

# September 2019 – Welcome Back



Welcome back to a new exciting school year! I hope you all had an exciting and enjoyable summer break. We have had a really busy start to the school year including welcoming all our new children into year 3. We hope that they have a wonderful learning experience with us here at Pear Tree.

All the children have settled back well and are enjoying life in their new classes. It is a pleasure to walk into classrooms and see children showing respect to themselves, their classmates and their teachers.

As ever there will be lots going on in school this term; staff have been working hard planning the curriculum with exciting lessons as well as trips and visits that will enrich their learning. I know the children will work hard and you will quickly see progress. Please continue to support your child in their learning and their behaviour- you can have a great effect on their achievements - and we and more importantly your child, appreciate your help.

I am really looking forward to the next few months I know we are going to have a great year.

Andrew Sharp (Headteacher)

## Year Group Assemblies

This year we will continue to build strong relationships with our pupils and their parents. We look forward to involving you in your child's learning journey as we recognise that parents are the key educators in their child's life. The link between parents and teachers working together ensures a child makes great progress.

To begin this year, we are inviting you to a year group assembly where you will find out everything you need to know about your child's class and year group. The assemblies will take place on the following days and times:

Year 4:	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September at 2.45pm
Year 6:	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm
Year 3:	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm
Year 5:	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm



## Parent Open Days

On the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October, year groups will host open days where you will be able to come in and discuss your child's learning with their class teacher. Your child will also come along and be able to share what they have been learning about, what they have achieved so far and what they would like to be better at. Appointments will be available before, during and after the school day. Look out for further information nearer the time.

## Reading at Home

At the beginning of each year all children are given a Home School Learning Log. This diary contains lots of key information that many parents often ask us about. The diary will share with you the things your child is learning, home learning tasks and serve as a reminder of things that will be happening in school.

The key element of this diary is keeping a clear record of the books that your child is reading. Please listen to them every day and record this within the log. Look through this learning log with your child and talk about the things that we are sharing with you.



## Attendance – Every Day Counts

'Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day' is our new school attendance motto.



Last year our whole school attendance was below the national average. We will do whatever we can to make sure children are in school learning. Coming to school every day and on time is the key to your child accessing learning and being able to achieve their best.

As a school, we want to be above 96% across the academic year. It is vital that school and families work together to achieve this outcome.

**Punctuality!** At Pear Tree we expect every child to be ready for a prompt start to learning, doors open at 8:50am. Any child arriving after 9:05am will be marked as late and have this recorded as such on the official register.

**Absence:** If your child is absent from school you must contact us on the first day of absence. We can only authorise absence from school on the basis of genuine illness, a religious holiday or exceptional family circumstances (agreed with the Head Teacher beforehand). Any other absence will be recorded as unauthorised, this may trigger a referral to the Education Welfare Service

Due to safeguarding requirements, there are clear procedures for children who have unexplained absences from school. If your child is not going to be in school, you must report this absence before 9am. If we have not heard from you by 9.15am and therefore not had a reason for absence, we will call or conduct a home visit. If we are unable to get a response, then we will report it to the police as your child will then be considered a 'missing child'. This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

## Key Dates – Bulletin

### **Sept:**

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Our Future Derby Visit Year 6 (children to be confirmed)

### **Oct:**

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> School Closed Inset Training Day
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Book Bus visiting School Whole School
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Superhero Day Whole School
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Parent open day Year 4
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent open day Year 6
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent open day Year 3
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Parent open day Year 5
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Recognition assembly Year 3 & 6
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Recognition assembly Year 4 & 5
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### **Nov:**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

**Further information on all the events noted above will be sent out nearer the time.**

