

**SUMMER TERM  
2019  
NEWSLETTER 1  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>  
September**

# CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our Mission Statement

*Bringing out the best in each other as we blossom and grow*

## Our Values

*Happy, Aspirational, Resilient, Independent,  
Open-minded, Compassionate*



## SCHOOL NEWS

# Welcome back to school!

We had a very positive first day yesterday; each class came into school calmly, dressed in smart school uniform and ready for the new school year. It has been a pleasure to welcome our youngest children into Class F. We all look forward to getting to know them and their families over the coming weeks.

### Staffing

It is with sadness that I inform you that two members of staff who have been absent due to long-term ill-health or personal reasons, will not be returning to Cherry Tree. Mrs Matthews, our former School Business Manager and Mrs Petras, our school cook have sadly left our team. We are grateful to both of them for the many years of service they gave to Cherry Tree and wish them all the very best for a happy and healthy future.

Mrs Louise Lynch has been officially appointed as our new School Business Manager with immediate effect. As a current member of staff, the Governing Board and I are pleased that Mrs Lynch will bring continuity through her promotion and are confident that she will manage school business matters with professionalism and integrity.

Interviews are taking place for a new school cook. More news to follow upon appointment.

### Running/All-Weather Track- THANK YOU!

Our dream of having an all-weather track around our school field has finally come to fruition and we are pleased with the finished, colourful result. Firstly, I would like to thank all those involved in raising the significant amount of money needed to complete this project. Our PTA donated £15,000 towards the track; therefore all parents helped raise funds by attending /organising/volunteering at the PTA events over the past year. We are very grateful. The governing board of Cherry Tree were also instrumental in enabling the track to be installed, in particular Georgina Walker, who managed the project with boundless enthusiasm.

The installation of the track took longer than expected meaning that our grass could not be cut over the summer. Warrington Borough Council maintain our grounds and we are high priority for this work to be completed as soon as possible. Due to heavy rainfall they have a backlog across the authority and are working hard to catch up on all of their commitments. Our grounds will be smart again very soon!

### Couch to 5k

If you are interested in getting fit, why not come along to our running club on a Friday morning where you can complete the Couch to 5k in a friendly, supportive environment. People of all abilities are welcome, from non-runners to improvers and even experienced runners. Meet at the outdoor classroom at the edge of our school field on a Friday morning, where run leaders Georgina Walker or George Bainton can give you more information. The programme costs £20 for the term and is available on ParentPay.

### Quick Reminders/Notices:

- We have a red 'letter box', just inside our front porch- please use this to drop off forms and letters. It will be emptied each day.
- A more secure entry system has been installed to the front door. Staff will have fobs to access the building. A door release button is in operation in order to exit the building.
- Please do not send KS1 children into school with very large bags- we do not have the space in cloakrooms to store them neatly.
- Jam jars needed for annual jam/chutney sale using allotment produce.

Easyfundraising has generated £52 for our school budget. Please remember to set the Easyfundraising website as your browser and select our school as the beneficiary. We gain a percentage of your spend, at NO EXTRA COST to you!



## Development Fund

Last year, we set up a scheme for parents or grandparents to give a regular donation, via direct debit, to school. This is called our 'Development Fund'. This project has been successful and has brought additional funds into our school budget. We hope that more of our families will be able to contribute to this scheme so that we can continue to improve our school and the opportunities we provide to our pupils. With school funding currently being insufficient, fund raising is something we are having to rely on more and more to balance the books, while still providing all the high quality resources we so desperately need. We are very grateful to any you who are able to support in this way.

A total of £499 has been transferred into our bank from our 'Development Fund' since September. A further two, separate donations of £1000 have also been made by two very kind families who wanted to contribute towards our All-Weather Running Track. We have also been fortunate to have been given £1000 towards books. The Governing Board, staff and I really appreciate the generosity of all these families who are willing to contribute money that will benefit our whole school community. Our school budget continues to be tight, but we are able to set a balanced budget thanks to careful financial management and the generosity of our community.

## Home Time Arrangements

If your child is in Y5/Y6 and you give them permission to walk home from school, please contact the class teacher in writing, to let them know. For the younger children, if home time collection arrangements change, such as someone different is collecting your child, could the child's parent please inform the class teacher or the school office before 2:45pm.

## School Meals

May I remind parents that school meals are provided free of charge to children in Class F, Class 1 and Class 2 only. For Key Stage 2 children (Classes 3 to 6) school meals are currently £2.30 per day. Meals are paid for via the online system 'Parent Pay'. Please let Mrs Lynch, our School Business Manager know if you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, due to financial circumstances. (This is obviously confidential.) School fruit is also provided free of charge for classes 1, 2 and F only. KS2 children are encouraged to bring a fruit snack each day.

## Match Funding

Many companies have 'Match Funding' schemes, which could raise double the funds for our school. If you work for an organisation that has a 'Match Funding' policy, and are able to help us this way, please let one of our office team know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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### Cherry Tree Holiday Camp (Sports and Crafts)

The next holiday camp will take place during the October Half Term holiday, from Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parent Pay will be set up next in order for you to book and pay for a place. Look out for a text notification. **NEWSFLASH:** We are now able to accept childcare vouchers for our Holiday Camp and we are signed up to 'tax-free' childcare. Please ask Mrs Lynch for more details.

