



Pear Tree School

Achieving the Best We Can in Everything We Do

Newsletter

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New Arrivals

I am delighted to let you know that Vicky Farish and her partner Stephen have welcomed beautiful Poppy May to their family. Vicky was working up until two days before she gave birth and is now enjoying some very special maternity leave.

Attendance Matters

At this time of year, our pupil attendance understandably tends to fall and I would like to thank you all for following our school protocols by keeping your son/daughter off from school when they are too unwell to attend and also by ensuring that they return to school promptly when fully recovered.

Attendance at school contributes hugely to the progress of each child and when the children are of good health, it is important that they attend school regularly.

Holiday Dates

By now you will have all received a copy of our holiday dates for 2020/21; these are also available to view on our school website. Can I take this opportunity to remind you all that for this academic year as well as in 2021, we will be having a two week break at the end of May. The reasons for this decision are:

- To reduce the six week summer holiday.
- To allow families more opportunities to take their children on holiday at a quieter time of the year.
- Many of our local primary schools plan an extended break at this time of year and I am asked by the local authority to consider our local schools' holiday dates when planning our own.

The school continues to be open to pupils for the 190 mandatory days in an academic year.

PTFA

Our newly formed PTFA is growing in numbers and they supported our Christmas Fair in November by running the refreshments and baking some delicious cakes. If you would like to be a member of this new group to support the school, then please let us know and we will forward your details to the group.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM REPORT – CELEBRATIONS

What a fantastic half term we have had learning all about different celebrations around the world. It has been lovely to see the learning that has been taking place in each of our classes and how much the pupils have enjoyed participating in the activities and have been developing their knowledge and understanding further.

We started the half term with our Inspiration Day. Each class were given the task to learn and decorate their classroom in a different traditional or religious celebration including Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali and the Rio Carnival. The classrooms looked amazing and it was difficult to choose a winner between them. The staff created a really immersive environment for all the pupils to inspire their learning for the half term.



Each class have been given a focused literacy text themed around a particular celebration, such as birthdays, weddings and Hanukah. Classes have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in events and focused learning activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of these particular celebrations, as well as developing their 'Talk for Writing' skills.



In addition to the creative stories, classes have also had the opportunity to learn about Diwali whilst accessing PE in the hall. They have learnt about Halloween, Bonfire night, Christmas and many other traditional and religious celebrations which have been taking place around the world during this half term.



FINAL COMMENTS

Thank you to you all for your continued support this year. Working in partnership is proving so successful and all the staff greatly appreciate your contributions and support. This has been a very busy term and the children have achieved so much and had access to some amazing learning opportunities. Once again the staff team have blown me away with their passion, creativity and high aspirations for all the pupils.

I wish all of you a very Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year and look forward to seeing all children back in school on January 6th 2020.

With the warmest of wishes,

Kate



DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 20th December

School closes for the Christmas Break

Monday 6th January

School re-opens

Friday 31st January

Young Voices concert at the Manchester Arena

Friday 7th February – 9.15 a.m.

Bay Tree Class Assembly

Friday 14th February

School closes for the half-term break

