

NEWSLETTER



CherryTree
ACADEMY

MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

Dear parents and carers,

We are over half way through this half-term and it really is whizzing by! The children are enjoying clubs and the wider aspects of school life, which is great to see.

We are currently having a real focus on the hall at lunchtimes to make it a more enjoyable experience for everyone. Please support us in helping the children have good table manners when they are eating at home, practising using cutlery independently and remembering their polite manners. We will be meeting with the school council next week to gather ideas from their classes on how they feel it can be improved.

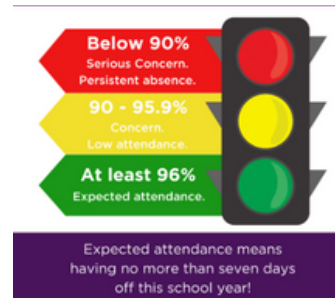
As one pupil in assembly said this week, 'I would like it to be nice restaurant vibes with music on in the background!'

We look forward to sharing the children's progress so far with you in their one planning meetings and parents consultations in a couple of weeks time. Information about these and how to book will be sent out next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Newley

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



EYFS	95.8%
YEAR 1	94.2%
YEAR 2	96.7%
YEAR 3	94.2%
YEAR 4	88.7%
YEAR 5	94.6%
YEAR 6	91.7%
TOTAL SCHOOL	93.70%

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 03.10.24		
Year	Most words read - individual	Total words read – whole class
Year 1		
Year 2	Anifowose - 7,787	11,004
Year 3	Hope – 12,516	18,381
Year 4	Ira - 15,460	166,100
Year 5	Qiyamah – 122,212	250,974
Year 6	William - 36,073	64,124



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BOOK FAYRE.

WE ARE PLEASE TO TELL YOU WE ARE HAVING A BOOK FAYRE IN SCHOOL FROM WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER TO TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2024.

THE FAYRE WILL BE OPEN TO PARENTS ON THOSE DAYS FROM 3.10PM - 3.50PM.

AS PART OF THIS WEEK HARRY POTTER DAY WILL BE HELD AT SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER CHILDREN MAY COME TO SCHOOL IN HARRY POTTER INSPIRED OUTFITS AND THERE WILL BE SOME HARRY POTTER ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THERE WILL ALSO BE A HARRY POTTER THEMED LUNCH MENU. MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY

RESULTS

The highest number of minutes played:

Tymofii Year 2
Charley Year 4
Owen Year 5

The highest accuracy this week

Lenny Year 2
Isla Year 5
Sumai Year 5

The most improved speed this week

Ezra Year 4
Lilia Year 5
Adam Year 5



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 MAHFOUZ

2ND TYMOFII

3RD LENNY

WELL DONE!

Parking Concerns at pick up and drop off.

We have received new concerns recently about drop off and pick up outside Cherry Tree School.

We appreciate that parking is limited but please do not park on the pavements or block residents' drives. This limits access for pushchairs and wheelchairs and also emergency service vehicles. It also makes it very difficult for people to enter and exit Holt Drive safely. Please also refrain from using the carpark entrance to the school as a turning point – reversing out of this area is extremely dangerous when children are arriving and leaving the school.

You must not park on the yellow zig-zags between 8.30-9.30am and 2.45-3.45pm. These markings are here to provide a clear area in which families can cross more safely. Between these times parking wardens or local authority civil enforcement officers have the power to issue motorists with penalty charges for parking in the area.

Thanks for your support.

HEADLICE - PLEASE READ

We have seen a significant increase in headlice across all classes.

As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Head lice are not an illness and therefore treatment should be done outside of school hours as an absence for this cannot be authorised.

See below for advice from the NHS website:

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

wash hair with ordinary shampoo

apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)

comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

Messages from the Office

Tuesday 8th October 2024 - The Colchester Gazette will be publishing the New Starter Supplement -our EYFS class will be featured.

4th -10th October – World Space Week.

An ADHD Parent Workshop at Kings Ford Academy (formally Icen Academy) on 23rd October 2024 2-3pm. This will be run by Mutli Schools Council. Open to all.

Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

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 14th October – One Planning Meetings

15th October – Year 2 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

16th October - 23rd October Book Fair

17th October – Harry Potter Day!

21st October – Recycle week

22nd October – Year 5 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited. 2.30pm

22nd and 23rd October – Parent Consultations – Afterschool appointments to be booked

HALF TERM – W/C 28th October.

INSET day Monday 4th November. Pupils return to school Tuesday 5th November

w/c 4th November – Maths Week

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