



PEAR TREE SCHOOL

NEWTLETTER



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Half Term is here!

What a wonderful half term. It has been lovely to all be back together and see the brilliance of our children shining through. Last week we had a really happy Friday with a visit from the amazing Helen Minshall from Minshall Music who wove her musical magic all day. Singing rang from the building and the celebration assembly was fabulous. I am sure you heard many of the songs all weekend long! Keep an eye on our Facebook where some of the performances have been shared.

The arts during lockdown suffered so we are working really hard on rebalancing the offer for our children and seeing the art, music and drama featuring strongly again is so enriching and gives everyone a chance to shine. We have much ground to make up but we are taking great strides forward now.

We know how exhausted the children are so we really hope the half term will give everyone a chance to recharge their batteries and hopefully rid the building of the many bugs that have been doing the rounds and making our tired little people (and some big people) have to have some time off.

Local Rates

One day I dream of not having to be the Headteacher who always includes COVID rates on the Newtletter but sadly the Cheshire East rates of COVID in the 4 to 11 year olds is continuing to rise at a very high rate. We also have high rates of young adults infected too.

I have to state we are not out of this just yet, however much I truly wish we were.

I need to keep asking for your support to keep it out.

It sounds corny but together we are doing our best to stop it at our doors. Regular family testing and following the line 'if in doubt keep them out...and check with us' is best. We have had a very low number of cases so far thanks to parental vigilance, a superb attitude around communication with us and taking children willingly for PCR tests even though we know they are not a nice experience for our little ones. Helped further by endless cleaning, maintenance of bubbles, temperature checks and mask wearing and yes.....some good luck.

We must now dig very deep and keep going if we want to keep as many children in school as we can. Home schooling isn't what any of us want again! Whatever the government says Plan A or Plan B or even Plan C – we just want our children to get the education they need.

I cannot ask more strongly for every family to test before sending their child back to school on Monday November 1st. Please with Halloween, seeing family and friends and foreign holidays to add to the mix we could have a big rise in school based cases on return otherwise. Once in the building it is very difficult to stop the spread.

Good Luck Mrs Vann

Tomorrow we say a big goodbye to Mrs Vann as she heads off to start her maternity leave! We will really miss her and the whole school family wishes her and Mr Vann the very best of luck. We are really looking forward to meeting baby Vann in December.

Miss Emily Shepherd will be taking over as Pips Manager with Mrs Nixon continuing to oversee everything Pips related. We would also like to add a team member to act as 'bank staff' in case we need an extra pair of hands. If this is something that interests, you then please contact Mrs Nixon in the school office.

5 stars all round

Well done to both Pips and the school kitchen who have both just been awarded 5 stars for their recent Health and Hygiene inspections – top marks to all involved.

Parent Governor

Many thanks again to Mrs Natalie Sneyd and Mrs Jen Holden for their service to the school as parent governors over the past two years. As they step down new faces are joining the board.

The governors are delighted to welcome Mrs Anne Wilkes joining the Board of Governors as a new parent governor. Our other parent governor vacancy closes on November 1st so if you are interested please complete the papers that were sent out last week. If you need any further details, contact Mrs Sheppard on Friday morning in the office.

Maths Mastery Programme

After working successfully alongside the Cheshire and Wirral Maths Hub over the last two years, we now move into the 'Embedding Year' of the maths mastery programme. Having changed our lesson structure to focus on reasoning and problem solving, this year aims to deliver this consistently across the school. Children are exposed to high level questions, where they explore maths and make links between their fluency skills and their ability to answer word problems. This allows them to spend more time on thinking about why and how they have arrived at an answer. Children will be asked to draw, show, explain and prove how they have worked out a question to show they have a 'mastery' of topics throughout the maths curriculum. Moving throughout the year, children's understanding of core concepts will benefit from this process and they will be able to draw links to maths in everyday scenarios.

Children in Need

During the first two weeks after half term, each class will complete a ramble for BBC Children In Need. Your child's class teacher will contact you to let you know the date of their ramble, please send your child in appropriate clothes that day- walking boots/wellies, warm layers and a waterproof coat. Here is a [link](#) for our Just Giving Page.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to raise money for a great cause and for us all to work together as a school community to make a difference- 'Together we are Stronger.'

Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

Cheshire East Catering are looking to appoint a Kitchen Assistant here at Pear Tree. The successful applicant will be required to prepare food to a high standard, carry out front of house duties and all general kitchen tasks. A catering background is preferable, but not essential. A full induction will be given. A flexible approach is essential as well as a good sense of humour. You will need to complete an enhanced DBS check

The rate of pay is £9.43 per hour

Please contact Jo Cooper on **07795223861** if you are interested in this position

PTA News

Rudolph Cards – design your own personalised products. Christmas cards, mugs, coasters, teddies and tote bags - Perfect for Christmas Gifts. The deadline is 3rd November but these can be returned to the office along with payments as soon as you have completed them.

Dates for your Diary

Reception 2022 Tours – various dates and times available, please contact the office.

Fri 5th Nov – Violet final swimming lesson

Fri 12th Nov – **Indigo class** swimming for 5 weeks

Mon 29th Nov – Whole school FLUENZ vaccination

Community Information

Celebrating Creativity at Nantwich Museum

Please find attached a flyer for an art exhibition at Nantwich Museum during half term. The schools in the Nantwich Partnership have sent in a selection of their children's artwork. When you're in town why not pop along to support the museum and to see this fantastic display of creativity from our local primary schools.

Kingsley Fields New School – Consultation

As many of you will have read the local authority are currently consulting on the building of a new primary school on the Kingsley Fields estate by the Nantwich Town football ground. They are keen for the people of the town to share their views on how this school could be designed to best serve the town as well as the area it will directly draw pupils from when it opens in September 2024.

More details on the project and an opportunity to feedback your views can be found here:

[Kingsley Fields – Free School Presumption \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://cheshireeast.gov.uk/kingsley-fields-free-school-presumption)