

Pear Tree Community Junior School

January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

What a great start to 2022! The children have been accessing some fantastic learning opportunities right across the school. You will also have see the recent publication of our OFSTED report which confirmed that we are a 'GOOD' school. I am also really pleased to say the Derby Telegraph ran a article titled 'Amazing Turnaround' in yesterdays news. As I have mentioned before, this has only been achieved due to the commitment and dedication of staff and children.

Mr Sharp

Allenton Community Primary School

At the end of last term we explained that following a sudden and short illness, Mr Fordham, the Headteacher of Allenton Community Primary School sadly died.

To help the school through this difficult time, Mr Sharp was asked to provide leadership support. Following the Christmas Break, this arrangement was confirmed. Mr Sharp will continue to support Allenton and has become Executive Headteacher across the two schools. This means he will split his week between both Pear Tree and Allenton.

For the rest of this academic year there will changes to the our senior leadership team:

Miss Bounds will now be **Head of School**

Mrs Badwal and Mr Miah will be **Deputy Heads of school**

I know parents/carers will be supportive of these changes and continue to offer the school their full support.

Covid Update

I would like to thank parents for their support in helping to reduce the number of covid cases in school and around the local community.

Daily testing by children and adults when they have a close contact helps reduce the spread.
The best place for your child is in school!

Although the Government guidance changed regarding masks, staff will continue to wear theirs in school and when in crowed outdoor spaces..

Digital Learning

We have just received the last delivery of iPads to school.

This now means that every child in school will be able to benefit from using a digital device to support their learning in school.

This is a great achievement and not many other schools are able to offer this amazing opportunity.

School Clubs – start next week 7/2/22

We are happy to announce that school clubs will begin week commencing 7th February. Thank you for your patience, we wanted to be sure that we could run them without cancelling due to covid restrictions. Letters for school clubs have been sent out along with this newsletter.

Please make sure you return them to the school office by Thursday 3rd February. Places at the clubs are limited so we will allocate them on a first come first served basis. If your child is allocated a space, please make sure they attend every week and they are collected on time. Your child's place may be offered to a child on the waiting list if they fail to attend repeatedly.

We will do our best to keep all clubs running but please be aware we may need to stop running clubs should we need to increase restriction due to cases of coronavirus in school.

Reflection Day – 28th January 2022

This term we have been focussing on the Superhero Power of Reflection. We have learned about:

- The Roman God of doorways Janus
- Discussed New Year Resolutions
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Martin Luther King's impact on the world.

On Friday we had a full day of reflection which ended with us opening our new 'Forget me Not Garden.. This garden was opened in tribute to Sal Kaur. The midday supervisor, who worked at Pear Tree Community Junior School for 17 years. Sal sadly died a year ago last Saturday. We were delighted to welcome Sal's children to show them the space that has been created and inspired by the memory of Sal.



Sal's Son and Daughter came to officially open our 'Forget Me Not' Garden in honour of their mum.



Office Updates

Dinner Money

Dinners cost £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week.

Payment should be made in advance, please send the money into school before your child has a meal.

After February half term we will be implementing a new system that will allow parents to pay for their child's dinner online. This will be as well as taking cash payment through the school office. Further details will follow.

Please speak with Mrs Ozmen or Ms Lenka if you have any difficulty making payment

Parent Contact details

Please make sure that we have your latest contact details as it is vitally important that we can contact you during the day.

Please can you also make sure we have up to date records for who will be collecting your child. We will not let children go with anyone we do not have permission for.

WEDUC APP

To develop our office communication to parents we are introducing a new app called WEDUC. The WEDUC app will give up-to-date information from the school office. This will give you instant access to

- Newsfeed / newsletters
- School Calendar / activities and events
- Absence reporting
- Authorising documents
- Dinner money payment

Class Teachers will continue to use MarvellousMe to share great news about learning and behaviour.

Absence Reporting

Can we please remind parents to contact the school before 9.am to report a child's absence. The Attendance officer WILL visit the home if we haven't received anything by this time

Dates for the Diary 2022

Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 18 th February:	Last day of spring half term
Monday 28 th February	Children return to school
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 25 th April	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 26 th April	Children return to school
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday – school Closed
Friday 27 th May	Last day of summer half term
Monday 6 th June	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of summer term