



PEARESWOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of this Autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the enriching experiences our children have encountered, contributing to their learning and overall well-being. It has been a delight to witness their resilience and enthusiasm in embracing various challenges, demonstrating their incredible drive for learning.

The festive season has brought about a flurry of activities, and I hope those of you who were able to attend our performances enjoyed the wonderful showcase of our children's talents. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to both our dedicated children and our exceptional school team who worked tirelessly to make these events possible for our school community.

Our school Choir went to sing at Erith Shopping Centre this week and what an amazing performance it was. Well Done to the Choir and Mrs Caldwell.

With the turn of the year approaching, I'd like to provide you with some updates regarding staffing. We welcomed back Mrs. Down from maternity leave on 11th December. Unfortunately, this also means bidding farewell to Miss Gunner on 19th of this month. We express our appreciation to Miss Gunner for her dedication and hard work with our Year 5 children. Mrs Gladman returns from maternity leave on 19th December and will be rejoining the Year 6 team providing additional support for our children as they work towards their SATs in May. Moreover, Mrs. Crowhurst, our HLTA, will be embarking on a new and exciting role in January. Her contributions since 2011 have been instrumental, and we extend our gratitude for her unwavering support for our children. We wish her the very best in her new endeavours. As you are aware, Miss Yiannadji, our Deputy Headteacher responsible for Inclusion, will assume the role of Headteacher at another school within our Trust. We extend our gratitude for her exceptional support to our children and families, and we wish her success in her new role. Welcoming Mrs. Mourne in January, who will step into the role of Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion, marks an exciting new chapter for our school.

Upon our return to school, we invite specific year groups to attend Early Morning Workshops at 8:30 am starting from Monday, 8th January 2024.

	Phonics	Times Tables	Reading	Revision Club
Monday	Year 1	Year 4	Year 2-Invitation only	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 1	Year 4	Year 2-Invitation only	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 1	Year 4	Year 2-Invitation only	Year 6
Thursday	Year 2	Year 4	Year 2-Invitation only	Year 6
Friday	Year 2	Year 4	Year 2-Invitation only	Year 6

As the festive season approaches, we wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break. We eagerly anticipate welcoming back all our children to school on Thursday, 4th January 2024, for what promises to be an engaging and rewarding new year of learning.

Looking ahead, next week promises more excitement as we gear up for our whole school visit to St. Augustine's Church. Additionally, a gentle reminder that Tuesday, 19th December, marks our Christmas Jumper or Own Clothes Day, with school finishing at the usual time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ferla and the PWP Team



Upcoming Events



19th December

Choir Performance for Families

19th December

Christmas Jumper Day or Own Clothes



4th January

First Day of Term

SAFEGUARDING

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are a time made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company - but with distractions like ping-pong notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Blaying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season - you'll be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

- CHRISTMAS CRAFTING**: Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.
- NATURE QUEST**: Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your friends to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year - like holly or pinecones, for example.
- CAROL KARAOKE**: Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite festive songs and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.
- WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE**: Have a go at making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmas. You could also try a 'Christmas memory game' by 'unboxing' your creativity while you enjoy making these magical holiday moments.
- TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALING**: Just down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary - you could also set some of your main goals for the new year.
- WRAP IT UP**: Take time to get inventive with some fabulous gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make something up. These presents into a creative endeavour.
- WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND**: Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm in you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.
- BE A SEASONAL CHEF**: Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.
- ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY**: Christmas is a perfect time for spending quality time together and have you off in a brilliant book. Book events to the cinema or at home. Modern favourites by Chris Van Allsburg or Tom Paulsen.
- SNOWY SCULPTURES**: If you're fortunate enough to get a little snow, you can make the most of it by making snowman-body or family snowman-body competitions.
- GAMES NIGHT GALA**: Dive into some old-school fun with board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!
- GOODWILL TO ALL**: You and your family could spend a day volunteering - or perhaps at a recycling bank and sorting out. After all, kindness and helping of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert: The National College of Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

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This #WakeUpWednesday guide has a present for you - a collection of useful tips to help coax your children away from their screens this Christmas.



We hope you all have an amazing Christmas break!

We look forward to seeing you back to school on the 4th January!



Congratulations! We hope you enjoyed your well deserved Hot Chocolate!



ELSIE



Elsie enjoyed her burger from the PTA!



Come on everyone its so close in positions, keep getting these tokens!

Here are the current positions:

- 1st Nathan Bryon
- 2nd Malorie Blackman
- 3rd Oliver Jeffers
- 4th Julia Donaldson



ATTENDANCE

School Target- 96%

Current Attendance - 94.4%

Nursery AM - 95.0%	Nursery PM- 93.2%
Poplar - 89.6%	Lime - 92.6%
Bay- 98.9%	H/Chestnut- 92.9%
Box- 91.0%	Bamboo - 96.2%
Ash - 93.5%	Cypress - 98.7%
Palm- 93.7%	Acacia - 92.7%
Holly- 91.7%	Myrtle- 98.9%
Eucalyptus- 97.6%	Willow - 93.0%

Green=met the minimum attendance rate



We are...

WELL DONE!

Class	Peareswood Champion
Nursery AM/PM	Justina/Rosie
Lime	Amber
Poplar	Micheal
H/Chestnut	Rohan
Bay	Jude
Bamboo	Thea
Box	Frankie
Cypress	Charlene
Ash	Luke
Acacia	Miracle
Palm	Amelia R
Holly	Daniella
Myrtle	Daisy
Willow	Niyah
Eucalyptus	Kimora



Ready



Respectful



Safe

SCHOOL VALUES

We have been exploring the value of creativity across the school this week during Technology Week. Take a look at our social media sites to see what fun we have been having!

EYFS- Reception and Nursery showed off their creative performance skills during their Nativity this week, we are all so proud of you! They were superstars.

KS1-Years 1 and 2 have been exploring coding by using the Beebots app, Code and Go Mice and the Awbie app go give instructions. They really enjoyed using all of these.

KS2- Year 4 have been learning how to create podcasts on GarageBand as a way of telling their stories that they have been writing.

Our Planting Tree Event!



The Mayor and Mayoress joined our students planting a tree.

On Wednesday the school took part in a tree planting event to combat noise pollution from the busy main roads. In attendance was the Mayor of Bexley, local councillors, Orbit Housing, Bexley School Superzone, The woodlands Academy Trust and Peareswood Staff and Students.



Everyone got the chance to plant a tree and then join the Mayor with our Gardening Club plant an English Oak tree in front of our school.



The event is one of many planned around community with everything being tackled from noise pollution, community food banks, our very own community hub working with Orbit and local organisations providing a safe space for our families on the school grounds.



For future community projects to get involved with look out for communications from our Community Liaison Officer Nick Iddiols.