

**SPRING TERM
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March**

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

Coronavirus

As you will be aware, the Coronavirus situation in the UK has increased in severity, however Cherry Tree will remain open and continue with the events planned for next week, until advised to the contrary by the government or Public Health England. We continue to be vigilant in terms of hand-washing and hygiene at school. We are also following the advice from the government in a daily email, which provides the latest guidance for educational settings. The main messages can be found here:

Government coronavirus action plan

The government coronavirus action plan sets out what the UK has done to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), and what we plan to do next. The situation is constantly reviewed and action informed by expert science and advice, guided by the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

The action plan can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

<https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeWLnEg>

Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

At Cherry Tree, we feel it is important to maintain daily life as far as possible and to demonstrate to our children that we will do all we can to overcome this national challenge. With this in mind, Parents Evening will go ahead as planned. However, should any of our parents have any cold or flu symptoms, we ask that they DO NOT attend Parents' Evening. The symptoms include a new and persistent cough and/or a high-temperature. All visitors to school will be asked to use the hand sanitiser as they enter the building. We expect parents to heed the advice of Public Health England and monitor all children for symptoms and ensure that pupils do not attend school for a period of seven days from when the cough/fever becomes apparent and for you to advise school of this self-isolation.

Should schools be required to close to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, we will set up a system of remote learning with some tasks set each school day, within the normal school hours. More information will follow if this situation arises.

Staffing News

It is with a degree of sadness that I write to inform you that Mrs Gibson will be retiring at the end of this half term. Mrs Gibson and her husband will be moving to Australia; following in the footsteps of their children who moved there several years ago.

Mrs Gibson joined Cherry Tree back in 1997 and has given 23 years' service to our school community. Hundreds of children will know and love Mrs Gibson, especially for her story-telling ability. Mrs Gibson has transfixed many a class with her calm voice when reading Enid Blyton's classic: 'The Folk of the Faraway Tree' or 'The Enchanted Wood'. Mrs Gibson has delivered a weekly Hymn Practice, where she has expertly taught our whole school community lots of hymns. Everyone will miss Mrs Gibson, Cherry Tree won't seem the same without her! I am sure you would like to join me in wishing her every happiness in Australia!

Headline Parent Survey News

Thank you to those of you who took the time to feedback your opinions about our school. We had some very pleasing results.

Question	Response	Head Teacher Response
My child feels happy and safe at this school	100% agree	Very reassuring to know; this is one of our main aims.
The school ensures pupils are well-behaved	98% agree	Both of these response figures are higher than the previous year's survey response to this question and shows that the work we have done as a team on developing a new Behaviour Charter has been successful.
The school is good at stopping bullying and harassment (in all its forms).	98% agree	
The school teaches my child to respect people from different religious/cultural backgrounds.	100% agree	A very pleasing result and an area that is really important to us all.
The school supports my child's wider personal development and wellbeing.	96% agree	Again a pleasingly high figure.
My child does well at this school.	96% agree	If you did not agree to this, please let us know how we could rectify this.
There are a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	99% agree	Great to know we are getting it right!
When I have raised a concern it has been dealt with properly.	97% agree	If you have had a concern that has not been dealt with please bring it to my attention or that of our Chair of Governors, Christine Mitchell-Brown; her details can be found on our website.
The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year.	97% agree	If you need further information about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher, or check the website.

Thank you for working with us to help our school continually improve.

Book Fair Commission

Thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair, to coincide with World Book Day. I hope your children enjoy reading their new purchases. We made an amazing £700 commission that we will be able to spend on new books!

Book Donation

Last week we received a further donation of books from a parent who wished to remain anonymous. This parent had spotted some sets of books online that were great value for money and felt that this opportunity to support our school was too good to miss. Thank you to this parent who has supplied us with over 60 books from current popular authors; we are extremely grateful!

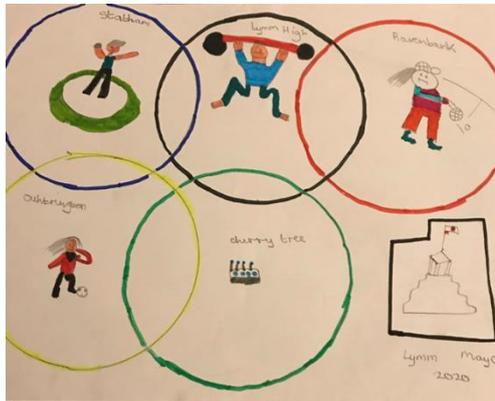
Book Amnesty

Please remember to keep a look out for books that belong to school, or to Cheshire Library Service/Education Library Service/ELS. Return them as soon as possible in our current book amnesty.



