

PEAR TREE COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL

With trust and care we will grow and flourish



DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another great month with lots happening, including the start of the festive season. Our classrooms have been made more festive this week and the Year 3 children have been busy practising their Christmas concert.

All children really enjoyed the Christmas Lunch and so did the staff!



Look at the size of that dinner Mr Miah!



2 Yorkshire puddings Mrs Mayat?



No pudding until your plate is clean Mrs Batsford!

Welcome

After a successful round of recruitment we are pleased to announce that Mrs Natalie Bethell will be joining Pear Tree Community Junior School staff as the Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Bethell is currently Assistant Head Teacher at Chaddesden Park Primary but previously worked locally at Arboretum. She was keen to return to this area so we are delighted to have her starting with us in January.



Children In Need 'Spotacular'

Thanks to all pupils, parents and staff for supporting our Children In Need Day on Friday 17th November. We had a great day and children really enjoyed getting all 'Spotacular'! We raised a total across the day of: **£257.95** which is a super amount to be proud of!

A big thank you goes to Mrs Burdis for organising!

Mrs Badwal

As you are probably aware Mrs Badwal is expecting a baby and will be finishing on Tuesday 19th December (unless the baby arrives sooner) to start her maternity leave. I am sure like us, you want to wish her all the best. We hope to hear good news soon!

Fizzy Drinks & Sweets

Please can I remind children and parents that sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school lunch boxes.

Healthy snacks such as fruit and water should be encouraged. School provides a piece of fruit to every child daily and fresh water is readily available.

Uniform

Please can you make sure your children are not wearing jewellery to school. Only stud earrings are allowed as other types pose a health and safety hazard this is particularly true when children are at play or in PE

It is great to see our children consistently wearing uniform. Please can you make sure they wear black shoes or trainers.

School Council and Transform Children's Parliament

This term school council have enjoyed meeting up fortnightly, representing their classes and discussing what's working well and what needs to be improved in school. They have also helped with interviews, organised a assembly for anti bullying week and have created a school promise that will be launched across school next term!



The first children's parliament took place at the Transform Offices this term. Our school was represented by Gauri (Yr 6) and Seher (Yr 5)

The parliament discussed school life, tasks they can help with and future events. Please see the school council board (near reception) for the latest minutes.



Scholastic Book Fair

A big thank you to all who attended the book fair and purchased books. Reading really is key to children making good progress. The school has raised £370.53 which will be used to buy new books for our refurbished library—look out for our January Newsletter for further details.

Key Dates for Parents

- Tuesday 3rd January 2018— INSET Day School closed
- Wednesday 4th January - School reopens for spring term 1
- Tuesday 13th February—Parents evening
- Wednesday 14th February—Parents evening
- Friday 16th February—Last day of half term
- Monday 26th February—INSET Day School closed
- Tuesday 27th February—school reopens for spring term 2