

# PEAR TREE JUNIOR SCHOOL

*With trust and care we will grow and flourish*



## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new school Year. I hope you have all had a thoroughly enjoyable Summer Holiday!

I am delighted to now be in post as the new Head Teacher of Pear Tree Junior School. I am looking forward to supporting the school to move forward alongside Transform Trust. I want Pear Tree to be a great school. I want children stating with Pride 'I go to Pear Tree Junior' and proud to wear the uniform.

As ever there will be lots going on in school this term; staff have been working hard to get the school ready to welcome pupils and plan exciting lessons that will enrich their learning. I know the children will also work hard and you will quickly see progress.

Please support your child in their learning - you can have a great effect on their achievements - and we, and more importantly your child, appreciate your help.

**From tomorrow morning the children will not line up with the teacher the doors will open at 8.50am and the children will make their own way to their classroom.**

I look forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks, months and years.

Andrew Sharp

### Working together with Parents...

This year we will continue to aim to build great relationships with pupils and parents and involve you in your child's learning journey. We know that *parents are the key educators* in their child's life and also see the link between having parents and teachers working together so that their child makes great progress.

Welcome meetings (as advertised on the June Newsletter)

I will be hosting meetings for parents so I can say hello in person, these are being held over the next two days as follows:

Tuesday 12th September—**YEAR 3 PARENTS** 9:00am

Tuesday 12th September—**YEAR 6 PARENTS** 3:00pm

Wednesday 13th September—**YEAR 4 PARENTS** 9:00am

Wednesday 13th September—**YEAR 5 PARENTS** 3:00pm

The meetings will take place in the downstairs hall—please come through the main school entrance.

### Parents' Open Evenings

Parents will be invited in to discuss their child's learning and behaviour with their class teacher. These will take place on Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October. Letters will come out in a few weeks so that you can book your slot. Attendance at parents' evening is vital so you know how you can support your child to make great progress.

Termly Curriculum leaflets and key dates for the Autumn term will also be made available to you so parents are aware of what topics their child is learning about throughout the Autumn term.

## School Ethos

During the three INSET days last week all staff worked on creating a new vision for Pear Tree Junior School. This vision will be shared with children over the course of the week and then be lived throughout the school each and every day.

We really hope that parents will work with us to ensure children embody the values of Pear Tree Junior School

### Pear Tree Junior School Motto

*With trust and care we will grow and flourish*

### Pear Tree Junior School Vision

*To enable our diverse community to flourish through promoting personal values, enriching learning, showing ambition and recognising the rights of everyone*

### Pear Tree Junior School Pledges

*We pledge to instill personal values and encourage children to show pride, passion and perseverance.*

*We pledge to enrich learning so children can demonstrate enthusiasm, excellence and enquiring minds.*

*We pledge to have ambition for all to raise appreciation, aspirations and achievement.*

*We pledge to recognise the rights of everyone and ensure children are ready, respectful and responsible*

# Reading Diaries

Reading diaries will not be arriving for a couple of weeks so children will use a temporary card to record reading at home and allow for communication between parents and the class teacher.

We decided not to complete them until we had created the school vision and updated the school behaviour policy. Now that these have been completed we will be sending the final version off to the printers.

We thank you for your patience.

## Uniform

*As part of our pledge to instill personal values and encourage children to show pride. All children should come to school wearing the correct school uniform.*

The Governors of Pear Tree Junior School consider that a high standard of school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, the inclusive nature of the school and supports high achievement and standards of behaviour.

The uniform requirements are such that all pupils are:

- Proud to attend Pear Tree
- Recognised as equal members of our school community
- Easily recognisable to staff and the community
- Appropriately dressed for school activities and lessons

Over the first few weeks we will be rewarding the children who wear the correct uniform through our weekly token challenge. Parents of children who are not in uniform will be contacted to ensure they are aware of the policy and provide support where necessary.

The correct uniform is as follows:

Boys (shirt/polo shirt, dark trousers, school jumper, sensible black shoes)



Girls (shirt/polo shirt, dark trouser/skirt, school jumper, sensible black shoes)



## New Staff

Please join me in welcoming our new staff:

Mrs Burgess  
Year 4  
Jupiter



Mrs Osbaldeston  
Year 4



Mr Winfield  
Year 5



# BEHAVIOUR

At Pear Tree we aim to create a caring atmosphere in which teaching and learning can take place in a **happy and safe environment**. In order to achieve this we recognise the importance of a whole school policy that is supported and followed by the school community including children, parents, teachers, midday supervisors, other adults working and helping in the school and governors.

During the INSET days the behaviour policy was updated. These updates will be communicated over the course of the next couple of weeks. The children have been spoken to today regarding the school and the class expectations and school rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. I know they are going to respond positively to the rewards and recognition for good behaviour.

Pear Tree Junior School Rules

-  **Be Ready**
-  **Be Respectful**
-  **Be Responsible**

 Remember to always **reflect** on your behaviour 

Pear Tree Promise -Weekly Token Challenge

**Be Ready:**  
*be in the correct school uniform*

 

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## Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club will be closed for two weeks. As a new head I want to assure it will provide a great service. We hope to have it up and running by Monday 25th September - we are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

After school clubs run by staff will begin the week beginning Monday 18th September. Look out for the letter advertising clubs on offer!

## Parent Contact Details

Please can you ensure if any of your contact details have changed (e.g. phone numbers / addresses etc) over the Summer, you speak to the Office and update them. It is incredibly important we are always able to contact you in case of an emergency. A new pupil detail form will be coming out this week, we appreciate your help in getting this back to school as soon as possible.



## Key Dates for Parents

- Tuesday 12th September - **YEAR 3 Welcome Meeting** 9:00am
- Tuesday 12th September - **YEAR 6 Welcome Meeting** 3:00pm
- Wednesday 13th September - **YEAR 4 Welcome Meeting** 9:00am
- Wednesday 13th September - **YEAR 5 Welcome Meeting** 3:00pm
- Wednesday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day (*Children can dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book*).
- Friday 6th October— INSET Day School closed
- Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October – **Parents' Open Evenings**
- Friday 20th October – Children break up from School

- Monday 30th October - Return to school
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need
- 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

**Look out for Year Group Flyers which will have important dates on for events happening in your child's class.**