



Growth and Excellence, Every Day

8th February 2024

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Welcome to our final newsletter of spring 1!

It has been an incredibly busy half term – visitors, trips and plenty of great learning opportunities!

As the half term draws to a close, we have lots of exciting plans and activities for the next half term. This includes Easter activities, disco and even more trips!

As always, your on-going support has been invaluable – thank you.

I wish you all a pleasant half-term holiday.

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 8/2/24

Dibdale (Reception)	90%
Mossdale (Reception/Year 1)	88%
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	92%
Wensleydale (Year 2)	89%
Swaledale (Year 3 / 4)	89%
Silverdale (Year 3 / 4)	91%
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	91%
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	88%
Cragdale (Year 6)	92%

Star Of The Week!

Dibdale (Reception)	Reuben Goodwin
Mossdale (Reception/Y1)	Logan Atkinson
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	Ava Barker
Wensleydale (Year 2)	Ava-Rose Ashton
Swaledale (Year 3 / 4)	Charlie Allan
Silverdale (Year 3 / 4)	Matthew Collinson
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	Emerson Hirst
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	Thomas Rothery
Cragdale (Year 6)	Brandon

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!

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

Stars of the Week



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





Vote now

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