

# Pear Tree Community Junior School

## May 2023 – Issue 9

Dear Parents / Carers

It is starting to feel like summer with the sun finally starting to shine! With this in mind, please make sure that children are coming to school with appropriate clothing (sun hats) as well as their coats – we know the English weather can take an unexpected turn! Please read our uniform advice below. Applying sun cream at the start of the day is also essential so that our children are staying safe in the sun. The longer evenings means that everyone can stay out and play for longer – please make sure you know where your children are playing and who they are playing with. We want for all of our children to be safe when playing outside and good supervision is vital to this.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on the 5th June 2023.

Miss Bounds (Head of School)



### Summer Uniform

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in children coming to school in white trainers. A reminder that our school uniform policy is for **black shoes or trainers**. Please use half term to buy appropriate footwear.



Children are welcome to wear summer dresses in blue, skirts or shorts in black or grey. These should not be cycling short style but a tailored, smart style



Some children may also want to start wearing lighter shoes or sandals with the days getting warmer. We ask that these are not flip flop style and have secure fastenings around the ankle. Sandals should also be black.



A final reminder to please **label clothing with your child's name**. Coats, jumpers and cardigans are often removed during break and lunch and left behind on the playground. There is then no way that we can match missing items to children when they don't have a name inside. Our lost property box is full! Items will be donated to our school spare uniform collection if they are not claimed by the end of each half term.



# Safeguarding Newsletter Summer 2023

## Staying Safe Online



Do you know what your child is looking at online? Do you know what apps they are using?



- Most apps have an age limit of **13**. Under 13s are not protected if they choose to use the app.
- Children need to keep their personal information **private**.
- Use **parental controls** to keep your child safe and limit their online time.



- Most importantly, **talk** to your child and let them know that they can share any worries at any time.

[staysafeonline.org](https://staysafeonline.org) [thinkuknow.co.uk](https://thinkuknow.co.uk) [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk) [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)



## Now the Summer nights are here....



### Predict and Prevent

- Know **where** your child is and **who** they are with.
- Remind your child of **Stranger Danger** – don't talk to or walk with strangers.
- Teach your **address** and phone number.
- Stay **alert**, stick to busy, well-lit roads, and avoid short cuts.
- Keep **valuables** (mobile phones) out of sight.
- Remind your child that it is **illegal** to carry a weapon.

### Act

- If your child gets **lost**, ask for **help** from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working in a shop.
- If your child thinks someone is **following** them, they should **cross the road** or go to a busy place, like a bus stop or shop.
- If someone tries to **take** something from your child, tell them never to fight but to **run** to safety.
- If your child feels **unhappy** when they are out, they need to **speak up**.

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## Meet Your Safeguarding Team



**Natalie Bounds**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Head of School



**Nikki Black**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Nurture Lead



**Donna Burdiss**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Learning Mentor



**Gurpreet Dosanjh**  
Safeguarding Team  
SENCO



**Amy Burdiss**  
Safeguarding Team  
Behaviour Mentor



**Jill Wilkinson**  
Safeguarding Governor

## Attendance Ambassadors

Our amazing Attendance Ambassadors have created a short video about how important it is to stay in school and not take additional holidays during school time (if at possible):



## Leave of absence

In the last newsletter I spoke about how important it is for us to know when you are planning to take your child out of school for any reason in term time. Please know what your child's attendance is, if you are unsure, you are welcome to ask at the school office. Refer to the below table to see what the real impact of that attendance percentage is on your child's education. We follow systems and processes in school that mean if children are absent in school time, we will know where they are and why, a referral will be made to the local authority if required. Please work with us by letting us know if you are thinking of going away during term time, time is not wasted if this information is received prior to absence.

