



Newsletter

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HAPPY HALF-TERM



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a full and exciting half-term, we want to share with you the many wider opportunities that have helped our children flourish – contributing to our core values of Trust, Care and Grow.

From exciting curriculum enrichment to pupil leadership development, Pear Tree has been buzzing with activity. Today, Year 4 enjoyed an Egyptian Day, diving into ancient history with creativity and curiosity. Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 have been making waves in swimming lessons, building confidence and skill in the water.

Our musical journey continues with Rock Steady, Year 4 violins, and Year 5 singing, bringing some seriously impressive sounds to Pear Tree Juniors. On the sports front, our boys' and girls' football teams have shown great teamwork and determination, and a range of clubs have offered children the chance to explore new interests and talents.

We really enjoyed celebrating culture and community through our Diwali Workshop where we got messy with clay, and welcomed families to our Parent Support Fayre, featuring dentists, school nurses, speech & language therapists, our school SENDCO, and more. Thank you also to everyone who attended 'Meet the Teacher' earlier in the term. It was a great opportunity to connect and get to see life in our classrooms.

Our Recognition Assemblies continue to highlight the achievements and efforts of our pupils, and Year 6 have stepped up as Role Models, Mini Police, and are preparing for their Practice SATs with resilience and pride.

We also celebrate personal milestones: congratulations to Mr Triance on his upcoming wedding, and in the summer, Mrs Naylor-Black tied the knot – we wish them both happiness and joy!

Birthday cheers to all who celebrated in September and October! Our parties were full of fun and laughter, and of course, cake!

Pupil leadership is thriving at Pear Tree. Our School Council and Children's Parliamentarians have met for the first time, and other roles include: Mini Sports Leaders; Art Champions; Pear Tree Podcasters; Climate Ambassadors; Attendance Ambassadors; and Mental Health Ambassadors.

We've also launched OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) - exciting changes are coming to our playtimes! A big thank you to Tilbury Douglas, builders of the Infant School, for delivering inspiring assemblies, and to Place2Be for supporting healthy outlooks and wellbeing.

Please see the end of this newsletter for further opportunities for Parental Engagement, we'd love to see you involved.

Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable and fantastic half-term. Thank you all so much for your continued support in helping our children thrive.

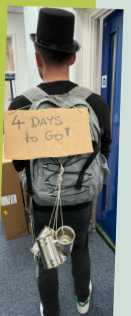
Warm regards,

Mrs Collins
Head of School

*Archaeological digs,
royal staff and
mummification.*



The Groom on his way!



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

PUNJAB UNITED FC - DERBY
EST. 1966 AMATEUR SPORTS TEAM
YouthSecretaryPUFC@outlook.com 07402 544425

**PUNJAB UNITED U9 (YEAR 3 AND 4)
ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS TO PLAY IN
DERBY GIRLS LEAGUE**

**LITTOVER SCHOOL GYM
MONDAY
5PM TO 6PM**

Let's help and give **Girls** the confidence to play the great game **Football**

Assemble: Derby's Making Festival is a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, which celebrates making in all its shapes and forms. [Book Free Children's Tickets](#) for Museum of Making at the Silk Mill on Saturday 25th October.



Wonderful opportunities to promote a love of reading at the [Autumn Derby Book Festival](#). Highlights include:

- Rob Biddulph - Draw with Rob. *Join the bestselling author and illustrator for a fun-filled drawing session.*
- Interactive Ocean Poetry with Katherine Wheatley. *Engage in ocean-themed poetry sessions for young children.*
- Claire Powell: Marty Moose Storytime and Draw Along. *Enjoy a storytime and drawing session with the author.*
- Snack and Scribble: Dracula with Mr The Beef. *Participate in a spooky-themed drawing session with snacks.*
- Picture Book Award Winner Lanisha Butterfield, author of Flower Block. *Meet the award-winning author and discover her latest book.*
- Autumn Book & Craft Market. *Explore a market featuring books and crafts for all ages.*



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

LUMINATE

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

AN IMMERSIVE,
ILLUMINATED
LANTERN WALK
AMONGST THE TREES



FAMILY FRIENDLY. COMMUNITY. DRUMMING.
FIRE PERFORMER. HOT DRINKS



5 - 7 PM



MEET AT THE
ORANGERY
DERBY
ARBORETUM
DE23 8EL

BRING YOUR OWN LANTERN OR CARRY ONE OF OURS



Luminate 185 Years Celebration

on Saturday 8th November at Derby Arboretum Park. Bring a lantern or hold one of ours to light up the dusk as the community takes a nighttime walk around this historic park together.

