



# APRIL 2018 REVIEW

*With trust and care we will grow and flourish*

Dear Parent / Carers

I cannot believe that we only have 12 weeks left of this year! I have had a great first 8 months at Pear Tree and look forward to continuing my support in moving the school forward over the next coming weeks, months and years.

The Governors and I have been pleased with the progress that has been made. Last week we had a visit from an Education Advisor who spent time in every class; she could really see the improvements that had been made. We will continue to work hard to make us the school this community deserves. We are currently drawing up plans to see how we can improve the playgrounds and the front of school. I hope that we will have something to share with you before the summer holidays.

We are going to have an exciting last 12 weeks including; celebrating the Royal Wedding with the infant school, going on school trips, competing in sporting events and hosting sports days. It promises to be a great time at Pear Tree.

Last week we sent out the parent questionnaire, please do take the time to complete it and return it to the school office. We really do value your opinion.

Best wishes

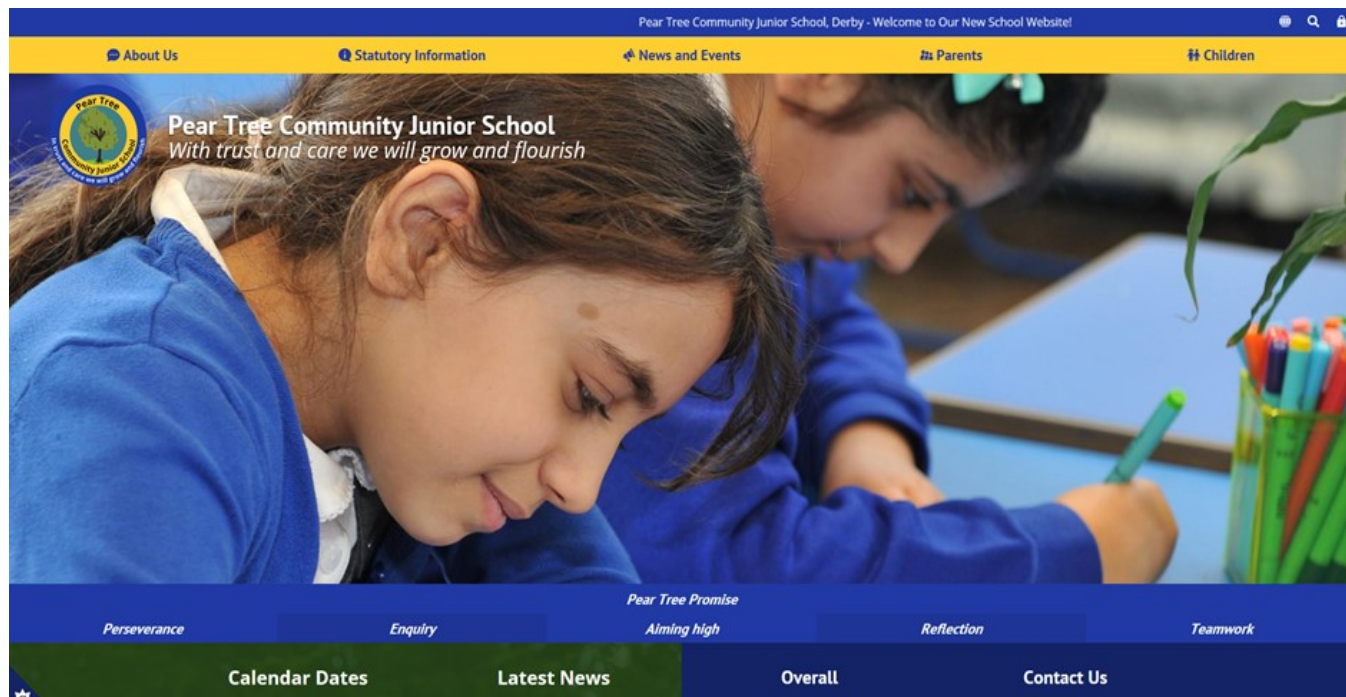
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## Website

This week will see our new school website go live. We are pleased with how it looks, we really hope that you will find it useful. As well as sharing statutory information, the website will have key dates, share latest news, have useful links and share children's learning through our class pages.

