

**SPRING TERM  
2020  
NEWSLETTER 8  
Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>  
January**

# 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*



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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### 'Out of School Club' Ofsted Inspection

Our 'After School Club' (Ofsted term this an 'Out of School' Club) were inspected in December. Their report has now been published and can be found online at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50139085>

The club were given some excellent feedback and have passed all the required standards. There is no longer a good/outstanding category for these inspections which could mislead people into thinking that the After School Club's grading of 'met' has dipped- this is not the case.

A couple of highlights from the report are as follows:

*'Children of all age as play very well together. Older children welcome younger children into their play and help them to make the most of the activities provided.'*

*'Staff create a warm, welcoming environment in which children confidently explore the activities and relax.'*

*'Dedicated, passionate managers share the vision of their club with enthusiastic and committed staff.'*

Congratulations to the staff and children who are part of After School Club; the comments from Ofsted validate what we all believe about Cherry Tree's excellent club!

### ParentApps Update

We have some new additions to the school app!

On the first page you will notice a new icon 'School Collection'. You can complete this to tell us about a change in your child's collection arrangements. If your notification is after 2:45pm we ask that you still contact the office via telephone please.

In addition, you are now able to notify us of changes to collection arrangements or absences regarding clubs. This is called 'Clubs: Absence/Collection' and is in the main app menu. This message is sent straight to the clubs team so please ensure you complete the correct form.

### PTA Quiz and Curry Night

Tickets are on sale for our fabulous **PTA Quiz and Curry Night**, taking place in the school hall on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**. This was great fun last year, despite our staff team being unable to achieve the winning trophy!! Donna, our school cook is preparing two delicious curries, Chicken Tikka Masala and a plant-based Cauliflower and Chickpea Curry that is suitable for vegetarians and vegans.



### Financial Update

Our Chair of Resources Committee, Jo Young has provided an update for parents, as follows:  
(ref: benchmarking analysis on 2018/2019 LA data)

*School funding nationally remains a hot top and challenge for many schools. We recently benchmarked Cherry Tree's financial information (2018/2019) as part of our statutory financial governance process. In this review, we benchmarked our data against schools of a similar size in the Warrington Borough. Among many comparison indicators, one highlight stood out – 9% of the school's total income came from sources outside of direct Local Authority education funding. This figure (nearly double the average for our comparison group) was made possible thanks to contributions from our PTA, donations from our parents directly and rental income from the use of our school premises/facilities by St Mary's pre-school, our after school club, holiday clubs and through private hire of the hall/grounds.*

*This additional income is absolutely vital to Cherry Tree as we continue to bridge the gap in our funding, at a time when direct education funding is facing a cash freeze and costs are increasing. We would therefore like to offer our thanks to all our contributors. The Governing Board remains committed to facing the funding challenges head on and doing everything possible to ensure funds are prioritised to meet the needs of our children at Cherry Tree.*



### Parking

It has been a while since I have had to appeal to parents to park with due consideration to pedestrians and neighbours on Hardy Road. Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that not all of our families are driving or parking safely. Last week, a car reversed onto the kerb and almost hit into one of our governors who was walking to school on the pavement. If this had been a child they may not have been able to move quickly out of the way.



### Chinese New Year Themed Lunch- Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February

Our school cook, Donna is planning a Chinese themed lunch for our children, on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, to celebrate Chinese New Year. There will be an exciting menu variation on this day. Payments and ordering are made in the usual way.

