

NEWSLETTER



CherryTree
ACADEMY

MESSAGE FROM MISS NEWLEY

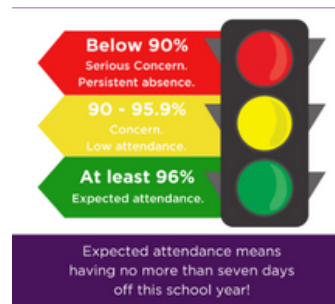
Dear all,
A very busy week here at Cherry Tree this week!

We have been working with Myland English HUB to implement our new Phonics scheme 'Little Wandle' and they visited this week to see how we were getting on. Jen was super impressed with how both the children and staff have embraced the changes and how engaged they have been with phonics and reading sessions! Well done everyone 😊

On Wednesday we invited a member of the Local Authority in to complete an Inclusion Review of our school. We are so proud of the feedback we received and, as always, are incredibly proud of the children. Our visitor observed lessons, spoke to staff, spoke to groups of children and phoned a selection of parents. He commented on how polite and respectful the children are, how eloquently they spoke about school life and learning and was really touched by how the older children in Key stage 2 looked after the younger children,

checking they were ok and escorting them back to their classes after their 'meeting' with him, holding their hands with no adult prompts at all. What brilliant role models! Thank you to those parents who took time out of the day to speak with our visitor. Your feedback around your experiences and recommendations for improvement is really valued. Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Newley

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



- EYFS 95.6%
- YEAR 1 96.3%
- YEAR 2 96.3%
- YEAR 3 95.0%
- YEAR 4 94.8%
- YEAR 5 94.3%
- YEAR 6 94.7%

TOTAL SCHOOL 95.29%

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.

THE AR SYSTEM IS BEING TESTED AGAIN THIS WEEK AND SHOULD BE FULLY OPERATIONAL NEXT WEEK. THE CHILDREN WILL BE COMPLETING THEIR STAR READER TEST IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS TO FIND THEIR LEVEL AND BOOKS WILL BEGIN TO COME HOME. CERTIFICATES WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK.

RESULTS

The highest number of minutes played:

Fosterina Year 5
Owen Year 5
Caden Year 4

The highest accuracy this week

Ira Year 4
Iva Year 4
Noah Year 5

The most improved speed this week

Mia Year 4
Ezra Year 4
Charley 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!**

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

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.

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Cherry Tree Academy / Asda / Parentkind

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.

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

Diary Dates Autumn 2024

w/c 9th September – Swimming for Year 5 – 10 sessions (Wednesday afternoons)

19th September – National Parents invited Fitness Day – Children to wear PE kits or sportswear to school

2nd October - Phonics parent workshop/Coffee Morning from 8.30am

3rd October – National Poetry Day

4th -10th October – World Space Week.

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 – 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