

NEWSLETTER



CherryTree
ACADEMY

MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

Dear all,
We have had an exciting week at Cherry Tree with the £10 math challenge in full swing! Year 1 enjoyed running the 'splat the teacher at the start of the week' which saw staff get custard pies thrown at them by the children! Bingo was a very popular event on Monday too - Miss Bassnett did a great job calling numbers and even had to print more tickets as we had sold out!

The challenge is still running next week with lots of goodies to purchase and film nights to attend! We will announce the winning class on Monday 9th December! 😊

Year 3 produced a fabulous assembly to show their adults what they have been learning with Mrs Dunn which was enjoyed by many! Thank you to everyone who has managed to attend the class assemblies. We have really enjoyed putting them on and hope you have enjoyed seeing them too.

December is just around the corner and EYFS and Year 1 have been working hard on their production. Their beautiful singing is filling the hall and corridors. We can't wait to see all of the festive celebrations across the school and share them with you all!

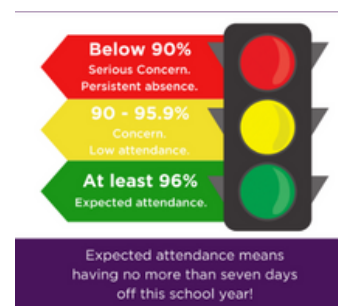
Lastly I would like to say a big well done to Year 6, who have shown excellent commitment to their learning and progress by attending after school tuition. It has been a pleasure looking at your recent assessments and seeing how far you have come this term. Attending after school tuition has certainly helped. Well done and keep it up! Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Miss Newley

**There has been an increase in pupils without their PE kits and water bottles.
Children need to have them in school every day please.
All of these items must be named.**

Diary Dates -December 2024

11th December - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity 9.30am
11th December - Year 2 and 3 Christmas Performance 2.30pm
12th December - Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am
17th December - Christmas Jumper day
17th December - Christmas Lunch
18th December - Christmas Fayre 2pm
20th December - Class Christmas parties (afternoon) - Break up!
HALF TERM - 23rd December - 3rd January 2023
6th January - INSET DAY/Non pupil day
7th January - Pupils back to school. First day of Spring Term

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



EYFS 96.8%
YEAR 1 88.6%
YEAR 2 96.0%
YEAR 3 92.1%
YEAR 4 89.1%
YEAR 5 93.1%
YEAR 6 92.1%

TOTAL SCHOOL 92.09%

READING AT CHERRY TREE



AT CHERRY TREE ACADEMY WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ENSURING THAT EVERY CHILD IS A READER. ONE OF THE WAYS WE DO THIS IS TO USE A COMPUTER PROGRAM CALLED ACCELERATED READER (AR). AR HELPS TEACHERS MANAGE AND MONITOR CHILDREN'S INDEPENDENT READING PRACTISE. YOUR CHILD PICKS A BOOK AT HIS/HER OWN LEVEL AND READS IT AT HIS/HER OWN PACE. WHEN FINISHED, YOUR CHILD TAKES A SHORT QUIZ ON THE COMPUTER - PASSING THE QUIZ IS AN INDICATION THAT YOUR CHILD HAS UNDERSTOOD WHAT HAS BEEN READ.

Weekly word count ...

| WB 28.11.24 | | |
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| Year | Most words read - individual | Total words read – whole class |
| Year 1 | Eloise and Zayd | |
| Year 2 | Mahfouz and Anifowose Anifowose – 9,065 | 19,251 |
| Year 3 | Arabella- 3,493 | 20,199 |
| Year 4 | Nicholas - 14,704 | 75,646 |
| Year 5 | Ayomipo – 103,474 | 347,780 |
| Year 6 | William – 56,752 | 131,119 |

RESULTS

The highest number of minutes played:

Apple Year 4
Daisy Year 4
Kayleigh Year 5

The highest accuracy this week

Lenny Year 2
Jesse Year 6
Raleigh-Anne Year 2

The most improved speed this week

Milly Year 4
Delilah Year 4
Mia Year 4



LEARNING YOUR TIMES TABLES IS SO IMPORTANT AND WE LIKE TO MAKE IT FUN FOR THE CHILDREN. WE USE TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS WHICH AN AWARD-WINNING MATHS PLATFORM WHERE CHILDREN CAN PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES LIKE A ROCK STAR!

