

19 December 2024

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope that you and your families are well.

I am writing to you as the first term draws to a close, with reflections on where we are as a school – strengths and next steps.

The autumn term is notorious for being uncertain in the teaching profession: settling pupils into their new class in early September, meeting and greeting new families and finding innovative ways to solve problems that arise - especially in the current financial climate.

However, I have renewed hope and optimism that come the new year, 2025 will be even better than this calendar year.

I have been astounded with the talent of our children. Often when days become tricky, I reflect on our Cherry Tree children who always go above and beyond to make our school and local community great. From donating to the St Giles local foodbank, supporting charities like Children in Need or supporting a Christmas carol service in the local town centre, the optimism and vigour of youth never fails to amaze!

Our children at Cherry Tree are unique. They want to achieve, inspire and become active citizens.

My priority and that of the Cherry Tree staff team, is to ensure that all of our children have every opportunity to succeed. As you will probably agree, life does throw up huge challenges – this is no different for our children. But my team and I are committed to making sure that every child is given the firm foundations to succeed.

Cherry Tree Academy is proud to be an active participant of Waterton Academy Trust. Recently, the Trust have released their Annual Report to Stakeholders 2023-2024 (www.watertonacademytrust.org/academies/trust-performance). Their support, dedication and unwavering stance that ‘success is a shared experience’ expresses our collaborative desire and commitment to strive to excellence – our children deserve this!

To sum up, we have faced many, and at times, unique challenges this calendar year. The strength highlighted in our recent Ofsted report (January 2024), demonstrates that Cherry Tree is moving forward at pace. Standards and expectations are rising.

As 2024 draws to a close, I know that we will return back to Cherry Tree with even more determination to succeed – where our children Grow and Excel Every Day.

I wish you, your family and loved ones a peaceful Christmas.

Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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