

Dear Parents / Carers

What an **excellent** start to the year we have had! Our new year 3s have **settled in brilliantly** and our older year group have set the tone by being **fantastic role models**. We have shared below some of our positives and look forward to seeing what the new academic year will bring! Hopefully we will have a chance to meet lots of parents and carers over the next few weeks – we can usually be found on the school gates at the start and end of the day, or alternatively you can make an appointment through the school office.

Miss Bounds and Mrs Badwal



Thank you to Parents and Carers

I wanted to start this year by saying a huge **thank you** to our parents and carers. We have been working hard for the last few years on children being **READY** for school, in the correct uniform with the right equipment, on time, every day.

This year, we have been so **impressed** with the quality of **uniform** and if children haven't been quite ready, parents and carers have been very accommodating in helping us to make sure your children **look the part, be smart!**

Lateness has also reduced from the end of last year, with the vast majority of children coming through the school gates by 8:50am. **'Be on time, its 10 to 9'** is our mantra!

The end of day collection has also ran very **smoothly**, with parents and carers waiting patiently away from classes, with no crowding of the children. This makes the end of day run much more easily, so thank you!

We also had record numbers of parents attending our year group curriculum meetings in the last few weeks – I am really looking forward to seeing how the collaboration between parents/carers and school will continue to support your children to **grow and flourish**.



Class Lists

Please see a list below of year groups, class names and class teachers to help you know where your child is this year. Congratulations to Miss Farrell who got married over the summer and is now known as Mrs Jacques.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Carsington Mrs Saini	Bakewell Miss Talbot	Calke Mrs Belleh	Royce Mr Triance
Foremark Mr Hussain	Buxton Mr Riley	Hardwick Miss Asif	Nightingale Mrs Jacques
Derwent Mrs Marshall	Dovedale Miss Reed	Chatsworth Miss Bordoli and Mrs Dosanjh	Chandi Miss Hassall



What are our school priorities?



How can you help?

Give your child the best chance and make sure they are in school **every day**.

Being **on time** every day.

Not taking extended absences unless completely unavoidable.

Attend

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Being in school every day is the first step to your child achieving their full potential.

Engage

Making the Most of Every Moment

Teachers and pupils will work together to ensure they are hooked into learning.

How can you help?

Supporting your child with **preparation** for the day e.g. school bag, water bottle, homework book, correct uniform.

Encouraging your child to complete their **homework**: reading and times tables.

How can you help?

Attending **school events**: parents' meetings, curriculum information, and workshops.

Keep updated with your child's learning through the **Marvellous Me app**.

Progress

Quality Education Delivers Quality Outcomes

We will have high expectations to support children to flourish.

Attendance at Pear Tree Community School



Parents will.....	School will.....
1. Value their child's education and value the importance of excellent attendance.	1. Provide engaging lessons where all children want to attend.
2. <u>Absence</u> Phone school on 01332 760610 if their child is absent by 8:50am and provide any evidence to support the absence e.g. hospital appointment card, doctor's appointment	2. Record absences on the register with the correct code.
3. <u>Punctuality</u> Make sure your child is on time. Gates open at 8:45am	3. Offer breakfast club for children needing to be in school earlier and offer support in an emergency.
4. <u>Leave of Absence</u> Complete a leave of absence form request at least seven days prior to the absence and hand into the office.	4. Consider a request on an individual basis and inform parents by letter. School will contact Derby City Council.



School and parents will support children to be in school on time, everyday. In the case of no communication school will phone home or complete a home visit to support the family

Nut-Free School

We have a number of pupils in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. To help keep these children safe, we are asking that children **do not** bring any nuts or nut products into school. This includes:

- Peanut Butter and Nutella sandwiches
- Some Cereal and Granola bars
- Chocolate containing nuts.

Please check ingredients carefully before sending into school.

Chocolate or sweets sent in for a child's birthday **MUST** be given to the school office so they can check for nut products and gelatine.



MarvellousMe



A reminder to sign up for the MarvellousMe app so that you can keep up to date with your child's progress. If you are unsure of how to do this, please speak to your child's class teacher or go to the school office.

Dinner Money

The weekly cost for school dinners is £11.00 and payable in advance. To avoid arrears building, a text message will be sent as a reminder if payment hasn't been received.

WEDUC

We were very excited to send out our invitations to register for Weduc last week. This is a great tool to improve our communication / consent with parents. Weduc will allow you to communicate your child's absence without calling the school. You will also be able to consent to school trips / activities through the app on your phone. No more paper, you help us help the environment!. If you didn't receive the letter then please speak to Rebecca in the front office, she'll be happy to help

Community Engagement Calendar 24-25

Keep a look out for these dates on the newsletter or via text message this academic year. We look forward to seeing you there!

