

Dear Parents / Carers



Welcome back to school, we hope you had a brilliant summer break. The children have been a credit to you all on their return to school, especially the new Year 3s who are already showcasing the Pear Tree Super Hero Code and Powers.

I am excited to be leading the school on a daily basis with the support of Mr Sharp as Executive Head. If you would like to discuss any items with myself, you can always speak to me on the school gates or arrange an appointment through the school office.

I'm sure the Autumn Term will be fantastic!

Miss Bounds (Head of School)

School Priorities

We are always looking for ways that we can improve our school learning - this year we are focussing on:

- Leadership with everyone being a leader
- Pride and being proud of ourselves and our community
- Innovation through trialling new ideas
- As well as continuing with attendance and reading.
- Please see pages 3 and 4 for what this means and how you can help!

Parents

This year, we are also focusing on engaging parents and the community in more school events. Keep an eye out for diary dates over the year. If you have any areas of interest that you would like to share with us, please let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and providing an excellent education for your child.

Uniform

It is important that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school. Our expectations are shown below.

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!



School Timings From September

The Government expects all schools to have a six and a half hour day (32.5 hours a week). With this in mind we have adjusted our times to the following:

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

Year 5 and 6 will arrive at **8.55am** 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 which is accessed through the entrance on Pear Tree Street.

At the end of the day the school gates will open at 3.15pm. Please make sure you arrive promptly to pick up your children.

Lunch Times

The two lunchtime periods are:

Year 3 & 4: 11.40-12.30pm

Year 5 & 6: 12.40 - 1.30pm

The children will be offered a hot meal which is cooked and prepared by the Infant School Catering team. This is served in our dining hall –

Year 3 & 4 11.40 – 12.30

Year 5 & 6 12.40 – 1.30.

On warm days pupils who bring sandwiches may eat outside on our picnic tables.

Clubs

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club has resumed from 8am-8.45am. Should you wish to find out more or book a place please contact the school office. Please do not send your child until a booking form has been complete. This ensures that dietary requirements are followed.

Targeted Enrichment Activity (TEA Time) – A full range of clubs including sports and arts will be starting next week. Parents will have received the letter which shows which clubs are available. You must return this letter showing which club you want your child to attend. Please do not send your child to club unless you have been told they have a place.

Free School Meals & Dinner Money

School meals cost £2.20 each day (£11.00 a week) These payments must be made in advance. Please place money in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount on the front then put in the dinner box located in the foyer or brought to the office by your child. Envelopes are available to parents in the front entrance to school.

If you believe you are entitled to free meals then please come in and speak with Lenka in the front office.

WHAT?

What actions will we take to make our school better?



Attendance



How can you help?

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

Reading



How can you help?

Encourage your child to read every day. Share books with your child

Leadership

- Providing pupil leadership opportunities
- Encouraging pupils to take ownership of their actions
- Developing leadership of staff

How can you help?

Ask your child about how they have been a leader every day.

Innovation

- Engage in research
- Trial new strategies and evaluate their impact
- Gather feedback on what is working well

How can you help?

Complete home learning daily. Engage with school and encourage your child to reflect on their learning.

Pride

- Know each child and provide personal learning
- Celebrate success of our community

How can you help?

Ask your child what they have been proud of every day. Celebrate your child's identity and unique traits with them.



Staffing Updates

We would like to formally introduce and welcome four new members of staff who you may see around school.



Mr Hickey has joined us as an Assistant Headteacher



Miss Bordoli has joined our Year 6 team and is also a member of our Leadership team



Mr Riley has joined our Year 4 team

We also welcome Mr Russell as our new Caretaker, If you see any of our new staff around then please say 'hello' we have already told them what an amazing community we have!

We would also like to say congratulations to Miss Glenn who got married over the summer. She is now known as Mrs Coope.

Miss Burdis and Miss Collette will both be leaving us shortly to have a baby. We are very excited for them both and happy to hear that they will both be returning back to Pear Tree at the end of their maternity absence. I'm sure you will join us in wishing them our congratulations.

Sadly we wish two long standing members of staff a fond farewell. We want to thank Miss Kausar (office admin) and Mrs Johal (Teaching Assistant) for their commitment to the community and wish them both all the best in their new posts.

Dogs

This year, we are very lucky to have a number of school dogs who will be coming in to work occasionally with the children. Animals in school can provide valuable learning experiences for the children and have been carefully chosen for their calm and caring natures. All of the dogs will have risk assessments and timetables in place. If you or your child has an allergy or are nervous around dogs, please let a member of staff know.



This is Elvis.



This is Winston.



This is Kuma.

Mr Sharp's Update

It has been great to see the children back in school, in uniform and already showing they are Pear Tree Superheroes. Thank you for your support.

To be a 'Superhero' and give your child the best chances to succeed; there are some really important things your child can do:

- Be in school on time everyday
- Read for at least 20 minutes each day
- Have a good night's sleep
- Follow the School Superhero Code: Be Ready: Be Respectful: Be Responsible

Please support your child to be their best and ensure they can flourish at school but also build good habits for the rest of their lives.

Dates for Autumn Term 1 2022-2023

w/b 12.9.22	Year Group Parent Information Meeting (dates tbc)
07.10.22	INSET – School closed to pupils
20.10.22	Year 6 Recognition Assembly 9am Year 4 Recognition Assembly 2.30pm
21.10.22	Year 5 Recognition Assembly 9am Year 3 Recognition Assembly 2.30pm
21.10.22	End of Autumn Term 1 – half term
31.10.22	Start of Autumn 2 term



Dates for the Future

08.11.22	Year 5 Pupil Progress Meetings
09.11.22	Year 4 Pupil Progress Meetings
15.11.22	Year 3 Pupil Progress Meetings
16.11.22	Year 6 Pupil Progress Meetings
22.12.22	End of Autumn Term 2
09.01.23	Start of Spring Term 1
17.02.23	End of Spring Term 1
27.01.23	Start of Spring Term 2
30.03.23	End of Spring Term 2
31.03.23	INSET – School closed
17.04.23	Start of Summer Term 1
25.05.23	End of Summer Term 1
26.05.23	INSET – School closed
05.06.23	Start of Summer Term
22.07.23	End of Summer Term 2





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COMMUNITY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

With trust & care we will grow & flourish

