



Growth and Excellence, Every Day

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Welcome to this week's edition of our Cherry Tree newsletter.

Despite the windy and stormy weather, our children have had a great week, in school.

It has been so pleasing to see our children, engaging positively in the different learning opportunities. This includes two of our School Parliamentarians, Flynn and Shauna, representing Cherry Tree at the latest meeting on Thursday.

This year our Trust, Waterton, is 10 years old! We are looking at different ways to mark this special occasion. In addition to this, we are fast approaching our yearly Waterton's Got Talent show! Mrs Hutchinson is leading on this and I am so excited to see all of the different and varied acts – get practising!

It has been brilliant, as always, to see so many families when on the school gate. If you wish to discuss any worries or concerns, please to contact me!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Dawson - Headteacher

Term Dates - 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Holiday starts - Monday 30 October 2023
Back to school - Monday 6 November 2023

Spring half term 2024

Holiday starts - Monday 12 February 2024
Back to school - Monday 19 February 2024

Easter

Holiday starts - Monday 25 March 2024
Back to school - Monday 8 April 2024

Christmas

Holiday starts - Monday 25 December 2023
Back to school - Monday 8 January 2024

Summer half term

Holiday starts - Tuesday 28 May 2024
Back to school - Monday 3 June 2024

School closes for the summer break on Thursday 18th July 2024.

Bank holidays 2023/24

Summer Bank Holiday - Monday 28 August 2023
Boxing Day - Tuesday 26 December 2023
Christmas Day (substitute day) - Monday 25 December 2023
New Year's Day (substitute day) - Monday 1 January 2024
Good Friday - Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday - Monday 1 April 2024
May Day - Monday 6 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27 May 2024

Inset Days (subject to change):

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr A Dawson Deputy DSL: Mrs S Wiggins, Miss K King, Mrs P Millard and Mr P Wright

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact one of the above or Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503 Copies of the Safeguarding Policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website. <https://cherrytreeacademy.org/safeguarding/>

Attendance 26/1/24

Dibdale (Reception)	89%
Mossdale (Reception/Year 1)	88%
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	89%
Wensleydale (Year 2)	91%
Swaledale (Year 3 / 4)	93%
Silverdale (Year 3 / 4)	88%
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	89%
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	88%
Cragdale (Year 6)	93%

Star Of The Week!

Dibdale (Reception)	Lukasz Warzala
Mossdale (Reception/Y1)	Hassenat Samadi
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	Aria Baker
Wensleydale (Year 2)	Jacoub Kamel Gadelkarim Ebid
Swaledale (Year 3 / 4)	Jensen Colman
Silverdale (Year 3 / 4)	Scarlett Greenwood
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	Ava Richardson
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	Tillie Clarke
Cragdale (Year 6)	Millie Brown

Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

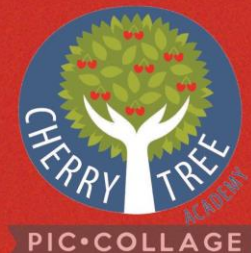
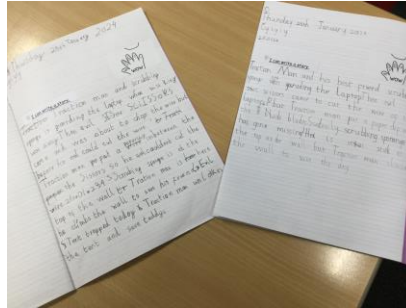
Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

This Week in Pictures

Stars of the Week



This Week in Pictures



Meet the Headteacher...

- Mr Dawson will be available to meet with parents, from any class to discuss things that are going well and take questions from parents and carers.
- If you are interested in meeting with Mr Dawson, please contact Mrs Hayes, in the school office. An appointment, in person or via the telephone will be arranged.
- Parent views are vital to our school success.



Parking Request

The council have brought in restrictions on the section of Cobblers Lane that runs in front of our school and Holy Family.

The restrictions are legally binding.

Despite this, on the last visit by West Yorkshire Police, they spoke to 20-30 drivers who were not adhering to the restrictions.

To clarify, the street is closed to all vehicles, except those with a valid permit, from 8.30 am to 9.10 am and again from 2.45 pm to 3.25 pm.

These restrictions are in place is to try to ensure the safety of the children and families walking to and from school.

The police will be making routine checks and will be issuing penalties to those who are not abiding by the restrictions.

Those parents/carers who drive to school but do not qualify for a permit we have a park and stride site at the Cobblers Pub which you are welcome to use.

Thank you for your support in this matter. I am sure everyone agrees that the safety of our children is priority.

Tesco In-Store Vote Update!

Cherry Tree Academy

Improve Our Outdoor Learning Space

Stronger Starts.



We would like to improve our outdoor provision in early years and key stage 1.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 , and the third placed project £500.

What happens next?

Stores which will vote on your project. Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project.

2076	Ponterfract Express	Small unit	WF8 2QJ
3021	Pontefract	Large unit	WF8 1BJ
4806	Castleford Exp	Small unit	WF10 5NN
6433	Cstlford Fystrn Rd Exp	Small unit	WF10 3LW





- Parents/carers are aware of what support is available to them across Wakefield and know how to access the support should it be needed now or in the future.
- Parents/carers to understand the importance of self-care and how to practise it.
- Parents/carers to have an increased level of confidence and self-esteem.
- The wellbeing group is a safe space for parents/carers to meet others who are experiencing similar situations to each other, to receive advice from trusted professionals, to build self-esteem, confidence, and to enhance mental wellbeing.
- There are a variety of wellbeing craft activities for parents/carers to engage with if they would like to do so, and we always have a celebration session on the final week. The wellbeing group runs for 10-12 weeks, term time only.

These sessions are to start in early February – please see Mrs Wiggins, if you are interested.

Cherry Tree Academy has vacancies for Parent Governors to join the Governing Body. The Governing Body is made up of Governors from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school, and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

- We are currently looking for new Parent Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:
 - an interest in the performance of the school;
 - a desire to contribute to, and represent, the community;
 - an open and enquiring mind;
 - the ability to look at issues objectively;
 - the confidence to ask questions and join in debate;
 - a willingness to listen and make informed judgements and
 - the ability to work well with others.
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- You do not need to have any experience or prior knowledge, as training will be offered. **If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Trudie Hayes , in the school office.**
- Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible. We can offer you:
 - a chance to develop skills in strategic management;
 - the opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school;
 - a sense of achievement in making a difference to our school and
 - the pleasure of helping pupils reach their potential.



Closing date is: Wednesday 31st January 2024

Staffing Update

Mrs Wilde, who is our current year 5/6 class teacher, has been away from school due to ill health.

I am delighted to write to inform you that she is now returning to Cherry Tree Academy.

Mrs Wilde will be building up her time with us and her class over the coming weeks.

I am not only delighted that she is returning to school but more importantly, that she is feeling much better.

In School Auditions

Waterton Academy Trust is pleased to present **'Waterton's Got Talent 2024'**. Waterton Academy Trust are looking for some enthusiastic children to perform at the annual Trust wide talent event. successful auditionees will be invited to perform with children from across the Trust to a live audience on Thursday 21st March 2024.

Auditions Date: Monday 29th January

Location: School Hall

**School Judges: Mr Dawson, Mrs Hutchinson
and Mrs Wiggins**

★ **How to Enter:** ★

- 1. Let Mrs Hutchinson know that you would like to take part.**
- 2. Decide if you want to audition by yourself or with a group of friends.**
- 3. Get lots of practice!**
- 4. Audition in front of your in-school judges**
- 5. School judges select the act to represent your school at the Waterton's Got Talent performance.**

