

Pear Tree Community Junior School

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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. 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 the 27th February 2023.

Miss Bounds (Head of School)

Mobile Phones

We are seeing an increase in the number of children bringing mobile phones to school. If your child needs to bring a phone to school because they walk home alone, these must be handed into the school Office at the start of each day and collected at the end of the day.



If a child is found with a mobile phone that has not been handed in, it will be taken to the office and a parent will have to collect it at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Vapes

Many retailers are now making Vapes very attractive to children, they can be purchased in many different shapes and colours. It is highly illegal for them to sell this product to anyone under the age of 18 and equally illegal for them to be used by someone under 18.

We have seen an increase in children bringing these into school which is really concerning. We identify vaping the same as smoking and do not allow them to be used on site, neither is it acceptable for them to be brought in by children.

Although the long term risks have yet to be identified, it is important that you help us inform children that if they buy or use a vape they will be breaking the law.

WeDuc

This is a mobile app that can be used for parents to easily communicate school absence & trip consent with the school office. We will use it to share with you lots of exciting news, important dates, information on your child's learning, all this available on your mobile phone. We will send out information on how you can download the app after the half term break

Pupil Collection at end of day

After the half term break we will be asking all families to confirm and check the names that school has on record for collecting their children. Our system shows who is authorised, therefore any unfamiliar adults will be challenged by teaching staff, this is to ensure your child's safekeeping. If the adult collecting is not on the authorised list then the office will need to contact parents to offer verbal permission. **A child will not go home with any adult that it not listed on our records.**



Please also note that any sibling who comes to collect under the age of 16 may also be challenged.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this. Please be assured that all measures we follow are to ensure your children are kept safe.

Flu Vaccinations

A message from Derby City Health Team:



Dear Parent, We will soon be coming to the end of the current Flu programme, if your child has missed their flu vaccine and you would like them to have it there are still some appointments available at our clinics during February Half-Term.

If you would like your child to have their vaccine then please contact the School Age Immunisation Service on the numbers / email address below:

01283 707178 / 01246 252953 or DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

New Dinner Menus

Our School Dinner menus have had an update for the next term. Please check the school website or ask the office for a copy of the menus as well as checking the back pages of our newsletter. It all sounds delicious! A reminder that school dinners are £2.20 per day, or £11 if you wish to pay weekly



Drop Off

Many of our parents have received a fine for parking / dropping off children outside the school gates. Parents should not be parking within the yellow markings or stopping to drop off within this area as it is considered unsafe for children. The cameras have been installed by Derby City Council, we are NOT responsible for the tickets nor can we have them rescinded.

We would also like to remind parents that pulling up to the school barrier is also not permitted. As well as creating issues with staff and visitor entry and exit this is also creating a problem with the sensors that operate the barrier. The repairs for this can run into hundreds of pounds!

If you are dropping off or parking at the start or end of day then please do this in the non-marked areas, this helps with congestion and child safety. Thank you for your co-operation.



Attendance

Thank you to everyone for working to improve attendance at Pear Tree Community Junior School. Attendance has been improving week on week since the start of the Spring term.

I am happy to see a reduction in time taken off due to coughs and colds. As I said in the last newsletter, children need to be improving their immune system by being exposed to others whilst maintaining a good level of health through exercise and plenty of fruit and vegetables in their diet.

Attendance Ambassadors

I am delighted to announce that Attendance Ambassadors have been selected from each class. The Ambassadors will help me better understand the needs of the children and parents and support in improving attendance in school. We have had two meetings to date and will be completing work linked to actions they have planned. I was delighted to welcome Parents of the Ambassadors to a celebration in school where we discussed ways to help improve attendance from a parental point of view. Some of the suggestions included: Setting early alarms, preparing food including lunches and breakfast the night before, laying out school uniform for the next day and many more. Thank you to all those who attended.



Attendance rewards

Thank you very much for your support, our opening week for the attendance raffle was a success!! We have seen an increase in our attendance % which is amazing. One lucky child and one lucky parent from each year group received a voucher to spend on whatever they wanted at Sainsburys.

