

PEAR TREE COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL

With trust and care we will grow and flourish



OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

Its been a very busy start to the Autumn Term at Pear Tree and it has been fantastic to see children enthused in coming to school and being motivated to learn and make progress. A big thank you to you all for making sure pupils are in school on time and in uniform.

Another big thank you! It has been great to see so many parents involved in school life and supporting your child by attending the welcome meetings, the year 6 meeting and parents' evenings. The best way for your children to achieve is for us to work together.

After half term there will be the opportunity to nominate yourself to be a parent governor. Please look out for the letters and come and speak to the office if you have any queries.

Andrew Sharp

Trips

This half term, children across the school have had the opportunity to take part in trips and visits.

Year 6 have been looking at what makes Derby a great place to live. As part of the topic we had a fantastic trip to Markeaton Park. The children went on woodland walks, fed the ducks, explored the beautiful gardens and had a great time on the adventure playground. Even though the weather was wet, that didn't stop us from having a memorable experience!



30 children from year 6 were selected to go on a trip to Toyota. The children had a fantastic time learning about engineering, teamwork, time-management and the importance of working hard at school to enter into the world of engineering. They got a tour of the site, built their own car, had lunch with engineers at Toyota as well as enjoying some delicious refreshments! The children were all presented with a goodie bag, lego set and certificate. They represented the school brilliantly and beat the record time for building a Toyota style lego car! I'm sure it was an experience that the children will never forget!

Year 5 are going to Carsington Water on Thursday which promises to be a great day.

Year 4 have been on a local area walk linking with their topic and Religious Education.

Year 3 had a great day out to Cadbury's World building on the work that they completed about Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

Attendance

EVERYDAY COUNTS ...

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 are aiming to be above 97% 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. Should your child arrive after 9:05am, their name will be recorded and a late pass will be given to them so we can make sure they are recorded on the official register.

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 which can lead to referral to the Education Welfare Service

Absence

If your child is absent from school you must please contact us on the first day of absence. We are rigorous in communicating with you when your child is absent. It is our duty as a school to follow Safeguarding procedures and we know the importance of your child being in school every day. If we do not have a reason for absence Mrs Burdis (Learning Mentor) will conduct a home visit.

Please make sure you let us know if your child is not in school.

Reading Diaries

Reading Diaries have been ordered and will be sent home with children after half term.

Your child should have their diary with them everyday. It will be a way for us to communicate with you as well as sharing the child's reading at home.

We're sure you'll love them!

School Meals

School meals must be paid for in advance. Parents will be contacted on the first day if the meal has not been paid for. Any child who has more than 3 meal costs outstanding will not receive a meal from the school kitchen. Parents will be asked to bring in a packed lunch from home. A child will be given toast or a sandwich in the event parents do not provide a lunch. The cost will be passed on to parents. More details can be obtained from the school office.

Key Dates for Parents

Friday 20th October – Children break up from School

Monday 30th October - Return to school

Friday 17th November - Children in Need (more details in the November newsletter)

Tuesday 21st November - School Photographs

Thursday 7th December - 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