Stargazing at Sunnydale Park.

Friday 14th
November



RSPCA Derby is an independent charity. All funds raised will support local animals in need

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CLUB NEWS



Children's art from our Tuesday 'Mixed Media Art Club'.

NOTICE

Our School is a safe and welcoming place

PLEASE TREAT OUR STAFF WITH RESPECT

If you need further help, visit the School Office

PARENT VOICE

You Said...	We Did...
Can you give more information about how you stop bullying in school?	We have planned anti-bullying assemblies for children and parents with 'Compass: Changing Lives'.
Can we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day as part of Parental Workshops?	Mother's Day and Father's Day celebration workshops were added to the calendar and were enjoyed by 'Mums and Dads'.
Can we celebrate the cultural diversity in the local area?	'Culture Day' with the Infants, local businesses and places of interest was enjoyed by all, with many parents and carers wearing cultural
Can we add more Eastern European workshops to the Parental Engagement calendar?	We celebrated St Nikolas Day on 6th December and will be doing so this year.
Can you offer support with mental and physical health in the local area?	We held a 'Parents' Support Fayre' in October to support parents and carers.

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OPAL

We believe play is essential to every child's growth, health, happiness, and learning. Through the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) principles, we are creating a rich, inclusive, and sustainable play environment that evolves over time and promotes a wide variety of play. Ask your child about the exciting upcoming changes and visit our [OPAL website page](#) for more information. For all weather play, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood and a pair of wellies.



KIDS EAT FOR FREE

Venue	Location	Offer
Frankie & Benny's	Pride Park	Free kids' meal with each adult main during school holidays. (Frankieandbennys.com)
Bella Italia	Derbion Shopping Centre	Free kids' meal with adult main. (Bellaitalia.co.uk)
Prezzo	Friar Gate, Derby	Free kids' meal with adult main. (Prezzo.co.uk)
Ask Italian	Sadler Gate, Derby	Free kids' meal with adult meal. (Askitalian.co.uk)
Las Iguanas	Derbion Shopping Centre	Free kids' meal with adult main. (Iguanas.co.uk)
Burger King	Derbion, Pride Park, Meteor Centre	Free kids' meal via app during half-term. (Burgerking.co.uk)
Yo! Sushi	Derbion Shopping Centre	Free kids' meal with adult spend. (Yosushi.com)
Asda Café	Sinfin and Spondon	£1 kids' meals all day, every day. (Asda.com)
Morrisons Café	Meteor Centre	Free kids' meal with adult meal. (Morrisons.com)
Tesco Café	Mickleover	Free kids' meal with adult purchase. (Tesco.com)
Dobbies Garden Centre	Derby (Findern A38)	£1 kids' meal with adult main. (Dobbies.com)



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HALF-TERM SAFETY

Halloween Safety Tips



Younger children should always walk with an adult. Older children should always walk in a group.



Only go to houses where you can see a light on.



Use torches, glow sticks or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen in the dark.



Only go to houses where you know the people who live there.



Pay attention when walking past driveways to make sure cars aren't pulling in or out.



Be aware of flames e.g. lit candles, and keep at a safe distance.



Costumes and shoes should fit properly to avoid trips or falls.



Costume accessories, such as swords, shouldn't be sharp. They should be soft and flexible.



Do not eat any sweets / treats until your adult says you can.



Cross at a safe place along the road.



Walk, don't run.



Bonfire Night Safety

Fireworks

Always let adults handle fireworks and keep a safe distance when fireworks are going off.

