



# NEWSLETTER

9TH FEBRUARY 2024

## WELCOME

I've been very proud of the children's hard work in their learning this week. I have had lots of visits with excellent work and am proudly displaying some of this in my office. We've also had a big focus on online safety this week so please see the information below and discuss this important topic with your child.

I would like to remind parents that if you have a concern about your child, or their learning, please ensure that you follow our communications procedure which has been sent out in the past and is on our school website. Please always meet and discuss with your child's class teacher first. Thank you.

One more wonderful week of learning until we have a rest over half term!

Cheska Tyler  
Headteacher

## WRITERS OF THE MONTH

Well done to all of our terrific writers of the month. Please ask your child's teacher if you'd like to come and see the display!

Berries	Sia & Mini	Sycmore	Shanaya
Conkers	Angelus	Yew	Aiden
Acorns	Myan	Ash	Daisy
Birch	Catalina	Pine	Imaan
Maple	Marcel	Fir	Harin
Willow	Amreen	Oak	Michael
Cedar	Alexander	Elm	Ruby
Hazel	Theia		

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 13th February - PaNcAke FuN LuNcH
- Tuesday 13th February - Author Benjamin Dean visit
- Tuesday 13th February - Warner Bros visit to KS2
- Tuesday 13th February 9am - NHS Parent Workshop in the Hub - Sleeping
- Wednesday the 14th of February - deadline to order school photographs
- Friday 16th February - closing date for the Chartwells BEE READY art competition
- Friday 16th February - Last Day of this half term (school closes at usual time of 3.15pm)
- Friday 16th February, 3.15pm in the Outdoor Classroom - Year 6 fundraising bake sale
- Monday 26th February - INSET day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 27th February - First day of Spring 2 term
- Friday 1st March - Deadline for Nursery applications
- Thursday 7th March - Year 4 Science Festival in St Albans Cathedral
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day Fun Lunch
- Friday 8th March - World Book Day Dress Up Day
- WB Monday 11th March - British Science Week
- Tuesday 12th March - NHS Parent Workshop in the Hub - Eating & Behaviour

## BONNIE IS OFFICIALLY 'OUTSTANDING'

Ms Massey and Ms Parles were fortunate to be invited to the first ever National Dog Mentor Conference. This gave them the opportunity to learn about the latest educational strategies and new concepts for getting the best out of our lovely dog mentor, Bonnie.

They were also thrilled to accept an 'Outstanding Impact Award' which recognises the work that Bonnie and the team do in our Cherry Tree Community.



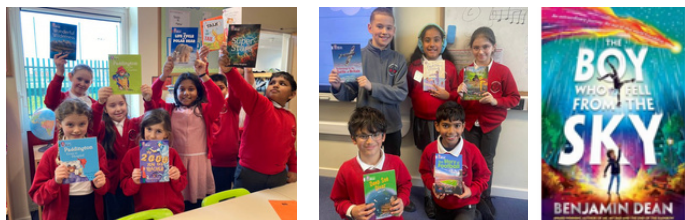
**We are kind, we aim high, we are brave!**

## READING CORNER

Hello everyone,

There has been a lot of excitement in school this week about our new reading books! It has been great to see so many enthusiastic readers across Key Stage 2.

We are thrilled to welcome back the team from Warner Brothers on 13th February who will be explaining to the children in Years 5 and 6 how to 'PITCH' a script to a major film studios. Good luck all you budding authors!



We are also thrilled to welcome Benjamin Dean to school on 28th February. He will be talking all about his new book with the older children in school. Your children will have the chance to purchase the book and have it dedicated too. Look out for the flyer with details on how to buy your own book...

As always - happy reading everyone.....

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/Reading Leader/Class Teacher

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Hertfordshire County Council have decided to provide a £15 digital Supermarket voucher for every child that is entitled to benefit related free school meals for the February half term holiday. This voucher will be emailed to you on Monday the 12th February 2024, please check your emails.

We would also like to inform you that the Department for Work and Pensions is not continuing the funding for these vouchers and so the scheme will END on 31st March 2024.

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please be aware of our designated safeguarding team here at Cherry Tree. If you ever have a concern about a child, family or staff member in our school, please contact one of these members of staff: Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Debbie Massey (Pastoral Leader), Emma Birdsall (EYFS Lead), Katy Wolstencroft (KS1 Lead), Jane Sibbit (LKS2 Lead) or Emma Penfold (UKS2 Lead).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

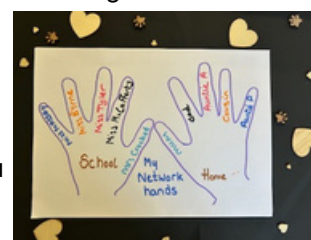
Are you in a STEM-related profession? Do you have a passion for inspiring scientific interest in the next generation? If so, we would like to invite you to visit our school to talk to our students during British Science Week, March 11th to 15th. If you feel that you can help please contact Mrs Malhotra in Year 6.

