



PEAR TREE SCHOOL

NEWTLETTER



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An unwelcome visitor returns

Unfortunately, the last two weeks has seen a very clear return of COVID infections. This is being experienced by staff, parents, community members and children.

Realistically very few are now testing so we never know exactly what infections are in the building but, we would ask for everyone's safety that if your child is unwell particularly with a high temperature that you keep them at home until they are well enough to return. We have faced challenges with staffing again and we want to ensure everything we want to deliver for the children can happen so please work with us.

The current local authority guidance stands as:

‘Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.’

Next Academic Year

We are already busy planning the year ahead and move-up morning took place today. It is difficult for staff to say goodbye to their classes and challenging for our children too. We are ensuring that additional activities are happening such as extra time with new teachers, visits to the next classroom, drop-ins from support staff etc. All so that we can make that move as seamless as possible.

In addition, we are planning a variety of parent workshops and drop-in opportunities for the autumn term including Internet safety, phonics and maths. If you have any suggestions do let us know at the gate. This is your school and we want to ensure you feel as supported as we can.

Phonics update

From September we will be introducing our new ‘Little Wandle Phonics’ scheme. This is a complete phonics package not hugely different from the one we use now but reflects new guidance and is informed by the latest research into raising reading achievement in children particularly in Reception and Year 1. Mrs Newman is taking on the role as Early Reading Lead and Mrs Lacy continues to offer excellent leadership of literacy across the school.

Huge thanks to Mrs Haydn-Lee and Mrs Hillman for the hours and hours they have already put in to prepare resources ready for staff to use in September. We will be running an information session about the programme in September. For additional information consider taking a look at the Little Wandle website: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Changes of contact details, medical alerts and asthma inhalers

It is vital that you ensure we have your up-to-date contact details. Being able to contact parents in an emergency is vital to keep your child safe so please let us know any changes of phone numbers of yourself and your additional emergency contacts and if you move house. If you check the attendance record that came home in your child's report you can see the data, we currently hold for your child and see if it is accurate.

In addition, we need to know any allergies or medication changes that may affect your child when in school. Asthma inhalers and epi-pens must be replaced regularly to stay in date. Out of date medication will be sent home.

Pear Tree Sport

Well, what a fabulous time we had during 'National Sports Week'. Every day started with a whole class dance. Over the week the children accumulated lots of River Miles too. We had rugby coaches in on Wednesday, Tae Kwon Do on Thursday and finished off the week with a whole school skipping challenge.

Two weeks ago we organised a friendly football tournament for our Year 5&6, after two years of covid. It was so nice to see all of the children having fun. We won 2 games, drew 1 and conceded 1 goal. Great football played and fantastic attitudes displayed by the whole team. Well done Pear Tree, we are so proud of you all.

Last week we took part in the biggest sporting event of the year – Town Sports.

Town sports is made up of over 30 primary schools in Crewe and Nantwich and there are three groups, A, B and C. We are in Group A and were up against some of the biggest schools in the area.

Monday was field events at the Cumberland Sports Ground, where we took 18 children from Years 4, 5&6. They took part in either long jump, high jump or javelin. Every child did their absolute best and we even got a 1st and a couple of 3rds.

Wednesday was track events at the Barony Park, where we took over 30 children from years 3, 4, 5&6. They took part in a range of races such as sprint, hurdles, beanbag and relay. Again, every child gave it their best shot and we couldn't have been happier. #proudtobeappear

Sadly, the Crewe and Nantwich Partnership have cancelled the swimming gala which is such a disappointment as we have a superb squad who were ready to go! We know you are absolutely winners and we really hope there is a better take up next year so we can return to the pool!

Coming up...

- Cricket County finals – a letter will come home with your child this week
- Gymnastics County finals – a letter will come home with your child this week
- Girls football sessions

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the Household Support Fund.

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1. This gives your child access to additional financial support in school such as a cost reduction on trips and residential.

You can apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school, nursery class or an Academy nursery if it has the same Ofsted number as the primary school.

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.

Summer Showcase

Save the date - Wednesday 13th July! On this day, we will be holding two performances at 1.45pm and 6pm. The whole school will be performing, and we are busy practising songs and dances. Tickets will be limited to two per family but can be 1 for afternoon and 1 for evening. We are very much looking forward to opening our doors and welcoming you in to watch us perform.

Whole School Games Day - Thursday 14th July – Year 6 have chosen a ‘Games’ theme for this year which sounds really exciting. In exchange for **non-uniform** and a day of fun we ask for a small donation if possible towards PTA funds. Please send money in with the children on the day.

Sports Coaching Group

Will be running a holiday club again in the Summer holidays 8am-5pm

Dates for your diary

Mon 4th & Tues 5th July – Violet class to Cheshire College

Thurs 7th July – Pop Up Uniform Shop – New Reception am, rest of the school pm. Look out for an email with a link to book a slot.

Fri 8th July – Sports day KS1 9.30-11.30am and KS2 1-3pm – **All welcome!** Bring a chair or blanket. See below

Mon 11th July – Orange class to visit RSPCA

Weds 13th July – Whole school Summer Show Case 1.45pm & 6pm – Parents welcome! Tickets 2 per family but you can have 1 for the afternoon and 1 for the evening.

Wed 20th July – Year 6 leavers assembly – 9.30am – Year 6 Parents welcome

Wed 20th July – Break for summer. Children return Monday 5th September

For Sports Day Friday 8th July and River Family Sports day Tuesday 12th July – we ask that your child wears a t-shirt in the colour of their River Family. Most children know what river they are in, for Red and Orange class there will be a note in their diary. If you don't have a t-shirt in their colour a splash of that will be fine.

Weaver – blue Dee – white Gowy - red

Bollin – green Dane – yellow Mersey – orange Checkley – black