

Pear Tree Community Junior School

December 2022 – Issue 5

Dear Parents / Carers

We have finally reached the last week of Autumn 2 and what a brilliant term it has been. All the children across school have worked very hard with their learning and the teachers have been very pleased with their progress. I particularly enjoyed the year 3 Nativity – what a special group of performers we have in school!

Thank you to those parents who attended Recognition assemblies – we are very proud of all the children who have earned their Pear Tree badges this term.

I hope you all have a fantastic winter break and I look forward to seeing you all again on the 9th January 2023.

Miss Bounds (Head of School)



Nut-Free School

Thank you very much for helping us keep our school nut free!

Please continue to send chocolate or sweets for a child's birthday to the school office so they can check for nut products and gelatine.



With your support we continue to make our school a safe place for children.

Derby City Council have a new online hub to help people with the cost of living. DCC has partnered with Community Action Derby, and Derby Homes to create an online hub with advice and support about dealing with the cost of living.

A phone number has also been launched, to support those who would like to access free advice.

You can call **01332 346266** Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 4pm to speak to a member of the Community Action Derby team.

Dress as your Dream Day

On Friday 13th January children will be asked to 'Dress up as your Dream Job' to celebrate Aiming High term!



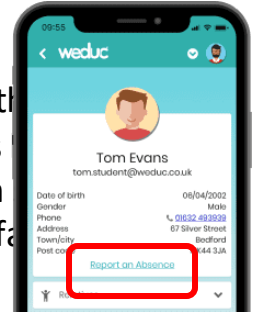
Attendance

Uniform is looking great – well done! As the weather is getting colder wetter, please make sure your child has a warm coat and practical shoes. Hats, gloves and scarves would also be useful. Wrapping up warm will help children stay well.



Reporting illness

Year 3 parents/carers - Please use the Weduc app to report your child as absent to help ease the burden on staff who are currently having to contact a large number of families on a daily basis.



Years 4, 5 and 6 – It is really important that you call the office to tell us why any children are not in **by 9 am**, this is to avoid parents receiving a call or home visit to confirm what has happened. Even if you feel you need a translator, you must call through to let us know if your child will not be in school.

Keeping well and coming in

It is really important for children to build up their immunity to illnesses over the winter months. Please follow all NHS guidelines and watch out for symptoms of Strep A and Scarlet fever, but also be aware of what your child's attendance is and how many times your child has had off. One of the main reasons for absence is high temperature. Please follow the following NHS guidance to help support your child if they have a high temperature:

Do

- ✓ give them plenty of fluids
- ✓ look out for [signs of dehydration](#)
- ✓ give them food if they want it
- ✓ check on your child regularly during the night
- ✓ keep them at home
- ✓ give them either [paracetamol](#) or [ibuprofen](#) if they're distressed or unwell – check the packaging or leaflet to make sure the medicine is suitable for your child, or speak to a pharmacist or doctor if you're not sure
- ✓ get medical advice if you're worried about your child
- ✓ try to keep your child at home and avoid contact with other people until they do not have a high temperature

Don't

- ✗ do not undress your child or sponge them down to cool them, a high temperature is a natural and healthy response to infection
- ✗ do not cover them up in too many clothes or bedclothes
- ✗ do not give aspirin to children under 16 years of age
- ✗ do not combine ibuprofen and paracetamol, unless it has been recommended by a doctor
- ✗ do not give paracetamol to a child under 2 months
- ✗ do not give ibuprofen to a child under 3 months or under 5kg
- ✗ do not give ibuprofen to children with asthma or chickenpox, unless it has been recommended by a doctor

Be on time, it's 10 to 9!

WATCH THIS SPACE

We look forward to sharing with you a new reward system for attendance and punctuality from January 2023..... details will follow in the new year!

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 **Transform Trust** who completed a **Partnership Review** on the school. They found that the school was working very well and that 'staff and pupils continue to grow and flourish'. Well done!