	Events		Events		Events		Events
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the teacher – curriculum focus Macmillian Cake Sale – 27th September 	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month Transform Wear Pink Day – 20th Oct September and October birthday celebrations Reading workshop Tea and Toast SEND Afternoon Tea Transition Year 6 Pupil Progress Meetings 	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti Bullying Week - w/b 11th November Children In Need - 15th Nov November birthday celebrations Diwali workshop Afternoon Tea Year Group tbc 	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disco at Pakistani Centre Recognition assemblies Christmas Jumper Day December birthday celebrations Year 3 Christmas Performance – 18th December Christmas Craft workshops St Nikolas Day Christmas Carol Concert
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January birthday celebrations Maths workshops 	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children’s Mental Health Week - w/b 5th February January and February birthday celebrations Tea and toast – SEND/ mental health Internet workshops Pupil Progress Meetings 	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – 6th March March birthday celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Workshop/Mother’s Day Pancake Day Breakfast with a book Pupil Progress Meetings 	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition assembly April birthday celebrations Vaisakhi Craft Workshop Writing Workshops
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Vacancies

Mid-Day Supervisors and Cleaners

We are currently recruiting for mid-day supervisors and cleaners. Applications can be found here <https://www.transformtrust.co.uk/vacancies/> If you would like an informal chat about the roles, please ask to speak to **Mrs Ozmen** at the school office.

Parent Governors

We are always on the look out for parent governors. If you would like to **support** the school, please ask for a chat with Miss Bounds or Mr Sharp.

School Timings

Year 3 and 4 will arrive at **8.50am** and finish school at **3.20pm**

Year 5 and 6 will arrive at **8.50am** and finish school at **3.25pm**

Please make sure your child is in school on time.

At the start of the day, the school gates will open at 8.45am and close at 9am. Any children who arrive after this time will have to go through the school office.

At the end of the day, the school gates will open at 3.15pm and close at 3:35pm. Please make sure you arrive promptly to pick up your children. Any late collections will have to go through the school office.

Lunch Times

The two lunchtime periods are:

Year 3 & 4 11.40-12.30pm

Year 5 & 6 12.40 - 1.30pm

The children will eat hot meals in the dining hall. On warm days pupils who bring sandwiches may eat outside on our picnic tables. All food is prepared on the Infant school site.

Uniform

It is important that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school. Our expectations are shown below. Activities may be withdrawn if children are wearing incorrect footwear.

Uniform

Look smart: Be the part

Your child is expected to wear uniform everyday

Wearing uniform will give you a sense of belonging and pride



PE Kit

Get fit and wear your kit!

Your child should wear school PE kit on their PE days. This should be blue, white and black!



Diary Dates

A reminder that holidays should be booked during holidays periods (dates in yellow boxes). Any holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine.



	Start	End	Inset days
Autumn 1	05.09.24	25.10.24	04.09.24 04.10.24
Half term: 26.10.24-01.11.24			
Autumn 2	04.11.24	20.12.24	none
Christmas: 23.12.24-03.01.25			
Spring 1	06.01.25	14.02.25	none
Half Term: 17.02.25-21.02.25			
Spring 2	25.02.25	04.04.25	24.02.25
Easter: 07.04.25-21.04.25			
Summer 1	22.04.25	23.05.25	none
Half Term: 26.05.25-30.5.25			
Summer 2	03.06.25	24.07.25	02.06.25 20.06.25

Autumn 1 Dates and Events	
04.10.24	INSET day – school closed to pupils
22.10.24	Carsington Pupil Progress Meetings
24.10.24 25.10.24	Recognition Assemblies (times and year groups tbc)
25.10.24	Last day of Autumn 1
04.11.24	Return to school for Autumn 2

Autumn 2 Dates and Events	
04.11.24	Return to school for Autumn 2
05.11.24	Year 6 Pupil Progress Meetings
06.11.24	Year 4 Pupil Progress Meetings
12.11.24	Year 3 Pupil Progress Meetings
13.11.24	Year 5 Pupil Progress Meetings
18.12.24	Year 3 Nativity Performance
19.12.24 20.12.24	Recognition Assemblies (times and year groups tbc)
20.12.24	Last Day of Autumn 2
06.01.25	Return to school for Spring 1



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With trust & care we will grow & flourish

