



NEWSLETTER

10TH MAY 2024

WELCOME

We have lots of reminders for you this week...

Online Safety - A reminder that we are seeing and hearing more conversations between pupils about their online usage. Too many of our children are accessing content they shouldn't. Please, please keep an eye on what your children are accessing and stop them from using anything inappropriate for their age.

Punctuality - School starts promptly at 08:50 (for Nursery, this is 08:35). This means children's learning begins at this time and they need to be inside their classrooms. We are seeing too many children arriving late to school each day at 08:55, 09:00 and beyond. This time adds up and takes away from learning time. e.g. just 5 minutes a day is 25minutes per week which is equal to one whole guided reading lesson. Please make sure you are on time.

Water bottles - Please remember to send your children into school with a water bottle (filled with water, nothing else). We are expecting warmer weather and it is important that our children are fully hydrated whilst at school.

Dogs - We are seeing an increase in parents trying to bring dogs on site. We are not able to allow dogs on our school site for health and safety reasons. Bonnie, our school dog, has a risk assessment in place and protocol around this to ensure safety for all. Please be respectful to all school staff when they remind you of this and do not bring dogs on site.

Summer Events - We have lots of events for you to join us in over the summer term. This includes our: Trust Olympics, International Picnic, Summer Fair and so many more. Keep an eye on our dates so you don't miss out.

Cheska Tyler
Headteacher

ROAD CLOSURES

Gas works by Cadent mean that Leggatts Wood Avenue and Cherry Tree Road will be closed to drivers from Monday May 13th to Friday May the 17th. Please allow extra time for your journeys when travelling to school by car.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- WB 13/05/24 - Year 6 SATs Week
- 16/05/24 - Year 5 Bhaktivedanta Manor Trip
- 16/05/24 - Fiesta Fun Lunch
- 21/05/24 - Nursery Post Box Trip
- 23/05/24 - Festival of Outdoor Education (Eco Council)
- 24/05/24 from 2-3pm - International Picnic
- 24/05/24 3:15pm - School closes for half term
- 03/06/24 08:50am - Return to school for Summer 2
- WB 04/06/24 - Scholastic Book Fair
- WB 04/06/24 - Year 6 Elm Residential
- 04/06/24 - Year 1 Chalkwell Beach Trip
- 10/06/24 - PHSE Meeting in Sycamore Class
- WB 11/06/24 - Year 6 Oak Residential
- 11/06/24 - SEN Coffee Morning with ADD-vance
- 12/06/24 - Proud to Be Me Day
- 17/06/24 - Whole Class Photographs
- 19/06/24 - Year 3 Kew Gardens
- 21/06/24 - Occasional Day - School Closed
- 25/06/24 - Non Uniform Day (bring a bottle for the Summer Fair)
- 26/06/24 - New Nursery & Reception Parents Picnic
- 28/06/24 - Inclusive MAT Olympics
- 02/07/24 - Reception Paradise Wildlife park
- 04/07/24 - Year 4 Whipsnade Zoo
- 04/07/24 - Nursery Mead Open Farm
- 04/07/24 - Year 1 The Ark Synagogue Visit
- 06/07/24 - Summer Fair
- 16/07/24 - Friends School Disco
- 11/07/24 - Move Up Day/Secondary Transition
- 19/07/25 - Last Day of School - finish 1.30pm
- 04/09/24 - Start of new school year

RECEPTION & NURSERY ADMISSIONS

This year we have been allocated 60 children to join us in our Reception 2024 intake. We are very happy to welcome so many new families to our Cherry Tree Community. Our new Nursery and Reception parents have been invited to a welcome picnic on the 26th of June and we encourage them to check their emails for more information about these events.



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

READING CORNER

Welcome to Book Corner!

Excitement is building....we have a Scholastic Book Fair in school the first week back after the half term holiday!



To celebrate this we are having a school competition for all our budding authors. We invite all children to write an adventure story based around a walk through their favourite outdoor space. It cannot be any more than 100 words and feel free to write in a format of your choice!