The **Choir** went to sing at Transform Winter Festival this week. They did a brilliant job and have been practising hard for weeks! Well done to **Martin, Denisa, Sebastian, Zheng, Ella-Rose** and **Sorin** in year 3; **Sofia, Dylan, Lunar, Alesia, Yousuf K, Sienna** and **Samuel** in year 4; **Charlotte, Marc, Lynda, Adiya, Aaliyah** and **Steisi** in year 5 and **Kira, Maria, Maja R, Bryan S, Dominika** and **Yousaf A** in year 6.

Year 5 represented the school brilliantly on their trip to the **National Space Centre** and the children had a fantastic time. Thank you for organising this, year 5!



Well done **Year 3** for their fantastic **Nativity performances!** The rest of the school enjoyed watching and thank you to all the parents who attended to support their children.



Our **gold badge** winners are nominated by the year group for going above and beyond every day. A huge congratulations to **Layton Andrews, Kaeynat Ziaei, Ahmed Ali Sharif** and **Keita Kluce**.

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
Hyadar, Lily-Rose, Victoria	Arwaa, Zeeshan, Normunds	Ashneet, Sandrino, Ismail	Ahmed Ali, Armaan, Hadia
Emir, Armaan, Ivana	Omar, Rayan, Lunar	Ela, Eiliyah, Adiya	David S, Prabhnoor, Ayat
Azka, Rose, Leo	Ayaan N, Momina, Sienna	Aliza, Oscar, Charlotte	Ibrahim A, Inaya B, Zayan

Mr Sharp's Update

We are coming towards the end of another year. At this time it is good to reflect and see what we may be remembered for in years to come...

2022 will be remembered as the year...

- The Queen died after 70 years on the throne
- We had 3 Prime Ministers – with Liz Truss lasting only 7 weeks
- Messi finally won the world cup for Argentina



In school, we have seen our own changes where we said goodbye to some very special and longstanding members of staff and the community. These included Mr Miah, Mrs Struthers, Mr 'Paul' Cullen and the 'very old' Mr Leek!

Facing changes and living through major events help us to learn, and shape who we are and who we become... I hope our children reflect on what they have done well this year and how they can be even better next year.

I wish you all a fantastic break and a Happy Christmas to all our families who are celebrating. I look forward to seeing you all back in January, when more history and more memories will be made!



Dates for Spring Term 1 2022-2023

22.12.22	End of Autumn Term 2
09.01.23	Start of Spring Term 1
12.01.23	Swimming starts for Dovedale
13.01.23	Year 4 Egyptian Day
16.02.23	Recognition Assemblies
17.02.23	Recognition Assemblies
17.02.23	End of Spring Term 1



Dates for the Future

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



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!



Care in our Community



There are lots of services you can access if you need extra support this winter. Please have a look at this page to see what is available.



Warm Welcome Wednesdays @Moorways Sports Village

10:30- 14:30 – Free tea and Coffee
1:00 Free Hot Lunch

Family Afterschool Club
16:00- 18:00- Free Soft Play
Free tea, coffee and squash
17:30 Free Hot Meal for the Family

**Call 01332 414310 for
more details
or to pre book meals**



Derby City Mission Community Café

@Charnwood Street
10-12pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays

**Support with the
Cost of Living**
01332 346266
Monday – Friday
9:30 – 4:30pm
**Community Action
Derby**



Holiday Activity and Food in Derby

Community One is running a HAF programme from 2nd-5th January.

The programme provides free activities and food for the local community. We would like to encourage as many of our families to make the most of this. Please sign up online or visit the Pakistani Centre for further support.



FREE FREE

3D PROJECT
BODY * MIND * CHARACTER

HALAL

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME

2ND - 5TH JANUARY

10:30AM - 2:30PM

HOT FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL CHILDREN
PAKISTAN COMMUNITY CENTRE | DERBY | DE23 8PB

REGISTER NOW via your School or Call Us on 01332 891444
or Email Us info@communityone.org.uk

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It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.



Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Skips

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Keeping children safe online

www.skipssafetynet.org

We wish all our Children,
Parents and Community a

**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY HEALTHY 2023**

