



PEAR TREE SCHOOL

NEWTLETTER

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The sun has had his hat on this week – hoorah at last! I do feel a bit like Carol Kirkwood with my weather updates but we all need a little sunshine in our lives!

Cornovii Trust

We have had confirmation that the merger with The Cornovii Trust is due to go ahead from 1st September 2024. We are very excited about the next new step for Pear Tree and will keep you updated.

The first change will be a new school dinner provider. Cost will stay the same initially but we're looking forward to a fresh look menu and some tasty treats. More details will follow.

Sports week

Last week was sports week and what a wonderful week it was. Each morning started with a warm up on the playground and then each day was followed with a range of different sports. There was tennis and pickleball, rugby, dance, cricket, curling and nerf guns. Indigo Class ran 5k to raise money for Kidney research charity as well. It always amazes me the variety of opportunities that your children have so thank you to Mr Greasby for organizing a great week.

Town Sports

Last Monday and Wednesday was Town Sports. A number of children from KS2 were chosen to represent the school in track and field events. We came 5th overall in our category and we were so proud of our children who threw, jumped, beanbagged, hurdled and ran their hearts out. Mr Greasby treated them to an ice cream on Friday for all their hard work.

Reports

Teachers have been busy writing end of year reports. They will come home on Tuesday for you to share with your child/ren. Parent's evening this term is a 'drop in' for you to look at learning in books on Monday 15th July 4-6pm.

Summer Library Challenge – please see attached flyer

Insects

Just a reminder that when the weather gets drier it increases the number of biting critters that seem to live in the forest area and in the surrounding grass. A number of our children appear to be tasty treats for these insects so if your child is one of these then please send them in long sleeve tops and long trousers. Last year, I bought some citronella infused bracelets which helped but you may also want to invest in some insect repellent for your child too. Unfortunately, the insects seem to live under the bark in the forest area and become prolific during dry spells and then once it rains the larvae and insects are then dispersed and it becomes less of a problem. We did try and minimize the time spent in the forest area during forest school sessions last year but if we plan in advance hopefully we can minimize the impact and the discomfort that the insects cause.

Holidays in term time

This is a polite reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorized unless there are exceptional circumstances. See the attendance policy below:

Parent(s)/carer(s) do not have the right to take their child or young person out of school for a holiday. In exceptional circumstances, the school may grant leave of absence up to 10 days and it may be necessary for a longer planned absence. All such cases must be discussed with the Head Teacher, as a child or young person who is absent longer than 10 days after an agreed return date, can legally be removed from the school roll and the parents/carers may be liable to prosecution.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave for a family holiday/leave of absence, the school will consider each case individually, taking into account a child or young person's overall attendance and the reason for the absence. The school will not authorise holidays taken during any examination weeks.

A 'LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FORM' (see Appendix 4) is available from the school office and on the school website. It must be completed in advance of the absence and returned to the school where it will need to be discussed with the Head Teacher. This discussion will contribute towards the final decision.

- It must clearly state on the form why it is necessary that this absence has to be taken in term time.
- Lower cost holiday is not a reason.
- On receipt of the 'Leave of Absence Request Form', parents/carers will be sent a response indicating whether the school is able to authorise your request or not.

Reasons for not authorising it might include:-

- Unsatisfactory attendance
- Time of year, e.g. if pupils are sitting assessments
- If leave of absence has already been authorised during the current academic year
- It is a holiday request in school term time
- There does not appear to be an exceptional circumstance surrounding the request

If parents, contrary to what the school has said, still decide to take their child out of school, then the absence will be coded as **'unauthorised.'** This may lead to the school referring the matter to the Local Authority requesting a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two Children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

Middy assistant

We're looking for a midday assistant to work from 11.30-1pm each day. If you would like further details, please contact Mrs Hadfield or Mrs Nixon.

Ice pops

Olivia Lowther from Y5 will be selling ice pops in front of the school gates this evening to raise funds for the PTA. Ice pops are 25p each. Thank you Olivia for your kindness 😊

Indigo Class fundraising

For part of their citizenship Award, Indigo Class decided they would like to raise some money for a charity. They voted on this and their chosen charity was Kidney Research UK. Last week, they completed a 5km run and at the start of this week they held a cake sale- or two! Altogether, they have raised just under £450! Thank you to everyone who donated and supported them with their run and cake sale. Incredible Indigo!

Booknic

We love reading and know the power of shared reading at home both in improving academic access but also supporting emotional well-being. We are holding our summer term 'Booknic' to continue the celebration of the joy of reading together. Pack up a few good books, a nice rug and come and join us on the field.

Our first 'Booknic' is happening on the field on **Wednesday 3rd July at 2.30p.m. till 3.00p.m.** We invite parents and carers to come in at 2.15p.m. To either – **Main entrance if you are collecting one child or the hall door if you are collecting two or more and your child/ren.** They will then be collected for you and be brought to you and head to the field where you can lay out a rug and *feast* on some books together.

Sports Day – Friday 5th July KS1 9.30am and KS2 1.15pm

Children to wear River Family coloured t-shirts

Mersey – Orange, Gowy – red, Bollin – green, Weaver – blue, Checkly – black, Dee – white, Dane – yellow

We look forward to welcoming you all, please bring chairs, blankets, shade and water and make yourselves comfortable on the hill. Reserve Sports Day will be Friday 12th July should we need to cancel due to rain.

Summer Showcase Tues 9th July 1.30pm and 6pm

This year's Summer Performance showcases songs from throughout a number of decades. Starting with the 1960s and leading through 7 decades to the 2020s, classes across the school will perform for you during a show that is bound to get you toe-tapping and singing along to some songs you may know and recognise. We are looking forward to sharing that feel-good factor and welcoming you in to school before we look towards the countdown to the summer holidays. We have enjoyed learning dances in school for this event and hope you like what we have prepared for you as an audience!

Hello from the PTA!

We hope you are enjoying the sunny weather and managing to stay cool!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the summer fair. I'm sure you will all agree it was a lovely afternoon despite the slightly windy and rainy conditions. We managed to raise over £1,200! We will be using some of this money to support the school with updating the trim trail.

We still have a few upcoming events and fundraising opportunities before the end of the term:

Sports Day - we will be selling refreshments and also our pre-loved uniform will be making a return. If you have any uniform donations, you can drop them off at the office.

Rags2Riches - look out for a leaflet and collection bag coming home soon. Deadline for donations is first thing on Monday 8th July, but they can be dropped into school from the 5th of July.

End of term disco - your child should have brought home a letter about the disco on Friday 12th July. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible to guarantee your child's place.

Have a lovely, and hopefully sunny, weekend.

Diary Dates

Weds 3rd July – Blue class Bikeability

Weds 3rd July – Booknic 2.30pm

Fri 5th July – Sports Day KS1 am and KS2 pm

Fri 5th July – PTA 'Rags 2 Riches – please drop bags

Tues 9th July – Summer Show Case

Thurs 11th July – Year 6 to South Cheshire College

Fri 12th July 6-8pm – PTA Disco KS1 6-6.45pm KS2 7-7.45pm

Thurs 18th July 9.15am – Leavers assembly (new date)

Thursday 18th July – Break for summer