The winning stories will be displayed in our school library and will receive a £5 book token which they can spend at the Book Fair. Closing date for the competition is Wednesday 22nd May.

Happy reading!

Jane Sibbit
LKS2/Reading Leader/Class Teacher

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

The Friends are preparing for their Summer Fair which will be held this year on Saturday 6th July between 12 - 3pm.

They will also hosting a school disco for children in Years 1-6 on Tuesday 16th July, after school. Don't worry EYFS! Miss Birdsall and her team are running a disco for you on the same day so you won't be missing out!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please be aware of our designated safeguarding team here at Cherry Tree. If you ever have a concern about a child, family or staff member in our school, please contact one of these members of staff: Cheska Tyler (Headteacher), Emma Hibberd (Assistant Headteacher), Vicky Carrack (Inclusion Leader & SENDCo), Debbie Massey (Pastoral Leader), Emma Birdsall (EYFS Lead), Katy Wolstencroft (KS1 Lead), Jane Sibbit (LKS2 Lead) or Emma Penfold (UKS2 Lead).



PLEASE STOP



SPEAK OUT



DON'T TOUCH

STEPS TO SKILLS



Early Years English

Supporting children's learning



Learning in the community for Hertfordshire residents aged 19+

This FREE 5-week adult only course will help parents / carers of children understand how Communication, Language and Literacy (reading and writing) is taught in Nursery and Reception and to support learning at home in the following areas:

- Phonics
- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking & Listening
- Outdoor learning

**Starting Thursday
13th June**

Duration: every Thursday for 5 weeks

Fee: FREE

Time: 9.30am-11.30am

Venue: Cherry Tree Primary School

Address: Berry Avenue, Watford, WD24 6ST

HOW TO BOOK Complete return slip and return to the school office, or email: admin@cherrytree.herts.sch.uk with your name, email and phone number for the attention of D Massey. **Early Years English Course starting 13th June**
Name:
Email:
Phone number:

By booking you consent to share your details with Step2Skills so they can contact you about the course.



INTERNATIONAL PICNIC

On Friday 24th May from 2.00pm, the whole school will be having a picnic on the field to celebrate the diversity of cultures at our school.



All parents/carers are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

The children will be sitting together and having their own tables of food. Any donations of food from around the world will be gratefully received on the day although donated items must be NUT FREE and all food must be clearly labelled with ingredients.



The children can come to school dressed in traditional outfits that represent their culture or wear clothes that are special to them.

We will also have the ice cream van on site from 2pm if you would like to purchase an ice cream.

We look forward to celebrating our wide range of cultures with you all.



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	Chloe (1M)	For always being organised and helping her friends.
Red & Ready	Lamiah	For always being kind, aiming high and an excellent role model
Fireflies	Anika (1M)	For having the confidence to independently try new activities whilst at Forest Schools. Well done.
Cherry Blossoms	Reuben (RA)	For joining in with activities and helping to pack away each day!
Berries	Athena	For being able to rhyme words e.g. cat and hat.
Acorns	Jeshaan	For developing your independence with the daily routine.
Conkers	Maya	For aiming high with her writing. We are so proud of your writing, well done!
Maple	Lily	For aiming high in her work and always being kind and helpful.
Birch	Muhammad Jawad	For aiming high in lessons and showing a good attitude to learning. We are proud of you!
Cedar	Roman	For aiming high and being brave with his writing
Willow	Isabella	For always aiming high and presenting her work with such care.
Sycamore	Tamina	For working hard in with their writing and using wonderful descriptive vocabulary.
Hazel	Mustafa	For displaying our Cherry Tree value of Trust during the Dodgeball tournament.
Ash	James	For aiming high with your handwriting.
Yew	Thanuj	For settling in brilliantly to Yew class and being a pleasure to teach.
Pine	Kayla	For always making the right choices and aiming high
Fir	Harin	For really working hard on himself and aiming high in class and on the playground.
Oak	Jochebed	For aiming high in all her learning, and her increased focus throughout Year 6.
Elm	Kamil	For consistently trying to improve his knowledge in all subjects.

Well done, Cherries!



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