



# PEAR TREE SCHOOL

## NEWTLETTER



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As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for everything you do to support, encourage, develop and challenge the team to be the best we can be for your children. After what has been one of the most challenging terms that I can ever remember I hope the holiday will offer us all an opportunity to draw breath, recharge our energy levels and be ready for the bumps in the road that may be ahead in January.

### **News**

This week we have had a lovely visit from Father Christmas. He did a fabulous job and was so keen he even went on a road trip with me, visiting children isolating at home as well as meeting the sibling new starters for September 2022 – gosh there is a lot of you!

Our particular thanks to Morrison's in Nantwich for supporting Santa with 250 selection boxes for free.

There is a great team at Morrison's Nantwich and they always help us.

Thanks also to Mrs Carly Logan who put hours and hours into the vision and creation of Santa's grotto. He said it was possibly the best one he had visited in years and particularly loved the fact every class had made something to help him feel at home.

Elf Benson and Elf Sheppard did an amazing job too and the children smiled and excitedly told Santa all about what they hope he will bring them on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

### **Christmas Performances**

Tomorrow we will distribute the link to the Christmas performances. Huge thanks once again to all the staff and children for their work on these and especially to Mr Pickup for his superb IT skills which indeed make the film 'sparkle and shine'.

Despite some feeling that events should have been held in school this Christmas we committed early to going back online rather than making last minute changes that could have caused even greater upset to the children. Considering the spike in cases this week we have made the correct decision on this occasion. We are now in enhanced lockdown measures as we have over 5 cases reported so are not currently allowed visitors in school.

We don't want things to be as they are but every school has to make a judgement on their setting, their local position and the national COVID picture at the time events are planned. We won't always get it right in your opinion but sometimes we will.

### **Timing changes for the New Year**

Feedback from all stakeholders means from January we are narrowing beginning of the day drop off times and lengthening the end of the day.

Please be on time and ensure your child has all their possessions with them so staff are not coming back to the gate in the morning.

### **From Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

#### **Drop Off**

8.45a.m. to 8.55a.m. – Please continue to use the same gates and ensure you do not loiter at drop off.

Temperature checks will continue as they do now.

Yr. 6 start time will remain at 8.30a.m.

Breakfast club will remain at 8.35a.m.

**Collection:**

All pupils will come out **at 3.15p.m.**

Infants need collecting off the yard as now between 3.15p.m. and 3.20p.m. no later.

All other classes will also follow these timings at the end of the day and from the exact same gates as we do now.

**Safeguarding Team**

This term we have put together a school safeguarding team. This consists of 10 children in Years 5 and 6 and we meet monthly to ensure school feels safe for the children. Our first task was to design our pupil survey and get that completed so that we could capture the children's thoughts from across the school. The children leading on this have been outstanding and very helpful.

Today the Year 6 safeguarding group went out to deliver Christmas cards to the residents of Clarendon Care Home. This has been part of the Nantwich Educational Partnership (NEP)'s 'Hearts to Homes' Christmas initiative. This year 18 schools took part, each making cards which were then shared out amongst all the schools and a selection then distributed back to each of the 18 schools to take out to a designated care home in their area. This sent a strong message of support and best wishes from the young people of our town to our older citizens. We are very proud to take part in this initiative and as one wise young man commented after our visit to Clarendon 'That felt good'. It did indeed and I was an extremely proud Headteacher to see such fine young people displaying kindness and respect to the community.

**Elf Run & Christmas Jumper Day**

Thanks for all the generous donations for St Luke's, we had a great week of running. We will confirm in the New Year how much you raised. The RSPCA at Stapeley Grange were delighted with the bundle of goodies that was delivered last Friday for the fur/feather/prickly babies.



**Wishing you all a very Merry and Healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

