

NEWSLETTER



CherryTree
ACADEMY

MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. We are ready for 'Autumn 2' which sees lots of events on our calendar including math's challenges, anti-bullying week, class assemblies and of course... Christmas events!

On our INSET day, teachers embraced training on 'Thrive' - our whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing across the school. We have lots of exciting plans and strategies to share with the children over the coming weeks to support and promote positive mental health and wellbeing such as: class jars of joy, worry jars, allocated mindfulness time and pizza massage! Teachers and Year 1 had a try at Pizza assage this week and loved it!

This week we have welcomed Miss Garside to our LSA team who the children have made feel very welcome. She is looking forward to leading reading groups across KS2 over the next few weeks and getting to know all of the children.

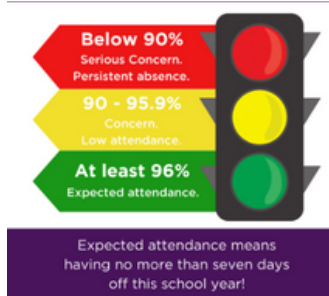
We have also opened breakfast club from 7.45 am daily which has been a lovely start to the day for the children currently attending, with a choice of food and social games after eating. We hope to be able to run this service long term, providing it is well used.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Miss Newley

Lateness

We currently have far too many children arriving 5-10 minutes late for school. This needs to improve. Children arriving late cause disruption for the class they are joining. It disturbs other children's learning and the child that is late is walking into key lessons that have already started. Please leave a little earlier from home to get to school on time. The gates and doors close at 8.40am every morning. After this, your child will be registered as late

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



EYFS	87.5%
YEAR 1	93.2%
YEAR 2	98.3%
YEAR 3	96.1%
YEAR 4	83.7%
YEAR 5	96.9%
YEAR 6	87.1%
TOTAL SCHOOL	91.83%

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 ...

READER TEST IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS TO FIND THEIR LEVEL AND BOOKS WILL BEGIN TO COME HOME. CERTIFICATES WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK.

WB 07.11.24		
Year	Most words read - individual	Total words read – whole class
Year 1		
Year 2	Marcus – 4,183	14,108
Year 3	Hope - 1,846	7,795
Year 4	Nicholas – 8,648	36,748
Year 5	Ayomipo – 124,472	150,499
Year 6	Ugochi – 42,587	96,026

RESULTS

The highest number of minutes played:

Daisy Year 4
Charley Year 4
Ugochi Year 6

The highest accuracy this week

Jacob Year 2
Noah E Year 1
Demi- Grai Year 2

The most improved speed this week

Jesse Year 4
Delilah Year 4
Sydney 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 RITAL

2ND ELOISE

3RD CARTER

WELL DONE!

Messages from the Office

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.

Anti Bullying Week

The theme for this week is Choose Respect which is one of our whole school rules: Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

We start the week with celebrating our differences with odd sock Tuesday (12th).



Children in Need this Friday 15th November

Children and staff will be able to wear pyjamas to school for a small donation – thanks for your support



Now the colder weather is upon us please make sure your child/children have appropriate coats (hats & gloves too if necessary). Please make sure these are all named.

Children also need to have the following every day:

- Correct PE kits
- water bottles
- reading diaries
- correct school uniform

All of these items must be named.



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.

Last year saw Year 5 (current year 6) win by selling their hand written recipe book and running a whole school talent show, closely followed by Year 3 (current Year 4) make lots of profit by inviting their parents in for a paid breakfast.

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.

Please keep a look out for the classes' ideas over the next 2 weeks and support our maths challenge where you can.

Who will win this year?!

Today we had a visit from the Colchester Food Bank who came to talk to the children about the very valuable work that they do. We will be collecting donations for them in 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

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

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!

Please help us by downloading the Asda Rewards APP

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, to help raise funds for schools and we need you to help! All you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose Cherry Tree Academy and shop and scan in store or shop online at

Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

All money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things that we need the most.

Diary Dates Autumn 2024

w/c 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week. Theme: Choose Respect

12th November – Odd Sock Day – celebrating differences to launch Anti-bullying week

12th November – Year 6 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

15th November – Flu vaccinations (all years)

15th November – Children in Need Day – Wear your PJs to school day - Classes to take on sponsored challenges.

19th November – Year 4 Class Assembly, Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

26th November – Year 3 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited 2.30pm

11th December - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity (Morning)

11th December – Year 2 and 3 Christmas Performance (Afternoon)

12th – Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance (Morning)

17th Christmas Jumper day

17th Christmas Lunch

18th December – Christmas Fayre

20th December – Class Christmas parties (afternoon)

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