



Cherry Tree Primary School - Newsletter

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Chatterbox Challenge



The Nursery and Reception children looked fantastic as dinosaurs and pirates earlier this week. Thanks to the amazing number of parents/carers who came to the sharing assembly - we hope you enjoyed the singing as much as the children did!

Dress Down for Ossie

Along with other local schools, we are taking part in a dress down day to raise funds for specialist treatment



for a pupil at Orchard School. Ossie suffers from Neuroblastoma which is a rare type of cancer. Children can come to school on Friday 24th February dressed in their own clothes, suitable for a school day, in return for a £1 donation. If you would like to find out more about Ossie, please visit their website <http://www.ossieboysfund.co.uk/>

School Photos



If you wish to order photographs from Braiswick Photographers, please return the order envelope, with the correct money, to the School Office by Tuesday 21st February 2017. You can also place your order online by visiting www.braiswick.co.uk/orders. Any order placed after this date can be processed but must be returned direct to the photographers with an additional £4 admin fee enclosed.

Friends Valentine Disco

The children had a fantastic time at the discos yesterday. Thanks to the Friends for organising and to the parents/carers who helped at the events - they couldn't do it without you! A special thanks to 'DJ Birdsall' for the Reception and Year 1 disco. We are pleased to let you know that this event raised £380.



Litter Assembly and Competition - Years 1-6



Veolia and Watford Community Housing Trust ran an assembly on Wednesday to talk to the children about litter. They have invited children to create a poster to persuade people not to drop litter. We have emailed out their flyer with further details. Entries should be returned to school by the closing date of 24th February as they will be collecting them direct from school.

Building Site Safety Competition - Years 4-6

We have received some lovely designs for this competition, run by Keepmoat for Years 4-6. Keepmoat are returning to school to run an assembly on Thursday 23rd when the winners will be announced. If your child has not yet submitted an entry, please make sure they are returned to school by Monday 20th February. They invited the children to enter a competition to design a poster warning children of the dangers of going onto a building site. Extra copies of the flyer are available from the School Office.



Staffing



Today we say goodbye to Miss DuGard, who has been supporting children in Acorns and Pine classes. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

Cashless Office

In line with most other local schools, Cherry Tree will become 'cashless' after the Easter Holidays. Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted for payments in the School Office. The only exception to this will be for dress down days when we are collecting the money on behalf of charities and 'Friends' events. All payments will need to be made on School Gateway, our electronic payment system. It is really easy to set up an account and many parents/carers are already using the system. We have attached information on how you can set up an account either on your smartphone or computer. If you need any help setting up your account, please speak to the School Office staff who are happy to help.



Swimming - Year 4



A quick reminder that next half term, Ash and Yew classes are swapping swimming days. Yew Class will be swimming on a Wednesday morning and Ash class on Thursday afternoon (returning slightly later at approximately 3.30pm). The contribution next half term is £18 and this is a good opportunity to start using School Gateway, if you are not already doing so.

School Football Team



The first practice session of the term takes place on Thursday 23rd February after school until 4.15pm. This will only be for Year 5 children as Year 6 children are expected to attend their Booster Classes. Details of matches have been emailed out to parents/carers but if you need a further copy, please contact the School Office.

School Clubs



All school clubs return the first week back after the half term holiday. Letters will be sent out by the providers next half term for after the Easter holidays.

School Trips



Year 2 - had a fantastic time at the Museum of London earlier today.

Year 4 - letters and consent forms were emailed out yesterday for the trip to Verulamium next half term. If you need a copy, please call into the School Office.

Year 5 - if you haven't already done so, please remember to return the consent form and contribution for the trip to Hazard Alley after the half term break.

World Book Day



Advance warning that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There is no donation needed as it is a celebration of reading books.

Scarlet Fever



We have been notified that a child in Year 1 is suffering from Scarlet Fever. If you have any concerns about your child's health, please speak to your GP.

Half Term



Please remember that it is INSET day tomorrow, so children should not come to school. We hope everyone has a relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 20th February at 8.55am prompt.

Learning Together
Learning for Life

Attendance Winners:
Pine - 100%

Outstanding Behaviour Winners:
FS: Conkers, Infants: Willow, Juniors: Ash

Punctuality Winners:
Conkers & Ash - no lates!