



Cherry Tree Primary School - Newsletter

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End of Year Message from Ms Bruce

"We have had another very successful year at Cherry Tree and in September we will finally have expanded to be fully two-form entry! I would like to thank the children and staff for all their hard work during the year and all the parents/carers for their continued support. We hope you have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September."

Staff Changes

As you will be aware, Mrs Tapster, Year 2 Willow Class Teacher is leaving us to take up a post closer to home. We are sure you will join us in wishing her every success for the future. In September we will be joined by Miss Nicholson (Year 2 Willow), Miss Philips (Year 4 Ash) and Miss Penfold (Year 5 Fir).



Year 6 Leavers

We are sad to say 'goodbye' to Oak class who are leaving us to move on to their secondary schools in September. We hope their parents/carers enjoyed their Leavers Concert on Wednesday. Good luck for the future!



Leave of Absence

The Governors monitor school attendance very closely. They are disappointed that our whole school attendance is 94% as the target set by the Department for Education is 96%. From September they have instructed Miss Bruce to only authorise certain pupil illnesses. Therefore, no exceptional circumstances or holidays will be authorised.



'Friends' Discos

The children had a fabulous time at their discos yesterday. They enjoyed dancing to the music and playing party games. Thanks to the 'Friends' for organising the disco and to the parents/carers/staff who helped run the events. They raised £482.75!



Parent Governor

Mohammad Umer, who has been a Parent Governor for just over a year has stepped down due to work commitments. We would like to thank him for all his work for the Governing Body. We now have a vacancy for Parent Governor and will be sending out information in September.



Value Medals

Every half term, children work towards a special value, they are awarded stickers for demonstrating the value and then at the end of the half term, two children from each class are presented with a medal. This half term, the value was 'Appreciation' and the children presented with medals in assembly were: Mehr-Ali & Alyssa (Acorns), Janushan & Ava (Conkers), Sami & Maya (Birch), Kyienna & Nazeem (Maple), Sahil & Manha (Cedar), Elliot & Kyle (Willow), Varshaa & Sharangan (Sycamore), Wasim & Aisha (Hazel), Casper & Aisha (Yew), Harry & Adi (Ash), Daniel & Jennifer (Pine), Bethany & Lavan (Fir), and Nelson & Kachina (Oak). Well done!



Dress Down for Wayne's Fund

Thanks to everyone who donated £1 to the charity who supplied our defibrillator. We are pleased to let you know that we will be sending £245. A big 'thank you' to everyone for their donations.

Reception/Nursery Visits

It was lovely to see so many of our new Reception and Nursery children visiting their new classes earlier this week.



School Journey 2018

Thanks to all the Year 5 parents who paid their deposit for next year's school journey. We can confirm the trip is fully booked and the total cost will be £337. We will be sending out details of the payment plan in September.



Library - Summer Reading Challenge

The children found out about the reading challenge during assembly on Tuesday. This year the theme is 'Animal Agents' and the challenge is to read six books over the holidays. Flyers were sent home earlier this week with more details.



School Uniform

Please remember that the School Office only holds a very limited supply of school uniform. Uniform orders should be placed with our supplier, Mapac. As this is their busiest time of the year, orders must be placed by 5th August to ensure delivery/collection by beginning of the Autumn Term. Please visit their website www.mapac.com or telephone them on 01923 255525.



School Meals

School lunches continue to cost £2.30 per day for children in Years 3-6. The cost for the half-term will be £78.20 for lunch every day and £16.10 for Friday Fun Lunch only. Please make payment in advance of meals taken on School Gateway www.schoolgateway.com.



Summer Events

- Frogmore Paper Mill has a lot of fun activities during the holidays. Please visit www.thepapertrail.org.uk for more information.
- Cassiobury Park has lots of activities over the summer too, visit their website www.watford.gov.uk/cassiobury for details.
- Watford Cycle Hub are running Bikeability courses over the next few weeks visit <http://www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk/topics/courses/kids-courses/> for more information.



Friends of Harebreaks Wood

There is a Big Butterfly Count in our local woods tomorrow. If you would like to help, please meet 1.30pm at St Mark's car park.



Parking

We have had more parking complaints again this week. We have evidence of another car parking inappropriately - this time in the middle of the turning circle. The car is a silver Kia, registration LB09LJE. If this is your car, please park legally and considerately.



Swimming

Current Year 3 children will start swimming the first week back after the summer holidays - Ash class on Wednesday 6th September and Yew class on Thursday 7th September. The cost will be £21 for the 7 sessions and payments should be made on School Gateway.



Guitar Assembly

Mr Mickey and his guitar pupils showcased their guitar skills during assembly on Wednesday - they were fantastic! Mr Mickey has a few spaces in September so if your child will be in Years 4-6 and would like them to have guitar lessons, please contact Mickey direct on 07951 474723.



School Clubs for next term

All flyers for school clubs next term have now been emailed out. Further copies can be found on our website in the 'Letters to Parents' section of 'News and Dates'.



Autumn Term

The children who will be in Reception to Year 6, return to school on Tuesday 5th September at 8.55am prompt. Details of Nursery children's start date can be found in their individual welcome letter.



*Have a safe and restful summer break
See you in September!*



*Learning Together
Learning for Life*

Attendance Winners:
Conkers - 99%

Outstanding Behaviour Winners:
FS: Acorns, Infants: Willow, Juniors: Sycamore/Pine

Punctuality Winners:
Acorns - no lates, well done!