Never throw fireworks, keep them in your pocket or approach a lit firework.

Bonfires

Always pick a safe space away from everything and keep a safe distance at all times.

Never set up a bonfire close to buildings or obstacles and never throw flammable liquids onto a fire.

Sparklers

Always wear gloves, hold the sparkler at arm's length and make sure an adult is present at all times.

Never run with a sparkler or wave them near others and never hold a sparkler close to anything.

Animals

Always make sure pets are kept comfortable inside and always check for wild animals before setting up.

Never light fireworks, bonfires or sparklers near pets or wild animals.

HAPPY DIWALI

May the Festival of Lights bring you and your loved ones joy, prosperity and success in abundance.



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ATTENDANCE

Parents will.....	School will.....
Value their child's education and value the importance of excellent attendance.	Provide engaging lessons where all children want to attend. 
<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. 08:50	Record absences on the register with the correct code. 
<u>Punctuality.</u> Make sure your child is on time. Gates open at 8:45am. 	Offer breakfast club for children needing to be in school earlier and offer support in an emergency. 
<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. 	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, every day. In the case of no communication, school will phone home or complete a home visit to support the family.	

Year 5 Top Year group for attendance 93.3%



Foremarke Top Class for attendance 95.1%

Top Tips to Avoid Lateness

School will...

- Meet and Greet - friendly faces at the gate.
- 'Wake up' calls for key students.
- Transport advice.
- Breakfast club from 8:00am.

Parents can support by...

- Pack bag/ make packed lunch the night before.
- A good sleep hygiene routine:
- Sleep Hygiene in Children and Young People: Great Ormond Street Handbook
- Phones outside the bedroom.
- Turn off internet / set parental control.
- No screen time before bedtime.
- Use an alarm clock instead of a phone.
- Calm start to the day.

EVERY DAY is for THEIR FUTURE

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PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

	Whole School Events	Parental Engagement Celebrations	Parental Engagement Curriculum and enrichment workshops
November	Anti Bullying Week Children In Need November birthday celebrations 		
December	Disco at Pakistani Centre Recognition assembly Christmas Jumper Day December birthday celebrations	Christmas carol concert and festivities 	Christmas Crafts Workshops 5th December - St Nikolas Day crafts (Mikulas)
January	January birthday celebrations		Maths Workshops and MTC - multiplication tables check
February	Children's Mental Health Week January and February birthday celebrations		Tea and toast - SEND/ mental health Internet workshops
March	World Book Day March birthday celebrations	Easter Workshop/Mother's Day - wellbeing focus Pancake day -4th March - breakfast club	Breakfast with a book Reading workshop
April	Recognition assembly April birthday celebrations 	Vaisakhi Craft Workshop	Writing Workshop
May	May birthday celebrations		
June	End of school disco- Y6 Sports day and picnic June birthday celebrations OPAL Parent Stay & Play	Eid/Father's Day - Wellbeing focus Culture Day 	
July	Transition week Recognition assembly July and August birthday celebrations		Tea and toast - SEND/ mental health Internet workshops

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SAFEGUARDING



Worried about a child during the holiday?

If you believe that a child is at **immediate risk** and in need of protection then you should call the **police on 999 immediately**.

Alternatively, if you want advice from the police and the child is not in immediate need of protection, you can call them on 101.

Children's Social Care and the First Contact Team

You may want to discuss your concerns with a social care worker. The First Contact team deals with all concerns about children and young people across the city. Members of the team will help you to talk about the concerns you may have for a child and decide what actions may be required to make a child safe. You can contact them Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm. Telephone: 01332 641172

Social Care Out-of-Hours Support

Use Derby City Careline

It operates Monday to Friday from 5pm to 9am, with a 24-hour service during weekends and bank holiday. Phone: 01332 956606.

People who are hard of hearing or Deaf please email DCCcareLine@derby.gov.uk or text 07812 300177.

Concerns which are not urgent can be raised using their [online form](#).



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Other organisations:

01159 825090
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