

# WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

'Learning together, learning for life!'





#### WELCOME TO CHERRY TREE

Cherry Tree Primary School is a wonderful school set in beautiful grounds where pupils truly thrive.

We have a passion for outdoor learning and use the space we have and surrounding local areas to enrich our children's learning. Our committed staff inspire and nurture our children to grow, learning through our values that they can achieve anything they set their mind to. We are incredibly aware of the ever-changing world our children are growing up in and have this at the forefront of our minds when creating learning experiences through our rich and diverse curriculum.

We truly encourage our children to 'learn for life'. We work to ensure that our children are prepared for their futures, can rise to challenges presented to them and are motivated by the successes they see and experience. Our children thrive academically and we continually work on the importance of trusting and respecting those around us. We believe wholeheartedly in 'learning together' and so we teach our children the skills needed to effectively collaborate with others.

Please come and visit Cherry Tree to see for yourselves the excitement and curiosity our children experience.

The team and I, very much look forward to welcoming you to our happy school.

Cheska Tyler Headteacher



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## Our beliefs and promises:

- At Cherry Tree, we believe that we are kind so we promise to work together, think of others and to care for our school community.
- At Cherry Tree, we believe that we aim high so we promise to try, try again to challenge ourselves to achieve beyond our dreams.
- At Cherry Tree, we believe that we are brave, so we promise to be adventurous, having confidence to question and explore the world around us.

Our school beliefs and promises run through all that we do at Cherry Tree. They allow us to focus on our children becoming kind, caring individuals as well as aiming to achieve beyond their dreams.

Our curriculum is designed to support the whole school working together to follow a shared theme, exploring all curriculum areas, with a reading always at the very heart. We work collaboratively with our parents to share what our children are learning, ensuring the children are supported both at home and at school.



#### **OUR TRUST**

The Inclusive Multi Academy Trust was formed in November 2016 and is currently made up of three schools: Beechfield School, Laurance Haines School and Cherry Tree Primary School. Our trust name 'inclusive' originates from the driving belief that many different types of people form our community and every single one should be treated fairly and equally so that they and their families can access a great education.

As a family of schools, we work together with shared leadership, expertise, resources and efficiencies and deliver an excellent education within a loving and nurturing environment. We see ourselves as a central community hub and strive to provide equal access to education, opportunities, resources and support for all.

"Happy children learn, happy staff thrive, happy parents build a community."

### **INCLUSIVE** MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



"I am delighted to welcome you to the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you and welcoming your child to our family of schools. Together, we will work with you to nurture and develop your child's academic, creative, social and pastoral talents and skills, so that they develop as confident and inquisitive learners equipped for a full and happy life."

James Roach CEO



#### **BEHAVIOUR**

We believe that a strong partnership between school, our children and our parents is crucial in promoting positive behaviour and a purposeful culture for learning.

Our school ethos guides and supports our pupils positively as they develop and grow to be good citizens. We learn about our school values: confidence, perseverance, respect, trust. independence and collaboration and demonstrate these in our day-to-day lives. Our children are rewarded for demonstrating these and we share positive examples through our celebration assemblies.

Enjoying and doing well at school is an important factor for the healthy development of children and so we nurture our pupils to ensure they feel safe and supported.

"Our children have grown in confidence and developed really well academically, we have been really impressed with how the staff have helped them."

Parent





#### **REWARD & RECOGNISE**

We encourage our children to be positive role models and to have positive attitudes to learning by rewarding them in a variety of ways:

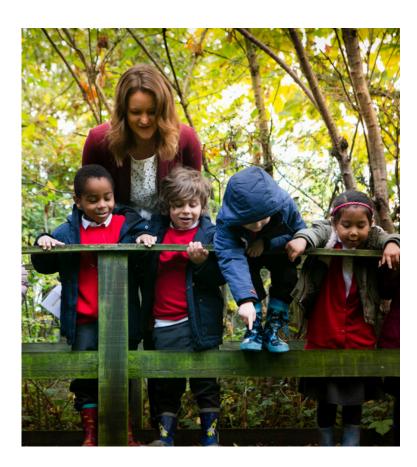
- · Praise from adults and peers
- · Individual house points
- Whole Class rewards
- Certificates
- Visit to other teachers
- Twitter/X celebrations
- Values medals
- Hub time
- Top Cherry Certificates Headteacher Awards

#### **OUR CURRICULUM**

The Cherry Tree Curriculum has been designed specifically for our children, to help them understand their world, and to enable them to reflect on how they can contribute to the local and global community.

Our Outside Education Programme offers all children the opportunity to explore, discover and interact with nature in the safety of our beautiful school grounds. Outdoor sessions are linked to the topics being investigated in the classroom to complement and broaden the children's learning.

Forest School is very much part of this holistic outlook of our school and specifically provides wonderful opportunities for our children to develop valuable life skills, confidence and a growth mindset that will benefit them beyond their primary years.





# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

At Cherry Tree, ensuring a child's learning is fun, purposeful and engaging is essential.

In our early years, there are plenty of opportunities for independent, group and whole class learning during the day which are based both in the classroom and outdoors.

Our curriculum ensures children become independent and curious, young learners and flourish as they take a journey through their education.

Our beliefs and promises are woven through our curriculum to provide a firm foundation on which our children can 'learn together' and 'learn for life!'.



#### HOME LEARNING

Home learning provides children with opportunities to enhance and practice their learning or study their skills.

This may take the form of shared reading; spellings or tables to learn; individual research for a topic and may reflect any aspect of the curriculum.

Children will be given instructions about how to complete their learning before they take it home but parent co- operation is encouraged in assisting their child to develop a responsible attitude to home learning.

At the end of each half term, we hold homework celebration sessions to share the hard work of our pupils.

"The school have been there throughout with support for myself and Nathan. With help from the school he has really started to shine, so I would like to say how friendly, supportive and inclusive this school is."

Parent



#### **CLUBS**

There are a lot of opportunities to join one of the many before or after school clubs. Example of clubs include Football, Gymnastics, Gardening, Coding, Sewing, Maths, Multi-Skills, and Street Dance. Our Sunrise and Sunset Clubs operate from 07:30 - 08:45 and 15:15 - 18:00 to provide parents with wrap-around care. Details of the clubs are publicised on our website.

#### COMMUNICATION

We pride ourselves on being approachable. Teachers are happy to talk with you before or after school and can answer more in depth enquiries by telephone or an appointment in person. We write fortnightly newsletters and additional email communication when needed and showcase learning on social media.





#### PASTORAL CARE

At Cherry Tree we truly care about our pupils, their families and our community.

Our pastoral team support children and their families in the following ways:

- •Counselling for children and parents
- Nurture groups
- •Circle Time
- Resilience training
- Parenting courses
- •Social and welfare support and much more!

The team work with external agencies and alongside families to reach the best outcomes for our children. They work with children in school to help them access all aspects of school life: learning, social, play and achieving greater emotional resilience.

Bonnie our school dog also supports with this and works with her trained 'Dog Mentors' three times per week. She's very much a part of our school community.





# WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR SCHOOL!

Take a look at our school video here:



Admissions information: www.cherrytree.herts.sch.uk/admissions

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