

Dear Parents / Carers

We have already reached the end of Autumn Term 1. It has been a fantastic start to the year with children growing and flourishing in many different ways. Please take a look at our Pear Tree Pride page where we are sharing all of our achievements.

I also wanted to provide another reminder that we are a nut-free school so please do not send your child to school with any nut product in their packed lunch. Thank you

The teachers have been busy planning exciting enrichment activities and lessons for next term and we are looking forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 31st October.

Have a wonderful half term break
Miss Bounds (Head of School)



Staffing Updates

Mrs Elliott has been offered an exciting secondment opportunity as an Assistant Headteacher at Robert Shaw Primary School which is in Transform Trust. She will be working there for the duration of Autumn Term 2 and will be returning to Pear Tree in January. In the interim, Mrs Coope will be leading the Year 4 team and Mrs Booth will be teaching class Bakewell. We are sure Mrs Elliott will have a fantastic time sharing her learning from Pear Tree and we look forward to learning from her new school when she returns.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Next term there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. This will help you to understand what they are doing well and how you can support them further at home.

Meetings take place during the school day and letters will be sent out for you to book an appointment in the first week back.

Each year group have been allocated a specific day, please note which day your child's meeting is. We look forward to meeting and sharing your child's work with you.

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



Governors

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all the children and the staff team at Pear Tree Juniors – the school is looking amazing and each time I visit there is always something new! I spotted the new trim trail at the front along with the seating areas which children can use at play and lunch times.

I believe the school is almost full which is great news and thank you for choosing our school. We are delighted to welcome Mr Triance to our Governing Body as a Staff Governor and we are also inviting Parents to join our Governing Body as we have 2 places available. If you are interested, please contact the school for more information. This year, as is for everyone, our challenge is to balance the books in terms of the school's finances in light of the ever increasing costs in gas, electricity, food etc, but please be assured we are working with the school and Trust to ensure that our children still receive the best possible education, support and enrichment opportunities. If you want to know more about the work of our Governing Body please get in touch.

Jill Wilkinson
Chair of Governors



Attendance

100% attendance at school is an amazing achievement and needs to be celebrated. Over this first half-term, **143 children** across the school have come into school every day and are truly Pear Tree HEROs. The year group with the highest percentage of 100% attenders this half term has been **year 4**, who are truly showing us how it is done. A massive well done to all of the children and families who are here on time every day.

Being at school is very important. Low attendance can be linked with low levels of progress and attainment. Children do better when they come to school. The change in weather has brought colds and sniffles with it BUT if your child is well enough to be in school please bring them in. This helps to give them the very best chances in life.

If you are informed that your child's attendance is below 90% (letters sent monthly), please make sure that they are in school as much as possible to help raise their attendance and avoid a fine. If you need any more information about this, please look at our school website or contact the school to arrange a meeting with either myself or Mrs Burdis. We are here to help.

The whole school attendance figure is improving and has gone from around 90% to 92%. Please help us to raise this attendance figure by making sure that your child is in school as much as possible. Thank you for your work so far this year.

MrHickey
Assistant Headteacher



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.



We won a First Place prize for our entry to the Friends, Families and Travellers Competition as part of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. Well done to all the children who made entries.

Our Children's Parliament representatives, **Nabeel and Mashyam**, have had their first few meetings with other Parliamentarians across Transform Trust. We are looking forward to seeing their projects develop.



Early results from our Parent Survey show that **100%** of parents feel that their children are happy and safe at Pear Tree.

Our girls' football team have had a brilliant start to the season. They have won all of their games so far, with great scores 1-0, 0-0, 5-0 and 4-2. Thank you to Miss Beale, Miss Glenn, Miss Paton, Mr Riley and Mr Triance for organising, coaching and refereeing the games. Keep it up **Dominika D, Julia, Inaaya, Ayat, Mashyam, Prabhnoor, Amanda, Jenny, Kristina, Raluca, Annaya** and **Mahika**, we are very proud of you.



Our Art Ambassadors have started an exciting project at Derby QUAD with the artist Bruce Asbestos. Thank you Mr Bunting for leading this project. Well done to **Brian, Leo, Keerat, Zdenek, Gabriela, Aliza, Feza, Inaayah, Amina, Azaan, Elizabella, Aliza, Ibrahim, Abdulhadi** and **Julia** for being selected as Art Ambassadors.



Each year School Council are voted for by their peers to represent their class. The successful candidates have already got stuck into their roles and have lots of exciting ideas planned for the year. We look forward to seeing what **Zheng, Haneen, Eileen, Tohirah, Sophie, Ashneet, Keita, Marc, Julia, Ibrahim** and **Annaya** will be up to next!

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
Amaya, Keerat, Ella-Rose	Ayush, Nikola, Patricija	Marek H, Oliwia, Feza	Kira, Kayce-Lea, Nabeel
Ladislav, Shaila, Abish	Alex, Shayaan, Kornelija	Keita, Glorija, Nikhil	Maja R, Annaya, Muizz
Liliana, Martin, Kaeynat	Dolars, Amelie, Sarah	Myah, Julia, Andrej	Raima, Maya K, Huzaifa

Mr Sharp's Update

What a first half term it has been! I am incredibly proud of the school, its pupils and staff.



Reading the Newsletter has reminded me how much we have to be proud of. You should be proud that your child comes to a school where 100% of parents say their child is happy and feels safe in school!

I would also like to give a special shout out to our primary Parliament Representatives, Girls' Football Team and the Art Ambassadors. These pupils have been great role models for our school and have enhanced the reputation of our school!

I wish all our families a great break and I look forward to seeing our children continuing to make you proud after the holiday.

Dates for Autumn Term 2 2022-2023

31.10.22	Start of Autumn Term 2
31.10.22	Year Group Parent Information Meetings (dates tbc)
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
14.11.22	Anti-bullying and Road Safety Week
13.12.22	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
15.12.22	Recognition Assemblies
16.12.22	Recognition Assemblies
19.12.22	Year 3 Nativity Performance
20.12.22	Year 3 Nativity Performances
22.12.22	End of Autumn Term 2



Dates for the Future

09.01.23	Start of Spring Term 1
16.02.23	Recognition Assemblies
17.02.23	Recognition Assemblies
17.02.23	End of Spring Term 1
27.01.23	Start of Spring Term 2
30.03.23	End of Spring Term 2 for pupils
31.03.23	INSET – School closed for pupils
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

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