Thursday 12th September at 3.15pm
- **Year 3** - Monday 16th September at 3.15pm
- **Year 4** - Monday 9th September at 3.15pm
- **Year 5** - Tuesday 17th September at 3.15pm
- **Year 6** - Tuesday 10th September at 3.15pm



Each year group/class have produced a Curriculum Information letter giving termly information. This will be emailed to Parents/Carers next week and will also be available on our website in the 'Curriculum' section.

## Staff Changes

**WELCOME** We welcome the following teachers: Miss Moss (Reception Acorns), Miss Khan (Year 1 Birch), Mrs Malhotra (Year 2 Willow), Mrs Butler (Year 5 Fir) and Mr Saddler (Year 6 Oak). We also welcome Miss Louis and Miss McLean to our Teaching Assistant team and also Mrs Shuttleworth has joined us as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. We are sure you will join us in welcoming them all to Cherry Tree. We also wish Mrs Hill all the best in her promotion to Assistant Headteacher.

## Reception Classes

We are very happy to see our new Reception children are settling well into their classes. Please remember that every day next week the children will stay for lunch and should be collected at 1.30pm.



## Attendance



The DfE have given us the target of 97% attendance. We achieved last year's target of 96% but need to continue the good work and try to improve it to 97%.

Please help us to meet this target by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is on time. Ms Bruce is focusing on Attendance and Punctuality this year and may be contacting parents with any concerns. She is happy to meet any Parent/Carer who feel they need support.

## School Lunches

A quick reminder that the cost of school meals for Years 3 to 6 is £2.15 a day. Payments should be made in advance of meals taken on our electronic payment system, School Gateway by visiting [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). Please remember that if your child has moved up from Year 2 to Year 3, they are no longer entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and all meals need to be paid for. Also, we have been asked to remind you that if you believe your child has an allergy to a certain type of food, you must immediately inform the School Office and complete a form for Chartwells, our school lunch provider.



## Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

### *Free Meals and more!*

If you are on certain benefits you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Applications can be made at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) but if you have any queries, please contact the School Office.

Pupil Premium funding has changed. If you are eligible and receive pupil premium funding, you now have a total of £100 per academic year to use towards trips, swimming, clubs and uniform. Please speak to the School Office for more information. This is available for all children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits.

## Swimming



Year 4 Ash and Yew Classes start swimming sessions next week and the contribution for this half term is £22.75 payable on School Gateway. Please see letter emailed last term. A further copy is available on our school website in the 'Letters Sent Home' section of 'Parents'.

## School Gateway Messaging

Schoolgateway

Please remember that we will no longer be sending general text messages to Parents/Carers due to cost. These are now only sent by App Message. If you haven't already done so, please download the app from your app store and remember to set your notifications so you know a message has arrived. If you need any help with this, please contact the School Office. We will only send very urgent messages via text.

## School Clubs

All before and after school clubs started this week and some of the clubs still have space. You can find details of the clubs, their days, times and cost in the 'News and Dates' section on our website. Please contact the club provider direct if you have any queries about their clubs.

## Cycles, Scooters and Playground Equipment



It is lovely to see so many children and Parents/Carers cycling and using their scooters to come to school. Please can we remind everyone that they must get off at the school gates and push their bike/scooter inside the grounds. Also, children should not use any playground equipment or climbing apparatus before or after school for health & safety reasons.

## Twitter

You can keep up to date with all that is going on at Cherry Tree by following our school Twitter feed [@CTS1\\_Watford](#). You can also follow Ms Bruce at [@headcherrytree1](#) and Mrs Hill our new Assistant Headteacher at [@MrsEHillCTS1](#)



## Year 6 - Secondary Transfer

If your child is in Year 6, you can now apply for their place at Secondary schools online at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/>.



A leaflet with information about the process and dates of open evenings has sent home with the children. Good luck to those children who are taking the academic test for the schools in the South West Herts Consortium tomorrow!

## Inhalers for Asthma and Medications

As we start a new term, if your child suffers from asthma, please could you check that the inhalers we have in school are still in date. Also if we hold any prescribed medication, please can you call into the School Office to check expiry dates and give us any updates on their condition.



## Parking Issues



We must remind Parents/Carers to park legally at all our entrances and with consideration to other road users, pedestrians and residents. Many cars are parked illegally at school drop off and pick up - do not park on the double yellow lines or in the middle of the roundabout. We will be taking details, including number plates, of any offending vehicles and publishing them in future newsletters. We must put our children's safety first!

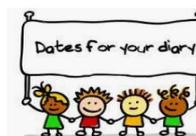
## May Day Bank Holiday



A quick reminder that there has been a change to our original term dates for 2019-20. The May Day Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May due to 75th anniversary of VE Day.

## Term Dates

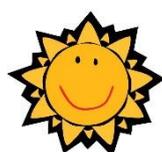
A copy of the term dates for this term and beyond will be emailed to Parents/Carers early next week.



## Weekly Competitions



Due to this being a short week, we are combining the results for this week's Attendance, Behaviour and Punctuality Competition with those next week. Look out for the winners are the end of next week's newsletter.



# Have a lovely weekend!

