



PEAR TREE SCHOOL

NEWTLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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We are already half-way through this half term and Spring at Pear Tree is well underway. In the last three weeks alone, children across the school have accessed countless, wonderful opportunities and these do not show any signs of slowing down.

We have now had 6 of our 7 classes have their Throwback Thursday lunch, 51 children went to Manchester for Young Voices, Violet have received their Leavers Hoodies, we have had Parents Evening and Star Days, Indigo Class have performed at the New Vic, Red & Violet have visited Nantwich Library together, World Book Day, various sporting event have happened and the children even had an extra day off for our school closure!

Over the next 3 weeks we have Green Class out in Chester on their Roman Trip and are also taking part in Singfest, applications for the Rotary Art & Handwriting Competition are submitted, the PTA Easter Bingo and yet more sports events.

### Sports

Since returning to school after half-term, various sporting events have taken place:

- Nantwich Town ran a 'Girls Only' football afternoon
- The Y5/6 Netball team represented Pear Tree at the Crewe & Nantwich Finals
- Y5/6 Football Team have been for a training session at Crewe Alex ahead of their League Two Northern Finals on 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Y1/2 Football team played superbly at the Soccer Centre

We still have our Y1/2 Gymnastics competition and the football tournament in Accrington Stanley before Easter.

### Great Athletes

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May we are having a visit from Danny Butler, a Great Britain Paralympian. He is a European Champion Mountain Biker as well as being a 5 x British Champion – currently ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World! He will be visiting school and running some circuits with the children as part of a fundraising event. More information about this exciting opportunity will be sent out just after Easter!

### World Book Day

Thank you for all your wonderful bakes for World Book Day. We loved seeing them and raised an incredible £300 to go towards new books for our school library!

### Choir

Choir will start again after Easter on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If your child would like to start or continue with choir then please email [lcliff@peartreeprimary.co.uk](mailto:lcliff@peartreeprimary.co.uk)

### Headteacher interviews

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March will see the interview process for the new headteacher of Pear Tree. We will let you know any decisions made about an appointment once the process is complete.

## PTA

Bingo night is back! Join us on Friday 28th March for an evening of fun - see the attached letter for more information and how to get your tickets.

On Friday 28th March, your children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform in exchange for a chocolate treat, which will be used as prizes at the Bingo Night. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

If you have any unwanted gifts or anything that would be good as a raffle prize, we'd be extremely grateful! Please take any items to the school office.

## Music

Blue Class have now had 8 lessons of learning brass instruments and are almost ready for their concert. This will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 2:15pm** in the school hall. We hope you can join us.

The Pear Tree Parpers performed in the Cheshire Schools Music competition this week at Ruskin High School. This is the first time we have competed at this competition and the children were absolutely incredible!

## Indigo at the New Vic

Earlier in the week, Indigo Class went to the New Vic to perform on stage. Their section of The Tempest was incredible and we are so proud of them. They have been working extremely hard to produce their part, which they also performed to the rest of the school. Well done, Indigo.

## Free School Meals and Cost of Living Challenges

We are very aware that challenges continue to arise, and we work hard to make school events for the coming term as low cost as possible - we are however aware that there are 3 residential planned. If you are struggling, please come and talk to us; do not worry in silence. We will do our best to help our community and may be able to help in some practical ways or signpost where you might be able to access additional support. All conversations will be treated in confidence. Payment plans are always available so please speak to Mrs Nixon in the office, Mr Greasby or your child's class teacher.

Remember you may qualify for Free School Meals. This brings in additional funding to school which helps towards trips and uniform, as well as school meals. It also allows you to access some free childcare in some of the holidays and other vouchers for food and heating. To check if you might be eligible click here: [https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

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 as the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources.

**Thank you once again for your continued support of the school and we look forward to sharing the spring term with you.**

**Mr Greasby & Mr Perry**

### Dates for your diaries

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Green class Deva Museum Chester

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Green class parents lunch

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Blue class brass concert 2.15pm – Parents welcome

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Green class Singfest Concert 10-11.15am. Tickets are now available

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – PTA Bingo – see letter

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr 3.15 – 6.30pm – Red class parents evening at school

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 3.30-5pm – Red class parents evening online

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Break for Easter. Return Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Indigo class visit to Safety Centre, Warrington

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> –Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Apr – Blue class residential to Conway

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Yellow class residential to Burwardsley

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Orange class swimming 4 weeks

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May – Photographer in school Classes and Year 6 Leavers

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Break for half term. Return Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jun – Yellow swimming for 6 weeks

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> & Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June – Violet class Bikeability

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June – Town Sports at Cumberland Crewe

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> June – Town Sports Barony Park

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Key Stage 1 – AM Key Stage 2 – PM. Parents welcome

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 transition days – Brine Leas

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June – Move Up Day. Children meet their new teacher

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jun – Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Violet class residential York

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Blue class Bikeability

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Green class Chester Zoo

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 – South Cheshire College

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver’s assembly. Time tbc

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July – Break for summer. Return Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> September