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

**WHAT DO YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
FIGURES  
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

## **BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**Whole school attendance to date: 92%**

**Whole School attendance (to date) by year group:**

**Year 3: 91%**

**Year 4: 93%**

**Year 5: 91%**

**Year 6: 92%**

Remember: [Children should be in school at 8:50 to be registered by their class teacher.](#)



**BE ON TIME, IT'S TEN TO NINE**

**8:50**

# 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.

The girls and boys football teams have continued to take part in their Football League, achieving great results! Their new kit has really helped them to look the part too. Thank you to **Mr Ozmen, Miss Beale, Mr Triance, Miss Paton** and **Mrs Coope** for all the work they have done with the teams this year.



**Mrs Burdis** has been taking a group of year 5 and 6 pupils to **Walbrook Nursery** to support the children's learning. They have created and played games with the children and the staff were very impressed!

Congratulations to **Mrs Osbaldeston** for passing her NPQ qualification!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our **Coronation Event** with Pear Tree Infant and Walbrook Nursery. The children looked amazing and we were very proud of our **Choir** and the **Dance Team** for their performances.

Lots of wider opportunities have been taking place this term – **year 3** have had **Stone Age Day**, **year 4** have continued to work hard on flutes and swimming, **year 5** have visited **Bent Farm** as well as gardening and cooking every week and **year 6** had an excellent **SATs party** to celebrate their hard work in SATs week!

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
Krithick L, Barbora K, Rebeca M	Brenda L, Normunds P, Aliza K	Iwinosa I, Pavlina H, Oscar S	Maya K, Oliver S, Emilia K
Miroslav K, Erika Z, Brian M	Rouqi L, Khadija Q, Hanif S	Sofia P, Amelia S, Marek C	Mahika R, Rihanna C, Muizz A
Marianna M, Nella T, Adams L	Keyan D, Tohirah O, Natalie M	Jaskirat S, Glorija P, Elizabella S	Timothy W, Maria K, Inaaya A

# Take a look at our endangered animal research!



Bakewell –  
Bonobo Monkey



Dovedale –  
Orangutan



Derwent –  
Blue Whale

Year 5 –  
Gorilla, Red  
Panda and  
Sloth



Carsington –  
Monarch  
Butterfly

Buxton –  
Tamarind  
Monkey



Carsington –  
Monarch  
Butterfly

Nightingale  
Turtles



Carsington –  
Monarch  
Butterfly

## Place2Be Updates

Place2Be have been working alongside the school to support the social and emotional wellbeing of our children. Mei Chen who has been instrumental in setting up the service at Pear Tree, hands the role over to Hannah Donnan who returns from her maternity absence. Hannah will begin her role within Place2Be as our project leave. Hannah is very much looking forward to working alongside our school community. I'm sure you will give her a warm Pear Tree welcome when you meet her!

## Mr Sharp's Update



It has been another great half term at Pear Tree Community Junior School. The children continue to make us proud. They continue to work hard; behave well, and when out of school they have represented the school incredibly well.

I would like to say a big well done to our Year 6, who had their SATs at the beginning of May. They made sure they gave their best on every test and every question. Thank you to the Pakistani Centre for providing a great party to celebrate the end of SATs week!

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have an enjoyable May Bank holiday and half term week. We look forward to seeing you for the start of Summer Term on Monday 5th June

## Dates for Summer Term 2 2022-2023



05.06.23	Start of Summer Term 2
22.6.23	Sports Day
23.6.23	Sports Day
4.7.23-6.7.23	Transition Days
11.7.23	Reports given out
12.7.23-13.7.23	Year 6 Residential
21.07.23	End of Summer Term 2

## Term Dates for 2023-2024

<b>Autumn 1:</b>	4.09.2023-27.10.2023
<b>Autumn 2:</b>	6.11.2023-22.12.2023
<b>Spring 1:</b>	8.01.2024-16.02.2024
<b>Spring 2:</b>	26.02.2024-28.03.2024
<b>Summer 1:</b>	15.04.2024-24.05.2024
<b>Summer 2:</b>	3.06.2024-23.07.2024

## INSET Days for 2023-2024

04.09.2023  
6.10.2023  
3.06.2024  
22.07.2024  
23.07.2024

## 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!

