

Newsletter

At this time of year we are able to look back and reflect on everything that has happened since September. As human nature, we are always quick to focus on things that aren't as we would like them to be but we don't always focus on the positives and the amazing things that have happened.

Schools go through cycles and transitions and change but the one thing that has remained constant and at the heart of everything we do are the children. It's pivotal that they always remain the focus, that they are always the reason why we do our job, that making a positive difference to their lives is the most important thing.

I want to highlight some of the incredible, positive achievements and opportunities that the children have celebrated since September. This list is extensive but not exhaustive.

Our statutory assessment data this year in Red, Orange, Blue and Violet have all been exceptional but we don't just measure our children on Maths, English and Science.

- We have been able to perform as a school at the New Vic, with the Halle, at Young Voices, the Cheshire Show, Singfest, Betty Bear and Brass and Violin concerts.
- Nearly £6000 has been raised by the school for charity this year.
- Trips have ran to Blue Planet, Hayrack Church Farm, 2 Theatre trips, to Nantwich Museum and the library, to Chester for the zoo and a Roman experience, to Safety Central and Primary College to name but a few
- There have been 3 successful residentials to Burwardsley, Conway and York.
- In sport, over 140 children have represented the school at more than 30 events including being county finalists in netball and cricket
- We have been the winners of the League 2 Northern Football Finals for the second year in a row, representing Crewe Alexandra in Accrington. We won the Cheshire East music competition through the Pear Tree Parpers AND we won Town Sports Group B
- Parents and grandparents from across the school were invited in for lunches
- We are full for September in Red Class
- We've had successful sports days and we've had inspiring outsiders come into school, such as our Olympic athlete.
- Our PTA deserve a special thank you for all of their hard work through events such as bingo, quiz night, discos, escape rooms, the summer fair – raising funds to allow our children the opportunity to have all of the experience that they are lucky enough to get

As I bring this chapter of my own personal journey to a close, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped and supported along the way – parents, staff but most of all the pupils of Pear Tree. It has been an incredible

privilege to spend these 8 years working with such remarkable children— their energy, kindness and determination have been a constant source of inspiration. I've been fortunate to have been part of their lives whilst being here and for that, I'll be forever grateful. This school has been more than just a place of work; it has been a community, a source of joy and a place of lasting memories. Though I am moving on, I take with me a deep sense of pride and gratitude.

I began my time at this school as a newly qualified teacher, full of hope, nerves and a love for learning. Over the years, I've had the pleasure of seeing so many children learn, achieve and find their place in the world — and I've grown with them. To finish my time here as acting headteacher feels like a full circle moment and one in which I don't take for granted. I'd like to wish Mrs Casey and everyone at Pear Tree all the very best for the future and I know that the school will always empower its children to be their best selves.

I hope you all enjoy the summer and take care in all that you do moving forward.

A message from Mr Middlebrook

As we come to the end of the first year of Pear Tree being part of our group of local schools, I thought it was worth reflecting on the last 12 months. As we all know, the year started with uncertainty over leadership, which none of us were expecting but I am delighted to say that the whole school community has responded brilliantly. Through working together and a great team effort from all the staff, we have made real progress as a school. This culminated in amazing phonics and SATs results at school – our year 1, year 2 and year 6 children did brilliantly well. I know test results are a crude measure and attainment scores alone should never be used to judge a school. But in every measure, we have improved enormously on last year's results and we are way above national figures. Please remember that everyone has contributed to these results – a real team effort from all the staff, parents / carers and of course the children themselves, who have worked so hard.

This year has been a very successful year for the school, we are all very excited to welcome Mrs Casey as our Headteacher in September, which will give us the stability in leadership. I would like to thank Mr Greasby for stepping up this year and wish him well for the future. I'd also like to thank Miss Munro, Mrs Vann, Mrs McIlvenny and Mrs Newman who are also leaving us this year. I would especially like to thank Mr Perry for all his support and hard work over the last year, as his role here will end this summer. He stepped in to a situation at the start of the year which none of us had planned for and done a quite brilliant job. Working across 2 schools is demanding and Mr Perry has been instrumental in driving the school forward. Pear Tree has made real progress this year and that will continue next year under Mrs Casey's leadership.

My thanks for your support and I wish you and your families a relaxing summer break and I will see you in September.

A message from Mr Perry

It has been an emotional rollercoaster for us all however we have stood together for the whole year, and this has made the school community stronger. It has been lovely to see lots of parents and children at the events throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our superb pupils for their good behaviour and achievements this year. I am hugely proud of them. I would also like to thank our staff for their commitment, dedication and hard work and our parents and carers for your continued support of Pear Tree Primary School. We have so many success stories and good news items to celebrate together this year. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past 12 months and making me feel welcome at Pear Tree Primary.

On behalf of all of us here at Pear Tree, have a wonderful holiday making memories and enjoying time off as families.

Mr Greasby