



Pear Tree School

Achieving the Best We Can in Everything We Do

Newsletter

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I can't believe where this school year has gone! We have had many things to celebrate and have achieved so much. The children continue to wow us every single day and the progress they have made this year in all areas has been outstanding.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you to all our remarkable staff. They make my job so much easier by providing such a high quality of care and education to all our pupils. They are dedicated, passionate and demonstrate a real love for all the children.

Finally, I would like to thank all our parents and families for their continued support. I feel that this year we have had some wonderful moments of parental engagement and as you know, I am always looking for new opportunities to work with you all further.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I can't wait to see all the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd September.

With the warmest of wishes

Kate

New School Year

By now, you will know which class your son/daughter will be in next year and who their teacher and teaching assistants will be. I know you will agree with me how wonderful once again the school reports were. The teaching staff put in so much time, skill and effort to ensure that the reports give an accurate and extremely personalised summary of the many achievements of your son/daughter.

The end of the year does also mean that some staff members will be leaving us to further their careers or progress with training. Two of our welfare assistants – Naomi (Bay Tree) and Hannah (Sixth Form) will be leaving us at the summer break. Jude Barton (Maple Tree Teaching Assistant) is moving overseas with her family and Eleni Payg is leaving to work in a special school closer to home. We will miss you all!

Lindsey Bonson (family worker) will be starting her maternity leave too and we all wish her lots of luck and best wishes as she starts a new chapter in her life. Whilst Lindsey is on maternity leave the role of teacher with responsibility for Children Looked After will be covered by Lindsey Burt (Seedlings) in addition to her becoming a deputy Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Safeguarding. The other DSLs in the school remain Kate Walker and Rebecca Warnock. I know that Lindsey Bonson will have already spoken to the families she is currently supporting but anyone needing additional help and advice should contact Kate or Rebecca in school.

Sports Day

We had a great sports day and even though the weather was a little wet, it didn't damper our enthusiasm.

Lower school loved showing off the skills they had learnt this past school year in their races. We have been working on listening for the ready steady go instruction and collecting items. They also gave demonstrations of different ways to jump, and ways to walk balancing objects on spoons and bats.

Upper school dodged the rain drops and were very competitive in their races. The upper school opening was a dance with hoops to The Greatest Showman track, a favourite of everyone.

Students from Oak, Elm and Pine demonstrated their wheelchair maypole dancing.

Everyone had a great day.

Paula



So long, farewell

Whilst the end of the school year is always a happy time in school, it is also tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to some of our wonderful pupils. This year is a record year with 13 leavers and we will all miss them so much at Pear Tree. School will definitely not be the same without Jack L, Jack W, Daniel, Niamh, Charlotte, Elimae, Shanon, Joey, Brandon, Antony, Jack H, Bobby and Beth.

I know the whole school community will be sending lots of love and luck to all our leavers as they embark on the next destination in their lives. All have a positive pathway moving forward and I know that they are all going to be so happy within their new provision.

Please keep in touch all of you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17 th July 9.30 a.m.	Prize Giving Assembly (invitations have been sent out to the families of any winners)
Thursday 18 th July 9.30 a.m.	Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 18 th July 3 p.m.	Leavers finish school
Friday 19 th July 3 p.m.	School closes for summer
Tuesday 3 rd September	School re-opens for children

Please note the Government has decided to change 2020 early May Bank Holiday to Friday 8th May 2020 instead of Monday 4th of May. This is due to VE day celebrations.

