

Dear Parents / Carers

The end of Spring Term 1 has arrived. I have been enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings and in particular the beautiful sunrises and sunsets that this has given us. It has been lovely to see so many children coming into school with a **spring in their step** – the lighter mornings make everything feel brighter!

As a school, we have been focusing on 'Aiming High' this term – we have certainly seen the children take this to heart and really strive to be at their best. The progress they have made has been brilliant!

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday 25th February 2025**.

Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Badwal



### Staffing Updates

Over the spring term, we have had lots of new members of staff join us in a variety of roles across school. We would like to welcome **Mrs Begum, Miss Coombes, Miss Saima, and Miss Mandy** to the Pear Tree team. They have already settled in brilliantly!

As some of you may be aware, **Miss Hassall** is expecting her first baby and started her maternity leave at the end of February. Class **Chandi** is being covered by **Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Badwal** until May half term.

### MarvellousMe

We have made the decision to finish our contract with MarvellousMe. This means that you will **no longer** be able to receive updates from school through the app. Our last day of service will be on the **24th February**.

We would encourage you to **download** any information that has been sent prior to this date if you would like to keep it.

In the meantime, our main point of contact will now be through the **WeDuc app**. If you haven't signed up to this already, please speak to a member of the **office team** who will be able to help you.



We are looking into other options to communicate learning with you – please do share your thoughts about this with Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Badwal or Mrs Ozmen.



Pear Tree Junior's attendance from September until February is 93%. All schools are aiming for 96% or above.

Thank you to all parents who are working with school on children's attendance. Attendance for each year group has increased from this time last year.

- Year 3 are 93.1%
- Year 4 on 94.5%
- Year 5 on 91.3%
- Year 6 on 93.1%

We are aiming to reach **96%** which is the government's target.

If you are planning a holiday, collect a Leave of Absence form from the office.

## 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!



# Pear Tree Pride

We are very proud of our community and this page is here to celebrate our success. If you have anything you think should be added to this page, please contact the School Office.

In the Autumn Term, **Carsington and Derwent** took part in a Guinness World Record attempt for the **largest online poetry lesson**. We recently received confirmation that they were successful – Carsington and Derwent are **record breakers!**



This half term we marked **Children's Mental Health Week**. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who took time to connect with Hannah and think about how they can **support their child's wellbeing**. The children have enjoyed learning about how they can 'stay healthy on the inside' and showcasing their talents in a **Talent Show**.

**Thank you** to all the parents who attended our recent **Maths Workshops**. The children loved taking part with you and we hope you learned something new!

It was **National Governor Awareness Day** on 13th February. We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our school governors for the role they play in making our school a great place to be!



A group of **Year 3** children have been lucky to work with two local artists as part of our ongoing work with the **QUAD**. They have created clay sculptures and printed flags. Thank you to **Miss Zuzana** for supporting them.

Well done to these children for achieving their green Pear Tree badges this term. These children were chosen for a wide variety of reasons but they all show the Pear Tree Superhero Code and Powers every single day. You are all fantastic role models.



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Anaya A, M. Chauhan, Ruqaiya M	Wardah M, Dua K, Michael B, Kaheesha B	Petra H, Sorin U, Sunil R	Harvey-Leigh B. Izaias G, Zara O
Helen I, Nora H, Lacey A	Ayaan M, Amon B, Viktor Z	Kierat T, Fatima S, Rose D	Aya Q, M, Saqlain, Alex B
Jason U, Dina S, Hafsa N	Tazeem A, Alex R, Sahasra K	Melissa D, Viktor O, Gabriella L	Salman O, Tayeb H, Omar K

## Upcoming Events

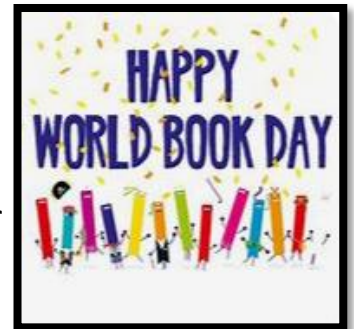
Please see other dates for your diary on the next page of the newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Mother's Day celebrations will take place in school on the 28th March. All parents, step-parents and carers are invited on 28th March. Come and join our card-making workshop.



On Thursday 13th March 2025 for World Book Day, we will be opening school for breakfast with a book. Come along, join your child and share a book.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be taking part in our usual World Book Day festivities, including dressing up! More details to follow.



On Thursday 6th March and Friday 7th March, we will be holding our third Science Showcase event. This involves all classes planning and delivering a Science Investigation with the winners then representing Pear Tree at Transform Trust's Science Showcase.



## **Birthday Parties**

This year we have brought back birthday parties. They will take place in the Pakistani Centre every month. If your child had a birthday in March or April, they will have an invite to celebrate their birthday soon.

One adult per child will also be invited to the party. We look forward to playing party games and sharing some cake with you!



## 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

### Spring 2 Dates and Events

24.02.25	INSET – School Closed to pupils
25.02.25	Return to school for Spring 2
25.02.25	Year 3 and Dovedale Pupil Progress Meeting
26.02.25	Year 4 Pupil Progress Meeting
04.03.25	Year 6 Pupil Progress Meeting
05.03.25	Year 5 Pupil Progress Meeting
03.03.25	Science Week
17.03.25	Mock SATs Week
04.04.25	Last Day of Spring 2



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*With trust & care we will grow & flourish*

