

# JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



*With trust and care we will grow and flourish*

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great start to the final half-term and there are just over three weeks remaining until we break up for the summer term. Over the next few weeks the children will be taking part in a variety of sporting activities. Parents are invited to come along to support and cheer the children at Sports Day which has been scheduled for Years 5 & 6 at 9.30am on Thursday 12th July. Years 3 & 4 will be at 9.45am on Friday 13th July.

We will also be getting ready to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. They have worked hard all year and really made themselves, their teachers and the school very proud. They are currently working on their end of year performance which parents will be invited to watch at the end of the term.

Over the past few weeks, teachers have been writing the children's school reports. Within the report you will find a page which has been written by your child describing moments that they have enjoyed throughout the last year. These reports will be shared with you on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please take time to read and discuss with your child. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the staff for their hard work and dedication throughout this year in ensuring your children make good progress.

I hope you enjoy the remaining weeks and have a restful summer with your family.

## Transition

Today we welcomed the September year 3 children into school to give them an opportunity to spend time in their classes with their new teachers. Was lovely to see them all looking so positive and excited about the day ahead!

All our current junior children were also moved into their new classes.

To give them a chance to get to work with other pupils and form new friendships we have also decided to rearrange the class lists.

## Class Names

Over the past few years classes have been named after planets and space shuttles. After a discussion with School Council and staff, we have decided to change the class names for next year. The final choices for consideration were names of trees, birds or things related to Derby / Derbyshire.

The winner chosen by the children was Derby / Derbyshire.

The new classes are:

### Year 3: Derbyshire Water

Carsington	Mrs R Saini
Derwent	Miss H Dolman
Foremark	Miss A Hassall

### Year 4: Derbyshire Towns

Bakewell	Miss C Talbot
Buxton	Mrs G Dosanjh
Dovedale	Mr Q Hussain

### Year 5: Derbyshire Houses

Calke	Mrs C Elliott
Chatsworth	Miss L Glenn
Hardwick	Mr A Leek

### Year 6: Derbyshire People

Arkwright	Mrs P Belleh
Nightingale	Mrs V Farrell
Royce	Mr F Miah

## **New Staff**

We would like to welcome and introduce Miss Amy Hassall and Miss Lorna Glenn to our teaching staff from September. Miss Hassall will teach the year 3 class Foremark and Miss Glenn the year 5 class Chatsworth. I know you will want to join us in wishing them a very successful time here at Pear Tree.

Miss Amy Hassall



Miss Lorna Glenn



## **Attendance**

Attendance at Pear Tree is very important which is why we notify you of our target within each newsletter. Currently we are at 95.1% which is below the national average of 96%.

Within your child's school report you will receive information indicating your child's attendance for this academic year. Do have a look at your child's attendance and see if any improvements can be made for next year. The more they attend the more progress they make!

Many thanks to those parents who have worked with us to ensure their child has good attendance or has worked with us to improve it over the course of the year. We currently have children who have been in school every day! This is fantastic!

## **Hot Weather**

It is great that summer has arrived although perhaps a little hotter than most of us like! In school we take a range of precautions during hot weather e.g. ensuring the children drink enough water, reducing the length of time spent outside during lunch as well as creating shade for those children that require it.

Over the next few days the temperature is set to continue. Please can you make sure children apply sun cream (minimum factor 15) before they attend school, bring or wear a sun hat and have their shoulders covered.

## **Summer Fair—Wednesday 11th July 2018**

This year's Summer Fair will take place on the school field on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The event will be a community celebration with much of it being free for children and their families.

We shall have bouncy castles, games and stalls available from 2.30pm. A token will be given to each child before they leave class which will get them a free ice cream and entry into the raffle.

Children **must be** accompanied to the fair by an adult. If you wish, you may collect your child from the playground at 2.30pm. Those children not collected will stay in school with their teacher until collected at 3.20pm.

Please note that once you have collected your child you must take full responsibility for them whilst they are at the fair.

Non uniform donations can be paid to the class teacher on the day.

I'm sure everyone will have a great time

### Enrichment—Year 3

At the beginning at the half term, Year 3 enjoyed a step back in time as part of their topic on the Victorians. Their classrooms (and teachers) were transformed for the day. The children sat rows and were treated just like Victorians, including being asked to be 'seen and not heard'. A big thank you to all staff for making great memories for our children.

### Enrichment—Year 4

Last week, the children in year four visited Birmingham Museum. They spent the whole day exploring the museum taking part in workshops. The children came back with enthusiasm after having had a great day. Again a big thank you to staff for organising such a great trip.

### Enrichment—Year 5

Some children in year 5 had the opportunity to take part in the Derby Book Festival. Over the last few months, they have worked alongside author to create three songs for Pear Tree Song Book. The children had a great time performing them to an audience during the Festival. They are also now published authors. Well done to all those involved.

### Enrichment—Year 6

Year 6 pupils braved the hot weather and took part in community games at Arboretum Park. The children took part in running races and most came back covered in stickers, with medals around their necks and big smiles on their faces. Thanks has to go to the community police officers for organising and Asda for providing much needed refreshments.

### Inset Days 2018-19

Transform Trust has agreed to give all their schools an extra two INSET days during 2018-19 to develop their school's curriculum. To minimise disruption to parents we have decided to put them at the beginning and end of the year academic year.

Thursday 6th September

Friday 7th September

Monday 10th September

Friday 5th October

Monday 7th January

Monday 29th April

Wednesday 24th July

**These dates are subject to change. Parents will be notified of any changes by letter, text or school website**