### Future Holiday Camp dates are as follows:

<b>Autumn Term</b>	October Half Term	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 8:30am to 5pm
	Christmas Break	NO CAMP
<b>Spring Term</b>	February Half Term	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup>
	Easter Holiday	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April then Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Summer Term</b>	Whit Holiday	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May then Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June to Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June
	Summer Holiday	First three weeks of the holiday.

**Meet the Team-** Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September- 5pm-7pm approx.

There will be an opportunity to 'Meet the Team' at an informal meeting in the Autumn Term on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**. At this event, each teacher will provide a short talk to the parents to provide specific, introductory information about how their class operates. There will also be an opportunity to meet our governors, teaching assistants and office staff. Exact timings are as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants	Adopted Governor	Time/ Location
Class F	Mrs Baines, Mrs Kennedy	Mrs Bolger	Anna Patterson/ Reverend Beverley Jameson	5pm in Class F
Class 1	Mrs Kinzett, Mrs Baines	Mrs Leung Miss Slater (am) Miss Metcalf (pm)	Claire Caton	5:15pm in Class 1
Class 2	Mrs Greason, Mrs Gibson (Weds)	Mrs Barton (a.m) Mrs Gibson (p.m)	George Bainton	5:30pm in Class 2
Class 3	Miss Flower	Mrs Sampson	Georgina Walker	5:45pm in Class 3
Class 4	Miss Birchall	Mrs Brooks Mrs Kershaw Mrs Barton (pm) Mrs Robinson	Shirley Sawyer	6:15pm in Class 4
Class 5	Mr Adams	Miss Metcalf Mrs Sampson Mrs Stagg Mrs Fothergill Mrs Strong	Vivienne Charvill	6:00pm in Class 5
Class 6	Mrs Perrin, Mrs Bottomley	Mrs Gibson (a.m)	Jo Young	6:30pm in Class 6

### Open Garden Event / Running Track Grand Opening

#### Cherry Tree Primary School Open Garden Day / Running Track Grand Opening!

The gardens will be open for members of the public to visit the gardens once again next term to see how the gardens have developed and show off some new features. Refreshments, including homemade soup and a bread roll (if ordered in advance) will be available.

The details are as follows:

Date: **Saturday , 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

Time: **12 noon - 4.30 pm**

Admission: **£2.00, £1** (if tickets are bought in advance)      Children free

**We will also be officially opening our new running track and inviting the local press to come along.**

Tickets and soup orders available from the school office. Come and see how the garden grows this year!

#### Parent Forum- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:15pm

For the benefit of our new families, the Parent Forum is a meeting where Cherry Tree parents and carers come together in an open discussion about matters or concerns relevant to the interests of the whole school. All parents and carers with a child attending Cherry Tree Primary School are automatically a member of our Parent Forum. Member involvement is key to the success of the Parent Forum. I am keen that the Forum is run by the members. Previously I, as the Head teacher was the point of contact for questions, moving forward the chair, Gillian Shaw will fulfil this role. However, I will be in attendance at each meeting to represent the school and to address and action each subject raised.

Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:15pm. All parents are very welcome to attend. The deadline for agenda items is one full week before- therefore Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.

To maximise each member's ability to attend the meeting, it will take place on different days and times each term.

#### **How to raise a question for the agenda?**

Please email any topics/questions/points to [gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com](mailto:gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com). Gillian is happy to raise questions on your behalf if you are unable to attend the meeting.

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## PTA NEWS

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### Hawaiian Family Disco Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm until 8pm

Our PTA always organise a fantastic family disco at the start of the year. This year the event will take place on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm until 8pm. There will be a variety of themed activities & stalls, including the return of neon face painting! Tickets will be on sale next week- £3.50 for an adult and £2.50 for a child, or £10 for a family ticket. (2 adults, 2 children). Please come along and enjoy a fun night with us.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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Lymm Tennis Club are offering FREE tennis coaching lessons to adults and juniors during the week, 23-29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019, to celebrate our new programme.

Whether you've played tennis before or not, if you and your family would just like to try your hand there are FREE coaching lessons for all comers - we'll even provide the racquets and the balls.

Hurry, places are limited, so book now on the Lymm Tennis Club website.

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## FINALLY...

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I will shortly be sending out a list of dates that are planned for the whole school year. As the year progresses and more dates are added, we will amend the list and publish an updated version.

Please remember that should you have any problems, questions or queries regarding your child or school in general, do not hesitate to contact any member of school staff. We are all here to help. Our aim is to work together as a supportive team to deliver the best possible education for your children. By working closely together we can achieve this!

Kind regards,



Helen Graham  
Head Teacher

### Term Dates 2019-2020

2019-2020	Open for pupils	Close
Autumn Term 2019	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Spring Term 2020	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
	<b>There will be a two week holiday at Easter in 2020. Easter weekend is during the Easter Break: Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Summer Term 2020	Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
	May Day Bank Holiday is 4 <sup>th</sup> May <b>There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2020</b>	
	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020

#### Inset days for staff:

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020