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Growth and Excellence, Every Day

Welcome to our first newsletter of this half term. It has been an incredibly busy week.

On Tuesday night, a number of our children in key stage 2 took part in Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. It was a great experience (see photos on the next few pages). Our children represented Cherry Tree incredibly well. 😊

As some of you will have seen, we have had some building work completed behind the back of school. It is going to be used for additional break-out spaces as well as house parental workshops and meeting – more news to follow.

Thank you, as always for your support.

Enjoy the 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, Ms K King, Mr P Wright and Mrs P Millard.

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 22/2/24

Dibdale (Reception)	90%
Mossdale (Reception/Year 1)	94%
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	95%
Wensleydale (Year 2)	92%
Swaledale (Year 3 / 4)	89%
Silverdale (Year 3 / 4)	96%
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	90%
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	96%
Cragdale (Year 6)	98%

Star Of The Week!

Dibdale (Reception)	Poppy Redfearn River-Grace Thomas
Mossdale (Reception/Y1)	Logan-Jay Hoyles Phoebe Bushnell
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	Natalia Harkin Klaudia Flynn
Wensleydale (Year 2)	Ave Taylor Poppy-Rose Tolley-Hill
Swaledale (Year 3 / 4)	Maria Olivia Robinson
Silverdale (Year 3 / 4)	Alfie Senior Emma Robinson
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	Layton-Jack Ormerod Katryna Copley
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	Mo Gostling Poppy Haytack
Cragdale (Year 6)	Logan Waddington Alexia Robinson

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



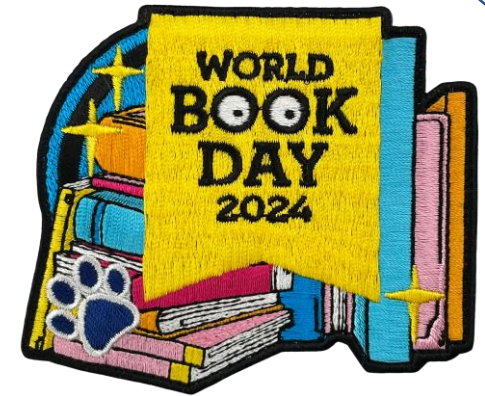
Dear parents / carers,

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and to celebrate this day there will be several things happening in school which I am sure the children will enjoy getting involved in.

- Dress up as a character from a book **or** dress 'comfy to read' – come to school dressed up as a favourite book character **or** come to school in your snuggly onesie!
- Book themed lessons taking place throughout the day.
- Story swap session – which adult will read your class story today?
- EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) – family reading session at the end of the day. Parents and carers can come and join their child to share a story starting at 2:50 and finishing at the usual end of the day.
- Most interesting (safe and appropriate) way to enjoy a book competition – take a picture of yourself reading a book in the most interesting way. Bring your pictures to school on Thursday 7th March. There will be prizes for the winners.
- Create a 'reading river' over a 24-hour period. Choose a day and record all of the different things you read over a 24-hour period. Present your work in any way you would like and bring into school on Thursday 7th March. There will be prizes for the most creative. (see pictures below for ideas)

Happy reading.

Miss King

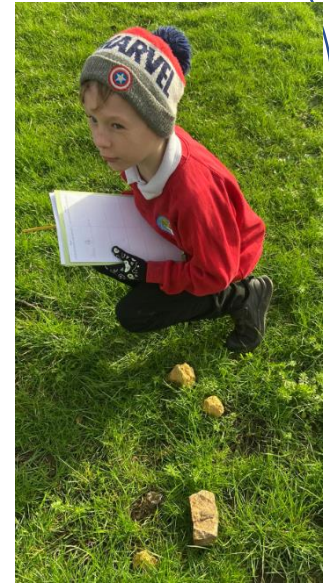


Easter Activities



Date	Event	Activity
Monday 19 th February	School reopens	
Tuesday 20 th February	Young Voices	
Thursday 7 th March	World book day	Children are invited to dress up for school this day, as a character from a book or well-loved story.
Monday 11 th March	Y5 Bikeability	All week
Thursday 14 th March	Y2 outdoor learning	Tree planting, Bird boxes and bug hotels
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief	None uniform day, wear your funniest red nose.
Monday 18 th March	Chocolate Raffle (more information to follow)	Tickets to be sold all week in class, raffle drawn on Friday 22 nd March.
Monday 18 th March	Science week	Children will learn lots of interesting facts this week.
Tuesday 19 th March	Easter Disco (more information to follow)	15.30-16.30 – R, Y1, Y2 16.45-17.45 – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Wednesday 20 th March	Decorate a hard-boiled egg competition	Prizes to be won.
Thursday 21 st March	Waterton's Got Talent	The winner chosen in school will get to perform at Normanton Junior Academy

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 Fystn Rd Exp	Small unit	WF10 3LW



VOTING ENDS ON 31st MARCH 2024

Vote for the project that means the most to you. Each school will receive up to £1,500.

Castleford Academy Trust

Girls Esports Club

The primary objective of the Girls Esports Club is to create a safe and inclusive space for girls to participate in competitive gaming, promoting skills development.

Castleford

Vote in-store until 31 March 2024



Cherry Tree Academy

Improve our Outdoor Learning Space

We would like to improve our outdoor provision in early years and key stage 1 but providing our pupils with the opportunity to improve their motor skills.

Pontefract

Vote in-store until 31 March 2024



Working with



Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Life Enhancing / Life Sustaining Ventilation

We support babies / children on a ventilator either for life-enhancing or life-sustaining ventilation (aids breathing or breathes for the child).

Castleford

Vote in-store until 31 March 2024





TESCO

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