5th January 2024

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

Welcome back to the new term. I think Tuesday was a bit of a shock to the system for many; not helped by the really wet and windy weather. However, the children have done a marvellous job of coming back to school refreshed and focussed on their learning.

We will continue to send out this newsletter each week as it is a good way of reducing the number of emails that we send through to you. I will also endeavour to include photographs each week as it is a great way to show case the achievements children have made.

Once change I am making is moving the dates page to the second page of the newsletter. We still do have some parents who miss events as they don't seem to be aware that they are on, so I hope that this move will mean that this important page is not missed.

Lovely to see you all— Mrs Lewis

Celebrations—





	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Finley	Affan
Chestnut Class	Lukas	Trisha
Elm Class	Luca R	Addis
Larch Class	Kaif	Callum
Oak Class	Fola	Lily-May
Pine Class	Harry	Laylah
Sycamore Class	Lily	Milad

Play Leader Awards

Key Stage 1	*Key Stage 2*
Kelyn	Riyaj

Dates for the diary:

- 16th January —EYFS Exhibition — 9.30am
- 17th January —'Take Notice' coffee afternoon— community room — 2.30pm
- 18th January—Lucky Lunch Plate Day
- 1st February—Year 5 Computing Workshop—2.30pm
- 9th February—Last day of term
- 12th February-16th February—Half term
- 19th February—Back to School
- 21st February —Year 6 Exhibition—9.30am
- 29th February—Year 4 Assembly—2.45pm
- 6th March—Year 2 Exhibition 9.30am
- 13th March—Year 3 Exhibition 9.30am
- 21st March—Year 1 Assembly 2.45pm
- 25th March—Year 4 Music Performance 9.30am
- 28th March—Last day of term
- **Parents are invited to attend these events**

PLEASE JOIN US



This half-term we a working with the Primary Behaviour Service and they will be coming into school to run a series of coffee mornings. There will be two with a focus and a drop-in where you can ask any questions. All parents are invited to join. The dates for these sessions are:

Thursday 11th January - 9am - Managing Boundaries and Routines

Thursday 18th January - 9am - De-escalation

Thursday 1st February - 9am - Questions and support with strategies

If you have any questions about these sessions or would like to know more about them please catch Miss Guest on a gate or call the school office .

Question of the week



Before the Christmas Holidays our school councillors asked if your child regularly has school meals.

A considerable number of you said that they did, which we were very pleased to hear. For those of you whose child didn't, not enjoying the choices and catering for dietary requirements were reasons that you gave.

I have spoken to Ms Snook who cooks our meals and she will be making herself available once day in the near future with examples of the different meals cooked for parents and children to see. She will also be available to talk about how she can cater for a range of dietary requirements.



I will update you as soon as I have a date confirmed.

ROAR Competition 2023 news article

We are so proud to share with you, the news article that was published in the local newspapers just before Christmas, in Farnborough, Fleet, Aldershot, Yateley and adjoining towns. The children worked so hard and all their efforts paid off when they were announced the winners for the ROAR 2023 competition, run by the Lions club. This was a very special moment and one I'm sure the children will remember for a very long time.

Competition win is the Cherry on Top for pupils

THE pupils at Cherrywood Primary School in Farnborough are roaring with pride after their team won the national ROAR 2023 Competition run by Lions Clubs nationwide and the Education Tech Company 8 Billion Ideas.

Farnborough Lions Club sponsored their entry into the competition which encourages primary & junior School pupils to innovate and 'think big' creating 'world changing ideas' that will be of lasting benefit to us all.

The competition process teaches the children to work together as a team to create a concept, make a prototype, an advertising poster, a radio jingle and then give a presentation to a panel of judges 'Dragons Den' style.

A video of their presentation is then submitted to 8 Billion Ideas to be judged alongside all the schools taking part throughout the United Kingdom.

Team 'Cherry on Top' won through their school heats to take part in the national final broadcast to over 20,000 primary and junior school pupils in hundreds of schools nationwide via Zoom in early December. Their concept created an app for mobile phones so customised ice cream deliveries can be made straight to customers home addresses.

The judges at the national final liked this idea so much they voted it to be the best entry in central southern England. Seven other District winners were announced in the same Zoom broadcast.

Cherrywood School has taken part in the last 3 Lions ROAR Competitions and Farnborough Lions Club is proud to have sponsored their competition entry alongside 4 other Farnborough schools who entered this year - Manor Junior School, St Peter's Junior School, South Farnborough Junior School and Tower Hill Primary School.



Members of the winning team from Cherrywood Primary School

Richard Keeley, secretary of Farnborough Lions Club said: "The benefits gained by all the pupils taking part in this competition are immeasurable. The ROAR Competition is a unique initiative and fun learning programme to increase children's confidence and self worth giving them future proofing skills and imaginative ideas in line with the national curriculum".

New Devices for Christmas? How to keep your child safe.



These 4 C's are really useful for many reasons:

* They are simple to understand.
* You don't have to know every risk and issue.
* They allow you to consider and investigate the potential concerns.
* They can be used as conservation starters with children.

Content—If a child is allowed to play this game, download this app, use an online service, what can they see, what contact are they subjected to? Are there filters we can use? Are there age restrictions?

Contact—When they are using their technology, playing games, using apps, who are they talking to? Are you happy with this? Can you turn chat off ? Are there any block/report features?

Conduct—This describes the behaviour of the child, if allowed to play this game, use this app, how will they behave?

Commercialism—The internet, all the apps, games and services are driven by commercialism. Many of these services are free, but they have to make money somehow. We're all used to ads and the fact our data is farmed in order to show us targeted and relevant ads, but commercialism also includes scams, identity theft, fraud etc.

I'm sure there were some presents gifted at Christmas, devices that require access to the internet. If this applies to you or your families, please see below some information to help you keep children safe:

This is where the 4 C's really come into their own. Consider the technology that is within your home and who has access to that technology. Which devices does your child have access to and are there appropriate safeguards on that technology.

House—Have you enabled the internet filter and set up appropriate 4C restrictions in relation to the age of your child?

Devices—Have you set device restrictions?

Apps and games—Do you and your child know what features are available within the apps and games they are using? This could be inappropriate language filters, blocking and reporting features and other parental controls.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the success of our pilot programme with AWE we are currently sourcing candidates for their second 'STEM Returners' campaign. All candidates not only get to take a different route to finding a new role, they will also have the opportunity to obtain free support and advice from our career coach and industry Mentors who support them right from interview through to navigating the first 12 months in your role. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit [AWE - STEM Returners] or email [jazmine.gouldbourne@stemreturners.com].







WE NEED YOUR HELP
Lucky Lunch Plate Day - 18th January 2024

As a school we are allocated money for our budget by the Government in various ways. On Thursday 18th January we have a school census. This is where we have to provide the Government with information around the number of children who have a school meal. The more children who have a school meal, the more money we are given.

On this day will be having our Lucky Lunch Plate Day, this is where the children will have the opportunity to be the Star of the Day, if they find a lucky lunch plate with a star on the bottom, they will win 15 marbles for their class.

Mrs Snook has agreed to cook the most popular meal choices - unsurprisingly, pizza and wedges, chicken nuggets and wedges and jacket potato with beans. Due to these changes there have been some adaptions to the meal choices for the week, please see the school website and notice board for these. We will ensure that children with dietary requirements will have a meal available that Mrs Snook knows they enjoy.

We would really appreciate your support in getting as many children as possible to join us for the special lunch on the Lucky Lunch Plate day / Thursday 18th January 2024.