



Cherry Tree Primary School - Newsletter

No: 22

Date: 24th February 2017

Website: www.cherrytree.herts.sch.uk

Nursery Admissions Open Day



If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you can now apply for a place to start in Nursery in September 2017. For more information on how to apply, please visit Herts County Council's website www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. We have an open afternoon on Monday at 2pm for prospective parents to find out more about our Nursery and to visit the setting. If you would like to book a place, please contact the School Office.

Dress Down for Ossie

As you will recall, Ossie is a pupil at a local primary school, who suffers from a rare form of cancer. We were asked to join a dress down day to help raise funds for his treatment. Thanks to everyone's amazing generosity we are thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing £392.50! We will be passing this on to them next week.



World Book Day



Next week, children can come to school on Friday 3rd March dressed as their favourite book character. There has been a suggestion by parents that we ask for a donation of £1 and this can be put towards books for our school Library. We look forward to seeing the children in their outfits and any monetary donations would be most welcome.

'Friends' Mother's Day Gift

Packs were sent home earlier this week inviting children to order items for Mother's Day with their design on. If your child would like to place an order, please return the design with the order form and money to the School Office by 12 noon next Tuesday 28th February. We apologise for the short notice, this was due to the timing of half term.



School Football Team



Apologies for the cancellation of the practice session yesterday because of the strong winds. Red team have an away match at The Grove Academy after school on Monday 27th February. Please can these children remember their school football kit, shin pads and boots. They will return to school around 4.45pm but we will keep parents/carers updated by text.

School Governor Afternoon

Yesterday, many of our School Governors spent the afternoon in school. They were very impressed by the engagement and behaviour of the children and the fantastic displays around school. They also enjoyed meeting some of the staff for tea and cake after school.



Cashless Office



We are pleased to see so many more parents/carers have signed up for our electronic payment system, School Gateway. Please remember that after the Easter holidays, all payments into school will need to be made this way and cash/cheques will no longer be accepted. Further information about School Gateway can be found in the Letters and Newsletters section of our website, or visit <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> to create and use your account. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office staff, who will be happy to help.

Can you help?

Do you have any classic board games (such as like Monopoly, Screwball Scramble, K'nex, and Cluedo) that you no longer need? If so, would you be happy to donate them to school for 'wet playtime games'? Donations will be gratefully received at the School Office.



Building Site Safety Competition

 Yesterday, Keepmoat, the company who are completing work on local houses, returned to an assembly. They had invited children from Years 4-6 to design a poster warning of the dangers of playing on a building site. Our visitors were amazed by all the fantastic designs and they had a hard time judging them! The standard was so high there was more than one winning design. These children were Matyas and Christina - Oak Class, Freya - Fir Class, Jiya - Pine Class, Paavani - Yew Class and Sonali - Ash Class. They received an art set - well done to them!

Staffing

We welcome back Miss Wylie to Fir Class next Thursday. She has now recovered from her broken arm and will be returning to teaching her class. We would like to thank Mrs Nimalanathan for all her hard work teaching the class since the Christmas holidays.



Litter Competition



As you will recall, Watford Community Housing Trust invited children in Years 1-6 to take part in a competition to design a poster to persuade people not to drop litter. We had lots of fabulous designs and these have now been collected by the trust. We will let you know if any of our children's designs are winners.

Parent Consultations



Earlier today, a letter was emailed out inviting parents/carers to request an appointment with their child's class teacher during parent consultations which take place next month. Please return the slip to your oldest child's class teacher by the end of next week. If you need a copy of the letter, please call into the School Office.

Swimming

Ash and Yew classes have resumed swimming this week. Please remember that Ash now swim on Thursday afternoons and Yew on Wednesday mornings. The contribution this term is £18.



Year 4 Play - The Pied Piper of Hamelin



Ash and Yew classes are busy practicing their play. Parents/carers were invited to the performance which takes place on Monday 27th March 2017, starting at 7pm. The children will need to be back in school from 6.30pm to get into their costumes.

School Photos

Thanks for returning school photo orders. These have now been collected by Braiswick Photographers and we hope to have the packs soon. If you forgot to order, this can still be done direct to the photographers but you will need to include an additional admin fee. Details are on the front of the proof envelope sent home.



Learning Together
Learning for Life

Attendance Winners:
Fir - 99%

Outstanding Behaviour Winners:
FS: Acorns, Infants: Birch, Juniors: Yew

Punctuality Winners:
Acorns, Pine & Fir - no lates-fantastic!