



Pear Tree School

Achieving the Best We Can in Everything We Do

Newsletter

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General

What a fast moving half term this has been. It hardly seems two minutes since I wrote the last newsletter! The pupils are all enjoying the variety of activities and learning experiences available to them and I know the older pupils who are accessing college environments are benefiting greatly from these experiences. We have had an exciting time recently interviewing lots of new staff, some of whom will be joining our team after the half term break and others in September. I am confident that they will further help to enhance our provision and provide the excellent support that our children so rightly deserve.

I recently sent home a parental questionnaire focusing on home school communication and parental involvement. I would be really grateful if you could all complete this questionnaire so that I can identify how the school can further improve to enhance our relationships and communication.

It has been delightful to see so many of you returning to face to face Annual review meetings and special assemblies and I look forward to even more opportunities next half term.

Please do not forget that our next term begins on Thursday 9th June and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the final weeks of this academic year.

With the warmest of wishes

Kate



Attendance

Good attendance of pupils is paramount to their education and progress, therefore it is vital that all of our pupils are in school when they are well enough to be. I think we all know the impact that the pandemic has had on pupil progress and for some, anxiety has prevented them from having good school attendance. If you and your son/daughter are struggling to access school for any reason, our staff team are on hand to support in any way we can. Equally, we will continue to monitor the attendance of our pupils to ensure that this does not start to impact negatively on their progress.

Goodbye

This half term we have said a fond farewell to two members of our staff team. Nikki (Compass Centre) and Cheryl (Cleaner). Both have gone onto pastures new and although we will miss them at Pear Tree, we send our good luck to them both for their future endeavours.



WOW - OUR 12TH SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL DISCO - PARTY TIME!!!!!!

**Please join us at our fantastic summer disco.
Everyone is welcome, invite your family and
friends, the more the merrier!!**



HOTPOT AND APPLE PIE SUPPER

Wednesday 13th July 2022

7pm till 10pm at the Rowan Suite

Ribby Hall Kirkham

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE

£8-50 EACH

(all pupils need to be accompanied by an adult)

Young Voices

How lucky was I to be part of this amazing experience for some of our older pupils. Alex Haley (Assistant Headteacher) has worked tirelessly with our pupils and staff to teach them an eclectic mix of songs. Some of these pupils then performed last night at the Manchester Arena alongside thousands of other pupils and watched by thousands of spectators. It is always such a wonderful experience to be a part of, and the children did their families and the school proud. They were amazing!



Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

We celebrated in style for the Platinum jubilee this year, we all dressed in red, white and blue and started our celebrations with a garden party. Our fabulous kitchen staff provided the students with an amazing afternoon tea filled with finger sandwiches, pizza and lots of yummy cakes and biscuits, we are sure the Queen herself would have been spoilt for choice.

In the afternoon, we all went to the hall for an old fashioned fun fair, where all the students enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting funfair games; there was splat the rat, hook-a-duck and many more games for all to play. We even had a photo booth, where the students could pose as the Queen herself; a royally good time was had by all, and we look forward to the next royal engagement!



COVID-19 update

School is now back to 'normal operating procedures'. Any previous restrictions have now been lifted and we have all enjoyed the freedom and opportunities this has presented us with. The only intervention we will continue to observe is to keep our school and ourselves as clean and healthy as possible. COVID-19 is now classed as a respiratory infection and we are not asking either staff or pupils to undertake regular testing. If a pupil under the age of 18 should test positive for COVID-19, we would ask that they isolate for 3 days and anyone over the age of 18 is asked to isolate for 5 days in line with government guidance.

New Beginnings

I am delighted to share with you the happy news of two more Pear Tree babies. James (Elm Tree and Compass Centre) has become a father again for the second time as his wife gave birth to little Ethan during the Easter Holidays. In addition, Vicky (Lead Practitioner) has had her second baby. A beautiful little boy named Frankie. We can't wait to meet them both.



Dates for diaries

Friday 27 th May	School closes for half term
Thursday 9 th June	School re-opens
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Festival (More information to follow)
Monday 4 th July	Annual reports sent home
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Morning
Wednesday 6 th July 5-7pm	Open Evening
Wednesday 13 th July 7pm	Pear Tree family disco at Ribby Hall
Wednesday 20 th July	Whole school Prize Giving
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers' assembly and leavers' last day at Pear Tree
Friday 22 nd July	School closes for summer holiday