KS1 NUMBOTS CHALLENGE



AWARDED TO THE CHILDREN THAT PLAY FOR THE MOST TIME.

**1ST BRIAN
2ND RITAL
3RD MAHFOUZ**

Thank you to everyone that has donated items to the Colchester Food Bank.

We will continue to collect donations for the next few weeks as demand for their help increases at this time of year.

If you are able to donate anything they would be very grateful - they are particularly in need of the items below.
Please bring any donations to the school office
Thank you in advance for your support.



Current Needs

| | | |
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| Rice | Tinned fish | Shampoo |
| Pasta | Cereal | Soap |
| Tinned Meats | Squash | Shower gel |
| Tinned Fruits | Juice | Razors |
| Soup | Tinned Puddings | Nappies |
| Tea bags | Snacks | Baby Wipes |
| Sugar | Jam | Washing up liquid |
| Peanut Butter | Chocolate Spread | Tooth brushes |
| Sauces | Coffee | Tooth paste |
| Tinned fish | Long life milk | Sanitary products |
| Tinned tomatoes | | Toilet Rolls |
| Tinned vegetables | | Deodorant |

Registered Charity 1204958

MATHS £10 CHALLENGE

Back by popular demand, the school are taking part in the £10 maths challenge set by Miss Newley. Each class will have £10 to spend on making, selling, running an event with the aim to making as much profit as possible. .

Each class can keep the profits that they make and buy their choice of maths resources/games. The winning class will get to keep their profit AND the £10 start up money from each class = £70. Below is a list of the class activities still running.

all events open to all years challenge ends Thursday 5th December

EYFS

**MAKING AND SELLING CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS
FROM 50P - AVAILABLE 3.10PM FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AND TUESDAY 3RD
DECEMBER**

YEAR 3

**COLOURING COMPETITION
£1 SHEET - STILL AVAILABLE
PRIZE FOR KS1 & KS2**

YEAR 5

**BEADED FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS - STILL AVAILABLE
PRE-MADE £1
CUSTOM-MADE £2**

YEAR 6 - MOVIE NIGHTS

SANTA PAWS

YEARS 1,2 &3

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 3.10PM-5.15PM

**HOME ALONE 1 (PLEASE BE AWARE THIS HAS A PG RATING) YEARS 4,5 & 6
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 3.10 - 5.30PM**

ALL CHILDREN - £2

ADULTS WELCOME - £1

PLEASE PAY WITH CASH ON THE DOOR

DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT.

EYFS 2025

If you, or anyone you know, has a child that is due to start school next September 2025 please read the below.

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you can now apply for primary (reception) school places. The application window is open between 4 November 2024 and 15 January 2025.

Those received after the 15 January deadline will be considered once all on time applications are determined. This means applying late could reduce the chance of getting a place at your preferred school.

Christmas is coming!

PRESENTS UNDER THE TREE DONATIONS

Once again, this year we are looking for donations for 'Presents Under The Tree' These small presents are for the children to buy for someone they love at Christmas for either 50p or £1.

Examples for this are items like chocolates, socks, hand cream, keyrings, small ornaments etc. We will need approx. 170 gifts and appreciate how generous you have been in the past. We will help the children wrap their present and then they can bring them home and put them under the tree.

We are also looking for unwanted wrapping paper for this. Please have a look and see if you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to re-gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

RAFFLE / TOMBOLA

We are looking for donations for both the raffle and the tombola at the Christmas Fayre. If you have any unwanted alcohol or chocolates etc we would love it for the tombola. If you have any bigger items that we could use for the raffle or if you have a business or work somewhere that could donate a voucher that would be amazing. We were thrilled with the money we made from our Christmas events last year and hope, with your help, to raise a big amount again!