



# PEAR TREE SCHOOL

## NEWTLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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Thank-you for all your support over the past two weeks. Cases are now declining and children and staff are returning. We are not quite where we want to be yet but we doing our utmost to get there. Due to the outbreak across three classes we are still unable to mix any classes at all outside or inside and must reduce staff movement as much as we can. We wish it was different but for now we must be guided by the local authority and public health.

**Please keep LFT testing your child/ren every Sunday night/Monday morning so we can try to avoid it getting in again.**

### **Children in Need Ramble**

Over the past couple of weeks, each class has participated in a ramble to raise money for Children in Need. We have explored various places in our locality- fields, country paths, round the lake, puddles! It has been great getting the children out and exploring what is on their doorstep. Thank you for your donations, we have raised £400 so far. If you would like to donate here is the [link](#). A special thanks to Mrs O'Connor for sorting this out and helping us raise a magnificent £400 toward this excellent charity.

It was lovely to have a member of the public choose to ring school yesterday just to say she had met Year 5 and 6 whilst out on their ramble and how polite and considerate they had been. Well done Indigo and Violet very proud of you.

Violet also shone at our Remembrance service sharing their moving poetry dedicated to the American airman Arthur Brown. Take a moment to look at the school Facebook page to hear some of the excellent poems they wrote.

### **Reading Workshop**

Thank you to Mrs Lacy for running the reading workshop on Tuesday and to those of you who attended we hope you found it helpful and informative. For anyone who was unable to attend we have the powerpoint available to share with you-it's on the English section of the school website.

### **Local Support.**

Big thanks once again to the PTA for their continued support of our music sessions in Key Stage Two. Years 3, 4 and 5 all enjoy weekly sessions for half a term trying violins, garage band and drums this year that is entirely funded by our PTA. Please keep supporting the great work they do for all our pupils.

Big thanks to the Rotary club of Nantwich who have generously donated 25 new dictionaries to school and donated £150 enabling us to purchase 7 electronic spell checkers. These are really supporting our new spelling initiative.

Also we extend thanks to the Beech Hall Centenary Trust who we successfully applied for help with the cost of the Shakespeare project in Year 5. We were delighted with the generous support they donated so all.

If you know of any trusts or charities we can approach for support please let us know we will need all the financial support we can get in the year ahead!

### **Christmas is coming – more details will follow**

This year like last we will video the class Christmas productions and circulate this to all families. Thanks to Mr Pickup for agreeing to make the children's work shine via video!

We are also busy planning a Christmas grotto experience for the children. We are also trying hard to stay on the good step so a special person might just call in to see us.

### **Elf Run – week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December**

All children will be provided with an elf hat this week to take part in a sponsored run in support of St Luke's hospice, please see attached form.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Non uniform day, please send your child in a Christmas jumper/t-shirt/head boppers or a touch of tinsel. We will be collecting for the RSPCA at Stapeley Grange again.

### **Local Community News - The Big Stapeley Switch On – November 25<sup>th</sup>**

I have been asked to highlight the Stapeley 'Big Switch on' next Thursday – November 25<sup>th</sup> to all our families. The event is starting at 5.30p.m. at The Cronkinson Farm Pub. There will be stalls, raffles etc. Then heading to Clarendon Court for 6pm to do carol singing then the big switch on at 7pm.

The money raised will buy gifts for the elderly and any money left will be given to the parish. .

### **RSPCA Christmas Fair – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 10-4pm Shavington Village Hall**

Join them for a day of family fun. Free entry.

### **Safety Update**

I received an update that the local authority has agreed to a 'puffin' crossing being fitted at the point on Peter Destapleigh Way that crosses over from the Pear Tree Fields estate to the Water Garden estate. This is not going to be fitted until 2022/23 but at least the safety concerns, so many have raised, have now been heard.

### **New Year...we need your views!**

We are starting to plan trips for the spring term. It has been lovely to see the children go on their rambles and next term we are aiming to get each class out again for a trip linked to their class topics. It is important we start offering the children the experiences gained from going out of the school gates. Sadly, this week we have been informed that recent events mean taking children to large cities is something we won't be planning but there are still so much we can do.

**We need your help to frame the year ahead please.... click on the link below to complete a very short five question survey about trips, residential and sporting events. Please complete one for each child you have in school.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RMXXSCP>

### **Pupil Voice**

A new group is starting in school. We are putting together a dedicated safeguarding children's group. This week we are starting with Year 5 and 6 pupils who will help shape this group. We will be looking at such issues as playtimes, anti-bullying, support in school and how children can access help when they need it.