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Here at Cherry Tree, and in our Trust, we actively encourage our community to talk! This is to help our children explain how they are feeling, how others have made them feel and to help guide them through thoughts feelings and emotions. By talking things through, seeing others' perceptions and understanding each other this skill will move forward with them through their school years and beyond.

Network hands are the start of this journey and can be a conversation starter for you at home. Who are on your network hands?

If you feel you or your child needs any pastoral support, please contact the Hub - Miss Massey and Mrs Crocket.



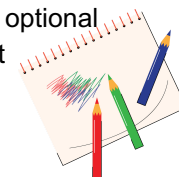
## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The deadline to order school photographs is Wednesday the 14th of February. The easiest way to order is to go online by [clicking this link](#) and choosing the green 'Order School Photos' button - you will need the unique barcode and passcode located under your child's photo in their pack. Alternatively, you can bring your order sealed in an envelope, with the correct payment, to the school office.

## CHARTWELLS ART COMPETITION

Your child should have bought home a BEE READY template from Chartwell, our school catering company. This is for a competition and there will be two winners in each school, both receiving a certificate and a flower garden starter kit for their classroom. This is optional activity but if your child would like to take part they can return these to the office so it can be passed onto Chartwell for judging. The closing date is Friday 16th February.



## SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN GATE

Ensuring the safety of our children is our top priority, and controlling access to school grounds during school hours plays a vital role in achieving this objective. We kindly request that you refrain from pushing the pedestrian gate back thereby locking it open, unless directed to do so by a member of our staff.

# SAFER INTERNET DAY

## OUR CHERRY TREE DIGITAL CHARTER



The last few weeks have been jampacked with our children embracing technology to assist them with everyday tasks!



Year 2 practiced logging on to Chromebooks and creating an avatar that represents them, this led onto a discussion about being aware of how you portray yourself online.

Year 3 explored emails and how to send responsible and kind emails to a suitable audience whilst demonstrating our Cherry Tree value of being kind! At the top of the school, Year 6 explored coding and how they can use variables and lines of code to produce an action or product.

This week is Internet Safety Week and students have participated in lessons and activities that teach them how to safely navigate the online world.

At school, we aim to promote digital responsibility and intelligence and we are doing a lot of work in school to educate the children on using the internet safely. However, please can we ask you to also discuss internet safety habits at home and monitor your child's technology use.

When working together, we can make sure students become responsible digital citizens and use their devices in smart, productive ways. Let's spread internet safety knowledge during this important awareness week - and all year round!

To help you to do this we will be publishing a series of posters at the end of our upcoming newsletters highlighting different issues so please do watch out for those. In the meantime, you can access lots of helpful resources on the website of the UK Safer Internet Centre by [clicking this link](#). They even have systems in place for you to report any harmful content you and your child/ren may come across.





# TOP CHERRIES



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

Class	Child's Name	Reason
Lunchtime	Kelsey	For being such a fabulous lunchtime helper.
Red & Ready	Rafaan	For showing such lovely understanding of the needs of other children.
Fireflies	Reuben	For taking part and showing independence. Well done!
Cherry Blossoms	Reuben	For settling in so well to our afternoon routine in Cherry Blossoms, well done!
Berries	Saint	For developing his communication skills
Acorns	Lannay	For always being so helpful with keeping our classroom tidy. You are a great tidy queen!
Conkers	Selwa	For working hard with all of her learning, especially in maths giving reasons for answers. Well done 😊
Maple	Roberto	For being brave and consistently reading out loud with an adult during guided reading.
Birch	Ziki	For your incredible attitude to learning in every lesson. You aim high, are kind and are always helpful.
Cedar	Tejas	For a great attitude to learning and aiming high with his poetry.
Willow	Chloe	For having the brightest smile, being kind and aiming high all of the time.
Sycamore	Viktoriya	For working on their growth mindset and being confident to speak up.
Hazel	Riaan	For showing excellent maturity and leadership when supporting others in class
Ash	Abdur Rahman	You are always kind to others and aim high in all you do!
Yew	Aiden	For always producing fantastic writing and contributing towards class discussions.
Pine	Emily	For always trying your best, particularly in writing lessons. It's lovely to see your enthusiasm to share your work with the class!
Fir	Fiona	For consistently helping others, including the adults around you! It's so appreciated!
Oak	Wasseem	For aiming high when editing his letter this week to create a wonderful piece of writing which was a joy to read!
Elm	Nourshan	For being kind and helping others to aim high.

Well done, Cherries!



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