We are happy to announce that we will continue with the weekly raffle to the end of the academic year.

For every day your child comes to school they will receive a raffle ticket that will go into a draw. If they attend all week then 5 tickets (one for everyday) will be given, this will increase your child's chance of winning. We will have one raffle for the year 3 / 4 children and one for the year 5 / 6 children The raffle prize of £10.00 will be drawn in school every Friday.

Parents can also be in with a chance of winning a £40 voucher! All you have to do is make sure your child is in school on time every day

Remember: Children should be in school at 8:50 to be registered by their class teacher.



BE ON TIME, IT'S TEN TO NINE

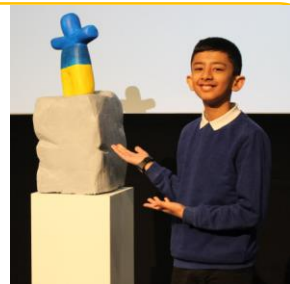
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Pear Tree Pride

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.

Earlier this term, we hosted some important visitors from **Challenge Partners** who completed a **Review** on the school. They found that the school was working very well and that 'everything the school does is driven by the importance of supporting the academic and personal development of pupils'. Well done!

The **Art Ambassadors** went to the **QUAD** to see the unveiling of our school sculpture. All the children designed a 3D model and the winning model was made by **Abdulahdi Akmal** from Year 6. This model was then made 'real' by the artist **Bruce Asbestos**.



We raised an amazing **£452** for the charity **Sports For You** when international rugby player Abbie Brown came to visit and put our children through their paces!



Look at our fantastic **Girls' Football** kit. It has been sponsored by Infuse and we can't wait to see our girls continuing with their winning streak from the start of the year!

Well done to **Mr Bunting** for passing his **NPQLBC**. Our teachers are always learning too!

Year 6 children have been visiting Walbrook Nursery to read with the children. Thank you to **Inaya B, Fabian B, Huzaifa, Julia B, Maja R** and **Marco** for being so supportive of the younger children. Who will the next year 6 readers be?



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
Ifra A, Amelia S, Kierat T	Zeeshan M, Martina M, Tegan T	Nikhil N, Samanta K, Awais M	Aleena F, Valeria K, Sejvir S
Zheng L, Charlie D, Asra A	Mohammad Ayaan K, Lian K, Yashpreet K	Patryk B, Marc D, Alessia L	Amanda R, Bryan S, Asenat Z
Beritan M, Haneen M, Omar C	Harvey-Leigh B, Alisha K S, Fabian K	Keesha W, Hannah A, Jastin C	Dayyan J, Alisha A, Titus A

Mr Sharp's Update

It has been a great start to 2023! There are many reasons to be proud of our school, as shown on the previous page. Two things that have made me feel proud are:

I have noticed lots of children wearing their recognition and pupil leadership badges with pride. It is important that you encourage them to wear their badges as a symbol that they have been chosen by staff for showing that they are **Ready, Respectful and Responsible**. This week we have held assemblies in each year group and a new group of pupils have received their recognition badges – I hope they wear them with **pride** every day!

A reason for the staff to feel **proud**, was the result of our recent Challenge Partners Review. I was particularly pleased to hear 'Relationships between teachers and pupils are excellent throughout the school which means that pupils are secure and are confident to ask questions and take risks.'



I would also like to offer my congratulations to Pear Tree Infant School, whose recent Ofsted Inspection was successful and led to a good outcome. We work closely with the Infant school to provide the best possible Education for your children.



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!



