



# Pear Tree School

*Achieving the Best We Can in Everything We Do*

## Newsletter

### Autumn 2 - 2020

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2020 has been a rather turbulent year for all of us and I am sure many of you will be very glad to be seeing the back of it. Personally, this year has been a very challenging one but it has also provided me with so many positives too. It has demonstrated just how fabulous this school community is and how well we have all pulled together and supported one another through it. I think we are a stronger school for it and I am so proud of all of our achievements and by continuing to have such high aspirations for all our pupils.

I sincerely hope that the New Year will offer us a more positive forecast and allow us to return our school to the highly interactive school it previously was. I have really missed being able to welcome all our families into the school as we had worked so hard in recent years to further strengthen our partnership working. Thank you for your understanding and support and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and positive 2021.



## So long, farewell

At the end of this autumn term we say goodbye to two members of our staff team; Becky Greenwood (Maple Tree class teacher) and Karen Shiels (Sixth Form teaching assistant). We will miss them both very much as part of our staff team and wish them all the best for the future. Additionally, one of our Bay Tree class pupils, Romeo, will also be leaving us as his family relocate to another area. Romeo is such a fun loving character and will be greatly missed by us all.

## New arrivals

I am pleased to announce that we have some more exciting baby news to share with your all. Eleanor (Pine Tree TA) gave birth to Olive Alice in October and also Gemma (Seedlings TA) gave birth to Louie Charlie in the same month. In normal circumstances I am sure both Eleanor and Gemma would have both been into school with their babies and hopefully as the situation in the New Year improves, we may get to see them soon.



# Lower School Nativity Production 2020

Over the past several weeks, staff and pupils in Lower School have been turning their attention to preparing and focusing on this year's Lower School Nativity production. This year due to current circumstances the script has been planned so each of the scenes will be filmed within their class bubbles, and then put together to create our own version of the Christmas story, incorporating a range of familiar Christmas songs and carols throughout. It will then be shared on the school's Facebook page for all friends and family to watch during the Christmas school holidays. We all hope you enjoy watching!



## Evidence for Learning – WE ARE NOW LIVE



As you will all be aware Evidence for Learning is now 'live'. As a parent/carer you will have received several emails over the past several weeks including a unique link so that you can login to view the online profile for your child in the Pear Tree School Evidence for Learning Parent Portal. Another email you will have received will have included a password; it is recommended that you change this password as soon as possible. For further information regarding accessing Evidence for Learning for the first time, we have created and published a 'parent guide video' on our schools Facebook page. Initially we have shared Autumn 1's IEP evidence and by the end of this half term will be sharing the students Autumn 2 IEP evidence. This is an exciting time for us, to be able to share your child's work and progress on a half termly basis and although there is so much more, we have taken this next step to share these pieces of evidence with you. We hope this glimpse into our classrooms shows you the outstanding progress your child makes in school and we are looking forward to sharing more with you in the not too distant future.

# World of Work Week

This year all students in upper school have been taking part in our annual World of Work week. Normally this would be a fantastic opportunity for our students to have practice in the world of work with a range of work experience opportunities and a range of taster sessions at local colleges. Although this has been different this year, we have still ensured the students had outstanding opportunities in school, whilst also ensuring they were safe when doing so. Our students across Upper School have been following virtual tutorials, hearing from a range of friends and family of Pear Tree about job opportunities, taking part in virtual interviews and following virtual tutorials for Floristry. We were fortunate enough to have some external support and had a virtual drama session delivered by a West end star, a yoga session by Anna and an Army Corporal demonstrating how to apply camo paint and putting us through our paces during a Personal Training session! As you can see, it was a busy week and our students were left with a deeper understanding of what qualities were needed for specific jobs, along with lots more skills for independence.





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OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH  
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