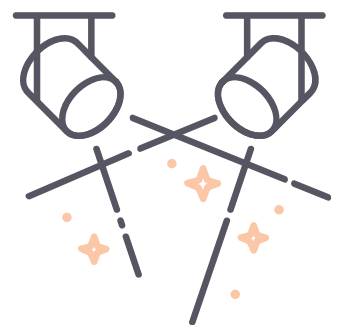


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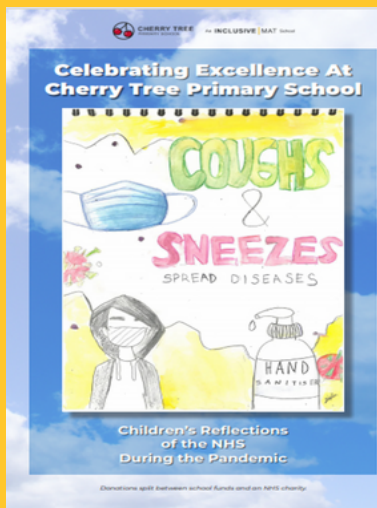
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WELCOME

You will have received a letter from your child's Headteacher detailing our plans to start to lift in-school restrictions from Monday 17th May. This move falls in line with the government's lifting of restrictions as part of their wider roadmap. This hopefully indicates a gradual but permanent return to 'normality'. We look forward to seeing you at school events again soon, as our schools return to true community hubs. Had this been a normal week, our current Year 6 classes would have been sitting their end of key stage statutory assessments (SATs). There are of course negative aspects about testing children but I think that it is important to recognise that tests give us a way to measure and celebrate the hard work that children put in during their time at the school. That being said, statutory tests measure a very small part of what your children do at school. They do not show how remarkably resilient, well rounded, humorous and good natured your children are. So instead of tests this week, I would like to congratulate every child, in every year, on being brilliant and for their remarkable attitudes in returning to school in the most difficult of times.

James Roach
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CHERRY TREE NHS ARTWORK BOOK



Year 6 Pupils at Cherry Tree have collaborated with Dean Russell MP to produce a book of art work for the NHS reflecting the pandemic. Proceeds made from donations in support of the book will be split between Cherry Tree Primary School and the NHS Charity. We will share with you the details of how to do this when the book is launched.

BESIDE THE SEASIDE

After the disappointment of their school trip to Swanage being cancelled, Mrs Hill, Assistant Headteacher at Cherry Tree, posted a message on social media asking for residents who live by the sea if they could send the Y6 children some postcards. After speaking with the children she was aware that some of them hadn't been to the seaside before. Mrs Hill came up with the idea so that the children could get an understanding of what it is like to live by the sea. The message has been shared widely on social media and the response was phenomenal. The children have received pictures, postcards and messages from people across the UK as well as Ferry and Lifeboat organisations. They even had some postcards from Australia and Malta. This campaign was also picked up by BBC Three Counties Radio who interviewed Mrs Hill about the campaign. [You can listen to the interview here.](#)



BRASS FOUNDATIONS PROJECT

We are excited to announce a new and unique musical opportunity for some of our Year 5 children across the Trust. Paul Fisher, a successful freelance trombonist, musical director of Amersham Brass Band, Hertfordshire teacher and ambassador for Brass Bands England, has been working with the Year 5 children over the last several months to teach them all how to play a brass instrument. This has been a wonderful experience for the children as they have developed their musical skills and worked collaboratively to perform a range of popular music.

As part of his role for Brass Bands England, Paul is launching a weekly free brass band club for selected children in Year 5 from Beechfield, Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines Schools and is planning a fantastic 'proms in the playground' event for all the children in the Summer Term.

Mark Scoulding, Minister of the Watford Salvation Army and Governor of Cherry Tree has kindly offered the use of the Salvation Army Hall on St Albans Road, as this is an ideal space for the community to come together and celebrate the musical achievements of the children.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to work together as a Trust community for the benefit of our children and are greatly looking forward to enjoying our own version of the Proms in July. Paul is also hoping to use his musical connections to bring a variety of musical groups and performers to take part as well as involving other musical groups throughout each of the schools. We will keep you posted!



ENGLAND DOES THE DAILY MILE

Mr Gray and Mrs Ball, the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher at Laurance Haines School, kicked off their Virgin London Marathon fundraising campaign for The Watford Salvation Army with 'England does the Daily Mile' on Friday 30th April. Across the day Mr Gray and Mrs Ball ran nine miles in total, running with each child from Nursery to Year 6. The day was an incredible success with children also honouring Sir Captain Tom Moore's legacy by doing 100 exercises spelling out TOM MOORE. Laurance Haines' Chair of Governors Mr Mike Dobner, Captain Mark Scoulding and members of the team from the Watford Salvation Army joined the LHS Marathon team to be incredible cheerleaders across the day and to support the fundraising efforts. The children wore their sportiest clothes for the day and in return gave a voluntary donation to the cause. The day raised £549 from both the donations from the children and parent pledges on their Just Giving page. The team thank the Laurance Haines Family for the incredible effort to raise so much money and are looking forward to the next event. [Please see the Just Giving page link if you would like to donate.](#)



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