### Support from Our Local Co-op

REMINDER: It is really easy to become a Co-op member and you will not only pledge money to our cause, but will also earn money for yourself. The link is available via ParentApps.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**New items** that have been added since the dates were published have been included in *red italic text*.

|                  |            | Events for Children/Staff                                 | Events for Parents        | PTA Events                       |
|------------------|------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 31 January 2020  | <i>Fri</i> | Young Voices at MEN                                       | Y1 Class Assembly 9:15am  |                                  |
| 01 February 2020 | <i>Sat</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 02 February 2020 | <i>Sun</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 03 February 2020 | <i>Mon</i> | 'Open the Book' assembly                                  |                           |                                  |
| 04 February 2020 | <i>Tue</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 05 February 2020 | <i>Wed</i> | Themed School Meal: Chinese New Year                      | Parent Forum at 7pm       |                                  |
| 06 February 2020 | <i>Thu</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 07 February 2020 | <i>Fri</i> | Y6 Emotional Health Workshop                              |                           | Quiz & Curry Night (adults only) |
| 08 February 2020 | <i>Sat</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 09 February 2020 | <i>Sun</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 10 February 2020 | <i>Mon</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 11 February 2020 | <i>Tue</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 12 February 2020 | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Beauty &amp; The Beast Dance Performance in school</i> |                           |                                  |
| 13 February 2020 | <i>Thu</i> |   |                           |                                  |
| 14 February 2020 | <i>Fri</i> |   | Y2 Class Assembly, 9:15am |                                  |

### Parent Forum Meeting- Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

All parents are welcome to attend the termly Parent Forum meetings. Parents are invited to submit agenda items a week in advance. The deadline has now passed for submitting new items and the agenda for Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February has been published. If you are unable to attend but have comments to make in relation to the agenda items, please forward them to our Parent Forum chair, Gillian Shaw [gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com](mailto:gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com)

## KS 2 Residential Visits

We have three residential trips planned for the coming year as follows:

**Year 4- Burwardsley, Team Building**

on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 5- The Conway Centre, Anglesey, Adventurous Activities**

on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of April

**Year 6- London, Sightseeing and Theatre Trip**

on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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## PTA NEWS

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### Forthcoming PTA Events

| Event                | DATE & TIME                                | Details                                   |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Quiz and Curry Night | Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February (evening) | Details on ParentApps, book via ParentPay |
| PJs and Popcorn      | Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March (5-7pm)   | Details to follow                         |
| Chocolate Bingo      | Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April           | Details to follow                         |

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### 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 AT LEAST 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. If you sometimes struggle to find the motivation and time to train on a regular basis, then it sounds like you could be a good fit. **Specifically designed for ladies over 30, it includes:**

- ✓ A great group of supportive, like minded lades
- ✓ Over 3000+ Family Friendly Fat Melting Recipes and Automated Shopping Lists
- ✓ Heart Rate Monitors - To make sure you're in the fat burning zone and working at your own pace.
- ✓ Hard copy work book to build your personalised plan
- ✓ Do It At Home Workouts (optional)
- ✓ Nutritional coaching and support go with your workouts
- ✓ 28 days access to team training sessions (up to 12 x per week in LYMM)
- ✓ Daily messages to keep you on track
- ✓ Mini challenges and monthly prizes
- ✓ 100% Money Back Guarantee

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

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## REMINDERS

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### Praise Assembly Invite

As previously mentioned, 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 3 | Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm |
| Class 2 | Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 2pm    |
| Class 1 | Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April at 2pm    |
| Class F | Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June at 2pm     |

### Lunch Invitation for Parents

- Class 3 parents on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Class 2 parents on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Class 1 parents on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Class F parents on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June

### Future Holiday Camp dates are as follows:

|             |                    |   |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| Spring Term | 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>         |
| Summer Term | 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.   |

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**FINALLY...**

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It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the current academic year and that the first month of our new decade is complete. With this in mind, remind your children about one of our 'Positive Mental Health' strategies: encourage your children to take a pause now and again, and to think of things that they are grateful for! They could record these in their homework diaries, say them to you, or simply reflect upon them.

YESTERDAY IS *history*,  
TOMORROW IS A *mystery*,  
BUT TODAY IS A *gift*.  
THAT'S WHY WE CALL IT  
**THE PRESENT.**  
-A.A. MILNE

Kind regards,



Helen Graham  
Head Teacher