Dates for Spring Term 2 2022-2023



27.2.23	Start of Spring Term 2
1.3.23	Secondary Offer Day for Year 6
2.3.23	World Book Day
7.3.23	Year 5 Pupil Progress Meetings
8.3.23	Year 4 Pupil Progress Meetings
14.3.23	Start of Science Week
14.3.23	Year 3 Pupil Progress Meeting
15.3.23	Year 6 Pupil Progress Meeting
17.3.23	Science Fair
29.3.23	Recognition Assemblies
30.3.23	Recognition Assemblies
30.3.23	Last Day of Spring Term 2
31.3.23	INSET – School closed for pupils

Dates for the Future

17.04.23	Start of Summer Term 1
25.05.23	End of Summer Term 1 for pupils
26.05.23	INSET – School closed for pupils
05.06.23	Start of Summer Term 2
21.07.23	End of Summer Term 2

World Book Day 2023

Thursday 2nd March



This year's theme

'You are a reader'

Fun
reading
activities!

Book
Hunt!

Present
for each
child!

What will you spend your World Book Day voucher on?



Week Commencing:

- 27th February 2023
- 20th March 2023
- 24th April 2023
- 15th May 2023
- 12th June 2023
- 3rd July 2023



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	PORK SAUSAGE ROLL OR VEGAN SAUSAGE ROLL POTATO CRISPS CUTS SPAGHETTI RINGS	CHICKEN CURRY OR CHICKPEA CURRY RICE, NAAN BREAD & MIXED VEGETABLES	FISH FINGERS OR VEGETABLE FINGERS MASHED POTATO PEAS & SWEETCORN	BEEF OR QUORN SHEPHERD PIE YORKSHIRE PUDDING BABY CARROTS & BROCCOLI	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA OR CHEESE ROLL CHIPS BEANS OR PEAS
PUDDING	YOGURT	CARROT CAKE	RICE KRISPIE CAKE	ANGEL DELIGHT	CHOCOLATE CAKE & CUSTARD
SERVED DAILY	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD
	V/T/D	V/T/D	V/F/D	V/T/D	V/G/T/D

Week Commencing:

- 6th March 2023
- 27th March 2023
- 1st May 2023
- 22nd May 2023
- 19th June 2023
- 10th July 2023



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	BEEF OR QUORN CHILLI CON CARNE RICE ROMANESCO VEGETABLES	PORK OR VEGAN HOT DOG POTATO WAFFLES PEAS & SWEETCORN	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN WARP OR QUORN & SWEETCORN WRAP SUNSHINE RICE COLESLAW	PIZZA ROLL CRISPY POTATO CUBES MIXED VEGETABLES	FISH CAKE OR VEGETABLE FINGERS CHIPS BAKED BEANS OR MUSHY PEAS
PUDDING	BANANA MOUSSE	CHOCOLATE FUDGE BROWNIE	ICE CREAM	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE	CINNAMON SWIRLS
SERVED DAILY	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD
	V/T/D/G	V/D	V/D	V/T/D	V/D/G/F

Week Commencing:

- 13th March 2023
- 17th April 2023
- 8th May 2023
- 5th June 2023
- 26th June 2023
- 17th July 2023



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	CHICKEN NUGGETS OR QUORN DIPPERS POTATO WAFFLES PEAS & SWEETCORN	PIGNIC DAY TUNA OR CHEESE SANDWICHES CRISPS & FRUIT	MACARONI CHEESE OR TOMATO & BASIL PASTA BAGUETTE SLICE ROMANESCO MIXED VEGETABLES	BEEF OR QUORN TACOS SAVOURY RICE PEAS & CARROTS	PORK OR VEGAN SAUSAGES CHIPS SPAGHETTI RINGS
PUDDING	RING DOUGHNUTS	ASSORTED COOKIES	PEACHES & CREAM	JELLY & CREAM	ASSORTED CUPCAKES
SERVED DAILY	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD	FRUIT & BREAD
	V/ D	V/D/F	V/T/D/G	V/T/D	V/T/D



FREE HALF TERM FUN

Join Anansi Theatre Company for an interactive session to discover exciting books and listen to an Anansi Spider story!



**ANANSI THEATRE
COMPANY**

Mon 20 Feb 3.15 – 4.15 pm
For children aged 4 - 8

Booking essential
Contact Normanton Library
01332 642640

Everything begins with reading

 inderby.org.uk/libraries  