

# PEAR TREE COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL

*With trust and care we will grow and flourish*



## NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a great half term and enjoyed the nice autumn weather. It was great to see the children back this week and again applying themselves in the classroom and in their learning. It really is important that you encourage your child to work hard and try their best each and every day. As they say 'the more you put in ... the more you get out!'

I am now into my second half term at Pear Tree Community Junior and I am really enjoying being part of such an amazing community. I look forward to getting to know you and your children better over the course of the next few weeks, months and years.

As we head towards Christmas there will be some festive activities taking place, please make sure you are aware of all the dates and times so that you or your child do not miss out. There will be a letter coming out later in the month with all the specific details.

Andrew Sharp



### Children In Need

#### Children In need 'Spotacular' Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

To celebrate this year's **Spotacular** Children in Need 2017 campaign, children are invited to dress up in spots instead of uniform.

We will also be having a number of different activities that children can take part in throughout the day.

**Tea and toast** - Year 3 / 4 to be held in the lunch hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 8.15 am - 8.45 am.  
- Year 5 / 6 to be held in the lunch hall on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 8.15 am – 8.45 am.

Come on in and enjoy having breakfast with your child.....we look forward to seeing you!

#### Face Paints

Children who want to can have spots painted onto their faces – ***Please let your child's class teacher know if you do not wish for your child to have spots painted on their face.***

#### Biscuits stall

All children will be given a biscuit at break time.

#### Teddy Bear's Picnic (Further details including the date will be sent out early next week)

children can bring a teddy bear and a packed lunch with them. Children that are entitled to free school meals could choose to have a packed lunch instead of a hot meal.

#### Fun Run

All children will be taking part in a 'fun run afternoon' around the school site.

All the above activities are free, however we would ask parents to send children into school with a donation for Children in Need. Money collected is used to support projects around the UK working to make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged children who need it most.

## Attendance

Last half term our attendance was 96% across the school, this is still below national averages. Our aim is to reach 97%. Please make sure you send your child each and everyday! Children who had 100% attendance have been rewarded with a certificate and an item of stationery. There were around 170 children across the school! Well done everyone.

### School Photos

Individual School photos are taking place on Tuesday 21st November.

If you wish your child's photo to include a younger / older brother or sister not at Pear Tree Juniors then please arrive in school for 8.15 am



### Uniform

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

The office have a range of uniform in stock for purchase, this includes PE kit and school bags

### Year 6

As part of our English work, we have been studying a book called Skellig (a must read by the way!) In order to enrich our learning, get a real life experience and to enhance our understanding of the text, Year 6 had a fantastic hands on experience with a range of owls. All the children were given the opportunity to hold the owls and watch some of their tricks. It was so exciting that even Mr Sharp couldn't resist!



### Year 5 Carsington Water Trip

The three year 5 classes visited Carsington Water as part of their topic. The children had a great time! The trip was very successful and for once the sun was shining!!



A big thank you to all those parents who attended parents' evening last half term. The children will benefit greatly from you being involved in their learning!



### Key Dates for Parents

- Friday 17th November - Children in Need
- Tuesday 21st November - School Photographs—sibling groups from 8.15am
- Thursday 7th December—School Christmas Dinner**
- Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Winter Fair
- Tuesday 19th December - Children break up from School
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017— INSET Day School closed
- Wednesday 4th January - School reopens for spring term**