As soon as it goes live we will send a text with the web address.

Happy browsing!



## Sun Safety



Hopefully the weather will improve and get a lot warmer. During spells of good weather your child may need to be protected from the sun. To avoid sunburn and discomfort from hay fever could you please ensure that sun cream and medication is taken in the morning before your child comes into school. You may want to send them in with labelled sun cream which they can apply themselves, (Nivea do a roll on which is easy for children to apply). They may also need to bring a hat as lunchtimes will be spent on the school field.

Can we also ask that footwear is suitable for school, i.e. avoid strappy sandals which do not fasten to the foot, also please avoid sandals with heels. (See pictures for guidelines) Many thanks for your support in this.



## Attendance

Currently the school attendance from Sept is at 95.28% this is below our target of 96%. It would be great if over the next 12 weeks we get as many children as possible in school every day.

In your child's school report you will receive a registration certificate that will show their attendance percentage. Will your child be in school as often as their friends?

Rewards will be given to pupils who have perfect or great attendance. However, The main reward for good attendance will be the progress your child makes, as there are clear links between excellent attendance and children's attainment.

## Competition Time!

As part of our change to a new school we would like to update our school logo. The new logo will incorporate our new motto: *With trust and care we will grow and flourish*

We would like children to design a new centre to our badge. The new design can be a different or new Pear Tree or anything else that makes the children think of Pear Tree Community Junior School.

The governors will choose a winning entry (or entries) which will be sent to a graphic designer to create our new logo.



## Year 3

The children in year 3 have been learning about money. They have been adding and subtracting different amounts of money. We spent our money in shops within our classrooms.

In Year 3, we have a pot of caterpillars. We have been watching how they grow and change. What will our caterpillars do next?

We have also set up an experiment to see if a plant can grow through a maze. We have been monitoring this regularly. Do you think a plant can grow through a maze?

As part of our learning about plants and animals including humans, we have been learning about the different types of skeletons and the role of the human skeleton. We identified where we have bones in our body.



## Year 4

This half term we have become scientists and are investigating sounds, electricity and states of matter. So far we have made our own pan pipes and investigated how sound travels through string cups. Mars have already performed their class assembly on states of matter and Jupiter will be performing theirs at the end of this half term to show what they have learnt about sound.

## Year 5

On Tuesday the 17th April, Year 5 children visited Adventure Farm in Burton-On-Trent. Both the children and staff had a fantastic time! The children enjoyed feeding the animals and enjoyed the slides and the bouncy pillow!

Many thanks to all the staff making it possible for the children to have such a great day. Many visitors to the farm commented on how well the children behaved. Well done Year 5 –we are all proud of you.



**Year 6**

30 Year 6 pupils went on a trip to Pride Park to participate in a session on perseverance.

As expected the behaviour of our children was impeccable, they had a great time and even got to sit in the dugout! The children rose to the challenges that were set for them and did their best. We hope they take these attributes with them during SATS

week in particular!

All children in Year 6 were given a SATS survival guide which provides advice on how to prepare during the last couple of weeks in the build up to the SATS!

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact any member of staff from the Y6 team.



**Key Dates for Parents**

Monday 7th May – **Bank Holiday—School Closed**

Monday 14th —Thursday 17th May - KS2 SATS (year 6 only)

Friday 18th May—Junior & Infant 'Royal Wedding Celebration'

*Children to come dressed as royalty (Kings / Queens etc) or dressed for a wedding.  
More details to follow*

Friday 25th May - **Break Up—May Half Term**

Monday 4th June - **Children Back to School**

Friday 13th July— Pupil reports sent to parents

Wednesday 25th July—**Break Up—Summer Holiday**

**MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER—CHILDREN BACK AT SCHOOL FOR THE AUTUMN TERM.**

All dates for the next academic year will be available on the school website