



NEWSLETTER

8TH SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME BACK!

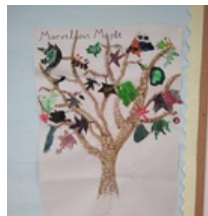
It has been such a joy to have the school reopen for the Autumn Term and to be blessed with such beautiful sunshine! We hope that you were able to enjoy your summer break and that your children have come back refreshed and ready for the year ahead. We'd also like to extend a special welcome to our new children in Reception and throughout the rest of the school, we are lucky to have you. It seems the children have settled in beautifully well.

Please have a look at our Twitter pages for photos of your children enjoying their learning. Every class teacher has their own account but our school account can be followed [here](#).

As mentioned in the Summer Term, we welcomed three new teachers this year. Please see their biographies overleaf and pop by and say hello if you get a chance.

Thank you to those parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions over the week. We hope you found them informative. If you missed it, please make sure you have a read of the presentation sent out to you as it's full of useful information about your child's class.

Please may I remind you about parking responsibly. Sadly, we have already had two phone calls from residents who have not been able to access their properties due to inconsiderate parking.



Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

FIRST AID REPORTING

First Aid Reports/slips will no longer be sent home with your child but instead, the first aid report will be emailed to parents via Arbor at the end of each school day. You will only receive an email if your child has been treated for first aid in school. We welcome any views on this new system, be they positive or negative.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

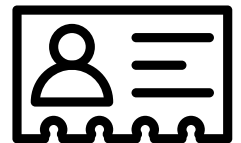
- Wednesday 20th September - Author Visit (Yr3-5) Nadia Shireen
- Thursday 21st September - Flu vaccinations for Reception - Year 6
- Tuesday 26th September - Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents
- Friday 29th September - Year 4 trip to St. Albans
- Wednesday 11th October - Year 3 trip to the RAF Museum
- Friday 20th October - Last Day of Autumn Term 1 - finish at 3.15pm
- Monday 30th October - INSET Day - School closed
- Tuesday 31st October - First day of Autumn Term 2
- Week Comm. Monday 6th November - Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term (Finish 1.30pm)

CLUBS

There are still spaces available in some of our morning and after school clubs. A full list is available on our website where you can also view the club flyers <https://www.cherrytree.herts.sch.uk/clubs>.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is essential that we have up to date contact details on our system. If you have recently moved, changed email address/mobile number or wish to add/remove emergency contacts, please log into your [Parent Portal account](#) to update your details.



LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES

Please note that lunch account balances need to be kept topped up with funds. We have identified a trend of students coming to school on a regular basis with no money on their account or negative balances! Unfortunately, this is creating significant additional work for both the lunchtime staff and office team each day. While we will always ensure that students are able to access food in an emergency, we ask that parents check balances regularly and ensure that student's accounts are kept topped up to avoid issues.

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

SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we ask that you look through the [school menu](#) with your children to familiarise them with the lunch choices. We will be placing a picture (shown below) alongside the food and serving hatch to assist as a visual tool for our younger children. May I also ask you explain the correct terminology of the foods we provide and remind your children of what they are able to eat ... remember sausages and burgers can be made of many different food products.

PIG/PORK/GAMMON/HAM/BACON



VEGETABLES/VEGETARIAN



DAIRY



CHICKEN/POULTRY



COW/BEEF



More information can be found on the school website [here](#). Please note:

- we are an allergy aware school.
- we are not currently a halal school.

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

Miss Campbell – Year 2 Willow Class Teacher

Miss Campbell has recently started her career as a teacher at Cherry Tree and will be teaching Year 2 Willow. She has trained in a range of different age groups from Year 2 to Year 6 in the Watford area, and so understands our demographic very well. She enjoys teaching science and maths.



In her free time, Miss Campbell enjoys travelling, going for long walks with her dog and spending time with her friends and family.

Mrs Gornall – Year 1 Maple Class Teacher

Mrs Gornall has recently joined Cherry Tree as a Year 1 teacher in Maple class. She worked at Cherry Tree during her teacher training year so is very familiar with our school. Mrs Gornall enjoys teaching all subjects but her favourite subject is art because she loves all things creative!



In her spare time, she likes to chill out and watch TV programmes and films. She also has a black cat called Ciri who likes to hear all about her day when she gets home.

Mr Littleboy – Year 4 Yew Class Teacher

Mr Littleboy has been at Cherry Tree for three years now, he has been lucky to work with every year group in his previous role as a PE teacher and HLTA and this has helped him build positive relationships with the children throughout the school. Mr Littleboy has just completed his PGCE and will be joining the Year 4 team as a class teacher for the upcoming year.



Mr Littleboy has a passion for sport and exercise, and he supports the greatest football team in the entire world - Arsenal (his words not ours). Mr Littleboy also enjoys travelling the world and seeing as many places as possible.