



## Update November 2019

### Refurbishments

We are very happy to confirm the office and reception refurbishment is now complete. This will provide a welcoming environment for both parents and visitors. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the building process



Our next development is to improve playtime provision with playground equipment. Children and staff are being consulted on their preferences, hopefully this work will be completed by the Spring Term.

### Parent Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who attended our parent meetings at the end of last term. It is vital that you continue to take an interest and support your child's learning



### Perseverance Week

Last week saw children across the school take part in a range of challenges to develop their perseverance. This included working with children from different classes and year groups. A great time was had by all!

### Successes

So far this year we have been subject to 2 school reviews, one by Transform Trust and one Pupil Premium review

Transform Trust were very complimentary particularly about the quality of teaching they saw.

The Pupil Premium review was really positive about the equal opportunities that we provide for all our children across the school. We were very happy with their responses, it shows the school is making great progress.

*'The school continually strives to support all children'*



### Remembrance Day 11/11/19

The children learned about Remembrance Day and looked at a Soldier's Tale from World War 1. At 11 o'clock they showed their respect by observing a 2 minute silence.



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## Libraries

Both the school libraries have now been updated with a range of new books. They have all been entered onto our library system so are now available to be loaned out to the children. They have shown their excitement at the choices that are now available for them!

Please make sure your child looks after the books and returns them to school when they have finished. A big thank you to Mrs Bethell and Mrs Warrilow who worked tirelessly to order the books and get the library ready.

## Advisory Board

As part of the Governing Body the advisory board are asked to work on the engagement of all stakeholders.

After meeting at the end of Autumn 1 the Advisory Board are focussing on gaining the opinions of staff, children and parents' understanding and opinions on homework.

Look out for information from them soon.



## Christmas at Pear Tree

As the festive season draws near we begin to think about how we will celebrate!

This year, to get you into the Christmas spirit, each year group will be hosting a small festive fair where they will sell Christmas items they have made and warm you with drinks and snacks. Look out for the date and time of your child's event.

On Friday 13th December we will be hosting our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. On this day, as well as enjoying our Festive Feast, children are invited to wear a Festive Jumper and make a small donation to Save the Children.

Further information will be sent home over the next few weeks.



## Visitor comment

Following a visit from Claire Lightfoot (associate lecturer at the University of Derby) she sent us the following on an e-mail:



***'Just a quick note to say thank you for such a warm welcome today. I don't often walk into a school and get an instant positive feeling - I did today.'***