

Dear Parents / Carers

As Christmas approaches, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been another challenging year. Thank you for all your help and support. It has really helped that you have been supportive of all changes we have had to make.

Despite the changes and the challenges we have faced the children have continued to make us proud each and everyday. I am thrilled to say they have really shown their 'Superhero Powers'.

**Perseverance** The children have continued to attend school and have never used the pandemic as an excuse to miss learning .

*You can help your child by supporting them to be at school each and every day.*

**Enquiry** The children have remained curious and always strive to know more.

*You can help your child by asking questions about what they are learning in school.*

**Aiming High** The children have continued to try their best and dream big for the future.

*You can help your child by encouraging your child to work hard at school.*

**Reflection** The children reflect on their learning and behaviour and try to learn from their mistakes.

*You can support your child by helping them accept responsibility for their actions.*

**Teamwork** The children have worked together and supported each other in work and play.

*You can help your child by encouraging them to help others.*

After Christmas we will be focussing on the Superhero Power of Reflection. Further information on page 2.

I would like to close by wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Mr Sharp



## Covid Update

With rising coronavirus cases being reported and confirmed all over the country, we do not know what restrictions the Government will put in place on our return in January , what we do know is the Government would like to keep all schools open. The best place for children's learning is the classroom!

We will be keeping up to date with the latest guidance and will contact you if anything changes. Please make sure we have your up to date contact details, text message and Marvellous Me is still the quickest way for us to share information.

Please continue to follow government guidelines, including wearing a mask and testing daily if you are a close contact of a positive case.

## Allenton Community Primary School

At the end of last week, following a sudden and short illness, Mr Fordham, the Headteacher of Allenton Community Primary School sadly died. It has come as a great shock to everyone who knew him. I am sure you will join me in sending our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and whole school community.

To help the school through this difficult time, Mr Sharp has been asked to provide leadership support. This will mean he will not be in Pear Tree everyday. After Christmas, we will confirm further details. I am sure you will agree that we should offer whatever support is needed to help the community to come to terms with this devastating loss.

## Pear Tree Super Hero – Reflection

The theme for next half term will be reflection.

Over the weeks children will learn about 'reflection' what it means and how they can demonstrate this power.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January we will have a 'Reflection Day'. As part of this day we will remember and pay tribute to Sal Kaur. Sal, was a member of Pear Tree school community for 17 years, she sadly died last January.

Further details about the activities that will be held on this day will follow on our return in the new year.

## Christmas Activities and Parties

We have been having lots of fun over the past week in our year groups and classes. However, the fun does not stop there. On Monday and Tuesday there will be much for the children to enjoy, including:

A visit from Santa who will be delivering presents

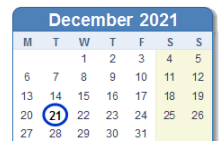
Year 3 Nativity production

Childrens Christmas Parties (PIZZA!!!)

Children can come in party clothes on Tuesday so they can celebrate in style

**Children need be in school to enjoy these activities.**

Don't Forget as shared in our previous newsletters the children's last day in school is **Tuesday 21st December**



December 2021						
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Tuesday 21st Dec 2021

## School Clubs

The children have really enjoyed the after school clubs that have been available over the past term.

We hope to be offering Rise and Shine and Targeted Enrichment Clubs in the Spring Term.

A letter will be sent out at the start of the Spring Term for your child to select which clubs they would like to attend.

*Please note that Covid-19 restrictions may limit the clubs we are able to offer*

## OFSTED Inspection and Report

As you are aware the school was inspected by OFSTED on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November. The report is due to arrive in school at the start of the Spring Term.

As soon, as the report is sent to us, we can share it with parents. We cannot wait for you to read the report. We know you will be proud of your children and your child's school.

Our year 4 children visited the Quad in Derby as part of their learning on the evolution of film. We received an email from the staff at the Quad who said *"What a lovely, well-mannered group you brought over today! They were a delight to have in! So a big thank you from us at QUAD"*

*We are very proud of the way Year 4 children represented our school, WELL DONE!*



### Ready For school

Attendance – please make sure you child is in school, on time each and every day

Uniform – It is important that your child is in the correct uniform, including plain black shoes and plain black trousers, leggings or jogging bottoms.



Blue  
Sweatshirt



Black Jogging  
Bottoms or leggings



White T-Shirt/  
Polo Shirt



Black trainers

PE kit - This should also be a plain white t-shirt, plain black jogging bottoms/legging and plain black trainers.

Learning – Your child should be reading at home every night and remembering to complete their homework in their jigsaw book.

### Dates for the Diary 2021-22



**Tuesday 21st December:** End of Autumn term 2 - half term  
(Break up for the Christmas Holidays)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** Children return for the start of the Spring Term

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** Reflection Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** End of Spring 1<sup>st</sup> half term

