



NEWSLETTER

22ND SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME

Hello everyone, we've enjoyed another lovely, sunny week with lots to celebrate! We have new Top Cherry certificates to give out from this week so keep an eye out if your child comes home with one!

Please remember to visit our uniform pages on our school website [at this link](#). Children should be coming in to school with full school uniform. This includes black school shoes and with no jewellery. Black trainers are fine so long as they are entirely back with no detail.

Our PE kit also has a uniform so please ensure that children are sent to school with the correct items of clothing and are not wearing home clothes for this. PE kits are to be in school at all times and the children will change in to and out of their PE kits at school.

I would like to update you about how our marathon money has been spent. As you will be aware, I ran the TCS London Marathon in April and the children also ran their very own Mini Marathon. Altogether, we raised an impressive £6,000. We have discussed how best to spend this money and have decided to add this to our 'Friends' fundraising to replace our play area on the KS2 playground. We expect to see these works happening this academic year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to all the new families joining the Cherry Tree community this school year. We do hope that you are settling in but if we can help in any way please do speak to your class teacher or pop by the Office.

We are also excited to tell you that the Watford Observer came into school this week to take photographs of our Reception classes for the 'My First Day' feature which will be published in the paper on Friday the 13th of October.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 26th September - Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents
- Tuesday 26th September - Year 1 Local Area Walk
- Wednesday 27th September - Year 3 trip to Leavesden Country Park
- Thursday 28th September - Year 2 trip to Watford
- Friday 29th September - Year 4 trip to St. Albans
- Thursday 5th October - Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
- 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)

YEAR 6 VISIT

We are very grateful to our local PCSOs who gave our Year 6 students a fabulous talk about safety awareness. The children earned certificates for completing the session and earned some lovely gifts.



NATIONAL COLLEGE

We are delighted to let you know that Cherry Tree have become a member of the National College which provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly around online safety and keeping children safe online. In our newsletters we will be featuring some of their award winning safety guides to support your awareness of the online world on topics from understanding apps like Tik Tok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help. Please let us know what you think.

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

READING CORNER

Welcome back to the first Book Corner of this year!
I hope you all had a fabulous summer and many happy hours of reading.

Congratulations to all the children who achieved the Summer Reading challenge this year. We are so proud of you all!!

We have started this new year with not one but two author visits for the children. On Tuesday Joelle Avelino inspired the pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 with her brilliant illustrations and beautiful storytelling.



Key Stage 2 were entertained and amazed by the wonderful writing and illustrations of Nadia Shireen... not forgetting a fun game of 'Treebonk' which is usually only played by squirrels!



I know some of you purchased signed copies of these books on the day but, as always, there are signed copies available to purchase through the school office.

Happy reading everyone!

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher

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

HINTS FROM THE HUB



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!

Monday 2nd October 2023
9.00am - 10.30am
In the Hub
Just turn up!

Contact Swickham@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk

NUT FREE SCHOOL



Can we please remind you that we are a nut free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being near someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties.

Please DO NOT send nut products into school and check the packaging of products closely. We know that this is an additional thing to check but if this was your child, you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think that you are now entitled to free school meals please [use this link to check](#). It takes 5 mins and in most cases they can tell you straightaway if your child meets the criteria.

SIGNING CHILDREN IN & OUT

Please can we remind you that if you bring your child into school late, or collect them early, you must sign them in/out at the school office so that we are clear how many children are on site at all times.

We also have a new system whereby children who are picked up late at the end of the school day must be signed out using the console in the reception area by the School Office.



Online Safety Tips For Children



Do's



1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE

Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.

2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE

Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.

3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE

If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.

4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.

5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP

This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.

6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE

This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.

7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS

Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

Don'ts



1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.

2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE

Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.

3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES

The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.

4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS

This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.

5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE

Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.

6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME

This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.

7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.





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
Fireflies	Maryam	For having a positive approach as you tried new forest school activities.
Berries	Berries Class	For settling into their new class and becoming independent to leave their parents and explore the classroom.
Acorns	Acorns Class	For an amazing start to the school year! You have shown all our beliefs and promises by being kind, being brave and aiming high.
Conkers	Conker Class	For being brave – settling into a new school and routine, aiming high – trying new challenges everyday, being kind – learning and making new friendships.
Maple	Aasiya	For always aiming high across the curriculum and for being a fantastic role model not just in Maple class but to the whole of KS1!
Birch	Yahya	For being an excellent role model in the class. You are kind and you aim high.
Cedar	Yanae	For settling well into Cedar class. You have been aiming high and working hard.
Willow	Matin Atidaishe Dominic Buster	For being brave and settling into a new school and routine so well!
Sycamore	Kiyashini	For settling well into Sycamore class.
Hazel	Rio	For always being a role model in his behaviour and always showing that he is working hard in all subjects!
Ash	Peycho	For your positive approach to everything you do, aiming high and all this with a smile for everyone!
Yew	Lola	For always contributing to class discussion, completing work to a high standard and working hard.
Pine	Evan	For making the most wonderful start to Year 5! You have been brave and aimed high in all lessons and are really having a go. We are so proud of you!
Fir	Arini	For showing all the Cherry Tree values and settling into your new class so well!
Oak	Wasseem	For aiming high in writing and composing some incredible sentences to describe a scene.
Elm	Katie	For always aiming high and being ready to learn.

Well done, Cherries!



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