



NEWSLETTER

20TH OCTOBER 2023

WELCOME

I can't quite believe we are at the end of our first half term. To our new Reception children and any in-year admissions we have had join us - it has been a real pleasure to have you join the Cherry Tree family and we very much hope you have enjoyed your first half term here.

The children have settled in to their new classes well, they have learnt a lot about Watford and our local area and they have completed some excellent home learning.

We hope you have a happy and safe half term. Rest, recharge and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31st October.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT & SCHOOL LEADERS

The children have elected new Children's Parliament members who wrote speeches on why they would be good leaders. Congratulations to the successful candidates. The first meeting will be after the half-term break.



The children also elected new school leaders from Year 6, with speeches that embodied Cherry Tree values and beliefs. We are so proud of all the children who applied for these positions and are really looking forward to working with these children on some exciting new projects.



Congratulations to all of you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 20th October - Last Day of Term - 3.15pm
- Monday 30th October - INSET Day - School closed
- Tuesday 31st October - First day of Autumn Term 2
- Tuesday 31st October - Application deadline for Year 6 Secondary School applications
- Friday 3rd November - Deadline for Friends Christmas card designs
- Week Comm. Monday 6th November - Scholastic Book Fair
- Friday 1st December - Friends Christmas Fair, 3.15pm
- Tuesday 5th December - Year 5 trip to British Museum
- Wednesday 6th December - Friends Winter Disco
- Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term (Finish 1.30pm)
- Thursday 4th January 2024 - First Day of Spring Term
- Friday 5th January - Year 6 trip to Nutcracker Ballet
- Thursday 25th January - Individual & Family Group photos

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday the 13th of October we were fortunate to welcome Captain Mark Scoulding to Cherry Tree to lead our Harvest Festival Assembly.

We are so grateful to him, and all the generous members of our community who donated food to help local families in need through the Watford & West Herts Chamber of Commerce.



All of the fresh fruit, veg and flowers were grown by our pupils on the Watford Salvation Army allotment.

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

READING CORNER

Hi Everyone,

More good news from the Reading Corner! After half term we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair. At the fair there will be a huge selection of books to purchase at very competitive prices. You may want to spend some time during the holidays browsing their online bookshop, [click here](#), and creating a wish list of your favourite books.



Books can be purchased at the fair or we can order them if they are not on the shelves. This way all your purchase will count towards our Book Fair sales. Your support with this event will enable us to restock and update the school library books which we all know the children love.



Happy reading everyone!

Jane Sibbit

LKS2/ Reading leader/ Class teacher

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) has been set up so that all agencies and organisations who work with children and young people can work together to keep children safe. Call 0300 123 4043 at anytime if you are a child or young person being abused or mistreated; or if you are an adult worried about a young person. Call 999 if you're in immediate danger or a crime is being committed.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently two job opportunities that may be of interest to you. We are recruiting for a SEND Teaching Assistant, [please click here](#) for more details.

Also Chartwells, our catering provider, are currently recruiting for a general kitchen assistant to work in local schools. The positions are term time only for 16 hours a week. Please contact Marie Stone on 07796 622263 for more information.

SCHOOL HOUSE LOGOS - DESIGN COMPETITION

Would you like to design the logos for the Cherry Tree School Houses? If so you can draw, colour, paint or use your computer to design them.

The new school houses are:

- Red - Roses
- Yellow - Daffodils
- Blue - Bluebells
- Green - Clovers



Designs must be submitted to your class teacher on A4 paper by Wednesday 1st November 2023 - don't forget to put your name and class on the back! Good luck!

Miss Moss & Miss Merrill

Class teachers/ D&T and Art leaders

YEAR 5 PINE & BRASS BAND ENGLAND

Year 5 Pine were very fortunate to travel to London by train to take part in a Brass Band England Foundation workshop in the the spectacular venue of Regent Hall.



They had a fabulous visit and we would like to thank Paul Fisher for leading the session and all the adults that helped make this day happen. One of the children said that this was 'the best day of their life!'.

SCHOOL MEALS MENU



The new menu for Autumn/Winter 2023 will be in place after half term. Please [click this link](#) to review it.

We would appreciate it if you could take the time to go through the menu with your child/ren so that they are aware of what will be served and how this may impact on any dietary requirements they have.

If you would like to amend your child's lunch pattern, please do not hesitate to email the school office.



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	Myla-Grace	For always having a positive attitude, being well-mannered and an all-round funny young person.
Red & Ready	Yusuf (6O)	For being thoughtful and bringing in puzzles and games from home to share with his friends in the mornings.
Fireflies	Rayan (5P)	For always being a significant role model whilst at forest schools.
Berries	Luca	For settling into his new class and learning the routines so well.
Acorns	Ayah	For developing in confidence and always listening to advice
Conkers	Dinal	For working hard with phonics and reading.
Maple	Azfar	For always aiming high with the presentation of his work.
Birch	Christopher	For being a sensible and kind member of our class and for working hard in every lesson.
Cedar	Ava	For showing strong leadership skills when building an obstacle course with her peers.
Willow	Hrithika	For always being a key role model in class consistently throughout the whole half term!
Sycamore	Liam	For settling into Sycamore class.
Hazel	Kody	For always aiming high and independently researching our class topics to learn even more!
Ash	Jathusa	Aiming high with all her work this half term. Well done!
Yew	Leone	For always following the school values and producing some splendid work during this half term.
Pine	Awa	For aiming high in brass this week! You were incredibly brave to go up and perform a solo in front of all your peers at our workshop!
Fir	Naomi	For showing real bravery and aiming high at various points throughout the half term! Keep it up!
Oak	Ammar	For being kind and offering to tidy the classroom bookshelf when some of the books were not put back properly.
Elm	Cavon	For being so kind, helpful and patient to a particular member of the class

Well done, Cherries!



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