Sport Relief

As I write, we still have energetic children (and staff) running walking and skipping around the Cherry Tree track, raising money for Sport Relief. Thank you for your donations! More news and photos to follow... Further donations can be made via ParentPay.



May Queen Artwork Competition

Two of our children were announced to have created winning designs for the forthcoming May Queen Programme. We are thrilled that their artistic talents have been recognised. Their designs can be seen here:



Support from Our Local Co-op



REMINDER: PLEASE become a member and earn money for our school every time you shop at the Co-op. You will also earn money for yourself. The link is available via ParentApps.

High Legh Garden Centre

If you visit High Legh Garden Centre for any of your gardening supplies, please collect the vouchers for schools that are currently being given out. We are able to use these to replenish plants and equipment for our allotment, for free.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Parents' Evening- continuing as planned

Tuesday, 17th March 4:30-7:30pm & Wednesday, 18th March, 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Some of our other forthcoming events may need to be postponed under the current national situation. We will give you as much notice as we are able to as we follow the advice from the government.

SPORTING NEWS

Cross Country Running Success

As we have many amazing runners in all year groups, we decided to enter a team into the Sale Harriers Cross Country event. This is similar to the cross country event that takes place at Walton Gardens, but is aimed mainly at Manchester schools. I am very proud to tell you that our boys' team won both of the events that they took part in!



Year 2 Athletics

Mr Morris took a team of Year 2 children to an athletics event at Lymm High, earlier this week. Three of our boys achieved first place in the events that they took part in! Well done to all of the Year 2 'athletes'!!

Couch to 5k- Friday Morning Club

Our adult runners are also doing really well. Here is a photo of the latest graduation from Couch to 5k- at Dunham Massey. Well done to all of them! Thank you for inspiring our children too!



PTA NEWS

Following on from last year's successful Second Hand Uniform and Book Sale, we invite you to come along and buy second hand school uniform or books

**TUESDAY 17th & WEDNESDAY 18th
MARCH**

*We need your old school uniforms, sports kit,
guiding uniforms and books*

ON SALE FROM 3.15pm BOTH DAYS

Please bring in your good quality second hand Cherry Tree School uniform, Rainbow, Beaver, Cub, Brownie uniforms, and sports kits [both Cherry Tree PE kits, and other sports/dance kit or equipment] and second hand books.

Please drop to school reception by Monday 16th March.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Health and Fitness Classes- 'Lymmitless'

Lymmitless is a 'one of a kind' community of ladies in Lymm. **Now with EVENING sessions at Cherry Tree.**

The 28 Day Transformation Programme for busy mums, with 1-2 Dress sizes to lose, who have got to that point whereby they accept traditional gyms and yo-yo diets just don't work.

Find out more at www.lymmitless.co.uk/cherrytree or drop us a message at: 07450 201 102 and meet up for a ☕

REMINDERS

Praise Assembly Invite

Parents of each class are invited to come along to our Friday praise assembly once during the year. This is not a class assembly, just a chance for you to join in the celebration.

Class	Date and Time
Class 2	Friday, 20 th March at 2pm
Class 1	Friday, 24 th April at 2pm
Class F	Friday, 19 th June at 2pm

Next Parent Forum

Our Summer Term Parent Forum will take place on Friday, 15th May at 2:15pm. If you wish to have any items adding to the agenda items, please forward them to our Parent Forum chair, Gillian Shaw gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com by 7-5-2020.

Future Holiday Camp dates are as follows:

Spring Term	Easter Holiday	Monday, 6 th to Thursday, 9 th April then Tuesday, 14 th to Thursday, 16 th
Summer Term	Whit Holiday	Tuesday, 26 th to Thursday, 28 th May then Monday, 1 st June to Thursday, 4 th June
	Summer Holiday	First three weeks of the holiday.

Lunch Invitation for Parents

Class 2 parents on Wednesday, 1st April

Class 1 parents on Wednesday, 6th May

Class F parents on Wednesday, 10th June

FINALLY...

As we steel ourselves for the inevitable disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, may I offer you the reassurance that we will do everything in our power to minimise the impact of this situation on your children's education. They may well grow up to be one of the most hygienic, infection-aware generations ever! They most certainly will know the importance of hand-washing! Not something that I learnt in primary school, where my Victorian-built school still had some outside loos and vile 'Izal' medicated toilet paper!

Enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher