



# Pear Tree School

*Achieving the Best We Can in Everything We Do*

## Newsletter

### Autumn 1 - 2020

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# Welcome Back!

Well, our first newsletter of the school year and what a roller coaster of a time we have all been having. You have been marvellous in your support of school and I am simply overwhelmed in the way you have encouraged your son/daughter to return to full time schooling. Thank you so much for your trust.

The children have absolutely surpassed themselves in the way in which they have returned. They are eager to learn and have adapted to the changes in school with ease.

We have welcomed some new pupils to our school this September: Elijah (Seedlings), Noah (Pine Tree), Kenzie (Elm Tree), Daniel and Mia (Compass Centre). I wish them every success at Pear Tree and they are all already forming great relationships with members of our school family.

## Bubbles and Pods

Two words that I hadn't used in this context before – bubbles and pods. You will all now know that we have further split our classes to allow each child to be educated within a smaller group (bubble). A further development to limit the number of staff coming into contact with pupils is to group up to 3 bubbles and place them in a pod. Staff and children from within other bubbles within your child's pod will not routinely enter your child's bubble. However, if we find ourselves facing a staff shortage which would impact on the health and safety within your child's bubble, then we can borrow a member of staff from another bubble within that pod if it doesn't have a detrimental impact on the other children. Sounds confusing? Probably! Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to have this explained further. Also, please check out our updated risk assessment on the school website where I have explained it further.



# Parents' Evening

Our annual Parents' Evening will take place this year week on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November. In a change to our usual plan, this will be carried out remotely and you will be offered an appointment on your child's class's allocated day with the class teacher and TA3. We will be in touch shortly with further details.



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## **CORONAVIRUS** **STAY ALERT TO** **THE SYMPTOMS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE  
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH  
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

Due to COVID 19 and rules on self-isolating, your child may be unable to attend school for significant periods of time. If your child is required to self-isolate, we will work with you to provide appropriate teaching and learning for your child at home. We have identified the following three scenarios that may happen during this time and how we will facilitate remote learning for your child:

1. Your child is unwell.
2. Your child/young person is well, but self-isolating due to a household member awaiting a test.  
OR  
School and health risk assessments prevent your child from safely attending school.
3. Your child's school bubble has had to close.

Full details of the provision we will offer can be found on our schools website by following this link: <https://peartreeschool.co.uk/admissions-2/>

If you require a paper copy of this then please contact the school office.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact our Deputy Headteacher, Rebecca Warnock, to discuss.

# Pear Tree SHINE Curriculum

To support our students return to school, we have designed and implemented our SHINE recovery curriculum, to ensure we are meeting all pupils' needs following their significant time at home as a result of Coronavirus. We aim to support their individual needs and minimise the impact of the pandemic on students, through targeted interventions linked to mental health and wellbeing.

Each class have increased their focus on wellbeing, and individual students have SHINE targets which have been set, to ensure they are getting plenty of opportunities to improve their mental health and wellbeing. We are working closely with other professionals to provide additional support where needed. Classes will be sending these targets home to share them with parents and carers, please feel free to add to them, if there is anything else you would like us to be helping your child with.

Our full SHINE curriculum can be found on our school website, and there is a link on our Facebook page. Should you have any questions about our SHINE curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



Thank you to you all for your continued support of school, it is very much appreciated. Don't forget that school closes to all pupils from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and will re-open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and I am sure they are all ready for a bit of a rest.

With the warmest of wishes.

Kate

## Holiday List 2020 - 2021

### Autumn Term

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Open              | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 (Staff only)<br>Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2020 (children in) |
| Close (Half Term) | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020  |
| Open              | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020  |
| Close             | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020   |

### Spring Term

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Open              | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021   |
| Close (Half Term) | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 |
| Open              | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 |
| Close             | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021    |

### Summer Term

|                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Open              | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021   |
| May Day Closure   | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021      |
| Close (Half Term) | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021     |
| Open              | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021     |
| Close             | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021 |

### Staff Training Days (Taken as Twilights)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

