



# PEAR TREE SCHOOL

## NEWTLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### **Happy Half Term!**

A big well done to Red Class for completing their first half term here at Pear Tree. They all deserve a well-earned rest over the half term break ☺ We have an INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, so school starts back on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, just in time for Halloween.

### **Holiday homework**

Over the half term, we're setting a little holiday homework. School have bought a Christmas tree from St Luke's Hospice which will be displayed in St Mary's Church over the weekend of 25/26<sup>th</sup> November, along with other local businesses. Once the community have been to visit the trees over that weekend, our tree will then come back to school so it can be enjoyed by us all. Over the holiday can you make/create/buy a decoration that represents Pear Tree Primary School for us please. We're thinking newts and pears and pale blue decorations with perhaps a hint of festive sparkle! Once finished please send decorations into school week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November and there will be prizes for the best KS1/KS2/the most creative decoration etc.

### **Cake Sale**

The cake sale that Indigo Class organised was a great success! We raised £220 and ate a lot of cake!!!! A huge thank you to Indigo class families who provided lots of amazing goodies for the sale. Also, a huge thank you to everybody else that donated goods for the sale and to all the children who came with their pennies to buy cake.

### **Mrs E**

This week we have recorded an assembly to send to Mrs E to say goodbye from all of us. Thank you to Mrs Dunlea for putting together the wonderful book full of memories and photos; I'm guessing there won't be a dry eye in the Edleston house when she receives it and the video of the children singing her favourite songs.

### **Uniform and hair**

We are proud of our school uniform and how smart it looks. Please support us by encouraging your child to wear the correct uniform. We have noticed lots of trainers, different coloured hoodies and T-shirts recently. See below for the Pear Tree school uniform.

Long hair needs to be tied back. Hair accessories such as big bows or overly decorated hairbands are not accepted either. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed e.g. no hair shorter than number two, no shapes cut into hair and no unnatural colours.

This is all part of our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

<b>All Pupils</b>	
Jumper or cardigan	Long-sleeved, round-neck pale blue jumper or cardigan emblazoned with the Pear Tree logo. Or plain pale blue.
Trousers (or shorts/skirt/pinafore can be worn)	Plain black or grey tailored items. Material should not be denim, cord or lycra.
Shorts (or trousers/skirt/pinafore can be worn)	Plain black or grey tailored items. Material should not be denim, cord or lycra.
Polo shirt	Plain pale blue polo shirt or a pale blue polo shirt emblazoned with the Pear Tree logo. Yrs 5 and 6 can wear a black polo shirt, either plain or with the Pear Tree logo.
Skirt/pinafore (or shorts/trousers can be worn)	Plain black or grey skirt or pinafore. Skirts and pinafores must not be very tight fitting, denim, cord or lycra material. Skirts and pinafores should not be shorter than mid-thigh.
Dress (or shorts/skirt/trousers can be worn)	Blue and white check dress in the summer accompanied by a jumper or cardigan. Dresses should not be shorter than mid-thigh.
Shoes	Plain black shoes – these must not be: open toe design, trainers, pumps or canvas shoes and they should have a proper heel not greater than 4cm. Coloured laces are not permitted. Variations are only allowed if accompanied by a doctor's note and by prior agreement. Pumps or trainers must be worn for PE lessons.
Socks/Tights	Black, white or grey plain ankle socks or grey tights.
Outdoor coats (required when weather is colder)	A sensible outdoor coat.

### Thanks to the PTA

The PTA had their AGM this week. Thank you to Amy Morris and Penny Haydn Lee, who have stepped down from their roles as Chair and Treasurer, for all their hard work and efforts. The PTA work tirelessly behind the scenes to make events like the upcoming bingo, disco and clothes collection happen. Their hard work is very much appreciated as they raise funds to support the school.

### Drop-off and Pick-Up

After half term, we will move back to playground pick-ups and drop-offs for Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue. Indigo and Violet arrangements will remain the same.

- At 8.40am the KS1 gates will open and parents bring children in Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue onto the playground.
- Children **must** stay with parents until the class teacher opens the door at 8.45am and welcomes them into the classroom. No children should be left alone on the playground
- At the end of the day, Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue parents will be invited onto the playground at 3.15pm and your child will be handed to you from the classroom door.
- PIPS children will be collected from classrooms as normal.
- Y5 and Y6 arrangements will remain as they are now, coming in through the side gate.
- The change has been made as we are no longer limited by Covid restrictions and to maintain the safety of our children at all times.
- No dogs are allowed on the school grounds.
- Polite reminder to not let your children play on the school climbing frame or with any equipment on the playground whilst waiting to be let in

## Sports & Games

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October year 1 and 2 took part in a football tournament at Crewe Alex. What a pleasant afternoon it was. We are re-naming them 'The Undefeatables'. WOW! They played 8 games in total against other schools and were undefeated. They showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and just had a really fun afternoon.

Basketball year 5 & 6 team – well done last night for your teamwork and sportsmanship!

Well done Pear Tree - amazing results.

More sports reports to follow from year 6 reporters after half term.

## Community News

Gillespie Theatre Group – Youth theatre every Wednesday at Nantwich Elim Church. For more information [www.gillespietheatregroup.com](http://www.gillespietheatregroup.com)

## PTA

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Disco. What a great night we all had - the children enjoyed dancing and having fun. Thank you to the parents that helped and Sharon Burrows from Hullabaloo Kids.

We have had three events quite close together so we thank you for your support.

The Disco made over £600 which is amazing, the Pre-loved Uniform sale during parents evening raised £65.50 and we received £124 from the Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection. We will keep you updated on how we are supporting the school and pupils with this money.

Coming up .....

**Christmas Art project** – if you are stuck for Christmas present ideas and want that personal touch – look no further. Your children's fabulous drawings can be made into Christmas cards, key rings, tote bags, mugs, teddy's and other great items, perfect for Christmas gifts, please look out for a letter coming home this week (attached also)

**Christmas Bingo** - Friday 24th November. Details to follow after half term.

Please have a look at **Easy Fundraising** and see if this is a way you can support the PTA. Sign up, accept the donation reminder so when purchasing online, many companies will give a percentage of the transaction to the school. Last year we received £300 from Easy Fundraising from parents online purchases. This is a fantastic addition to our fundraising.

**QR Code for Easy Fundraising – please have a look**



**Stikins** - if you are ordering stick in labels for uniform, water bottles, shoes etc please consider Stikins which is a local company - please use code 36425 when ordering and the PTA receive a small amount per order towards fundraising. <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

## Diary Dates

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30-4.30pm – IT advice for parents drop in

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break for half term, return Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Tempest photographer individual and sibling **8.30am in hall with younger siblings**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Indigo class swimming for 6 weeks

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas performance Red Orange and Yellow (KS1)

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas performance Green Blue Indigo and Violet (KS2)

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – FLUENZ vaccination for all

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am – Blue, Indigo & Violet to New Vic theatre to see The Nutcracker

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am – Red, Orange, Yellow & Green to Lyceum theatre to see Cinderella

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carols around the tree – All welcome

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec –Break for Christmas