



# Peartree Way Pre-School and Nursery Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2023

*Welcome from the Head*

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Peartree Way! It has been so lovely to start the school year with excitement and sunny weather! The children have settled remarkably well and are engaging in the fabulous environment we have here. The teams have worked extremely hard over the summer break to ensure Pre-School and Nursery are safe and inviting spaces for exploring and learning. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for recent photos. Mrs Endersby has already added some of the Pre-School provision and the Nursery ones will be added soon.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fun Day last July as the money raised will be used to purchase additional resources for the children. Equipment for outdoor play and physical development will be bought so there will be plenty of bean bags, balls, hoops and balancing beams introduced in Nursery over the next few weeks.

Our teacher, Sian and I will be welcoming you on the gate every morning and we look forward to getting to know you and your children better over the next few weeks. I know this newsletter contains a lot of information so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



**Deb - Headteacher**

Thank you for your support,  
*Deb Willcox*  
Headteacher  
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**Sian - Teacher**

## **Half-Termly Donations**

Every half term we send home a small envelope for you to add a donation to our school fund. This helps to pay for your child's daily snack, playdough and baking ingredients and the Christmas party to name but a few activities. We appreciate times are tough but the children ultimately benefit from your donations. Please help if you can.

## **NURSERY Stay & Play – Meet your child’s Key Person**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 3.40pm – 4.45pm**

We are aware that dropping your child at the school gate means that you miss out on seeing what is happening within the setting. Therefore, we are offering our **NURSERY parents** the chance to pop in for a ‘Stay & Play’ visit after school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. You will have a chance to meet your child’s Keyperson and share some of the wonderful Nursery activities with your child.

**Pre-School parents** will have the opportunity stay and play later this half-term and further information will follow.

## **No Mobile Phone Zone**

Although mobile phones play an important part in our busy lives, please do not use them on the school premises. This safeguards all our children.

Your child should have your undivided attention as you bring them into school to help them prepare for their session. They may also love to tell you about their day when they are collected.

## **Fire Drill**

Over the next few weeks, we will be implementing planned fire drills. Going forward, fire drills will take place on a half-termly basis and children will learn how to evacuate the building safely.

A lockdown drill will be practised later in the school year so that the children can come inside to be safe and in a calm environment, should there be a threat outside the building. Although a school lockdown situation is unlikely, it is better to be prepared. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this - **head@peartreeway.herts.sch.uk**

## **Drop off and Collection Arrangements**

We have a soft start and end to all our sessions to ease parking and allow for drop offs and collections from other schools. We have found that children settle easier if they are dropped at the gate and parents and carers leave quickly.

Morning session drop off between 8.30am - 9.00am

Morning session collection between 11.20am and 11.30am

Afternoon session drop off between 12.30pm – 1pm

Afternoon session collection between 3.20pm and 3.30pm

30 hours sessions start at 8.30am with differing end times.

### **Absence through illness**

If your child is poorly or going to be absent from Nursery or Pre-School please e-mail Mrs. Endersby at **admin@peartreeway.herts.sch.uk**

If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea, they must stay at home for 48 hours after the last incident.

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, please keep them at home until the course is completed.

Please do not come into school or send your child if you or they are feeling ill. Covid 19 is still a concern so if you or your child show COVID 19 symptoms (see NHS website for a comprehensive list of symptoms) please do not come into school but stay at home and ring NHS 111 for advice. I know there are less harmful childhood illnesses that have similar symptoms but I urge you to be cautious and keep your child at home if they are not feeling well.

### **Dates for your Diary**

A list of IMPORTANT DATES are detailed on our website [www.peartreeway.herts.sch.uk](http://www.peartreeway.herts.sch.uk) but don't forget . . .

**We will be CLOSED on the following dates:**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October for half term

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Inset Day – Staff Training

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Occasional Day

Further information will follow for our Christmas singalong and parties etc.

### **School Uniform (that old chestnut!)**

We don't want you to spend a lot of money on posh uniform as we would prefer children to be comfortable and independent. Please send your child in joggers and leggings which they can easily manage as well as comfy clothes that you don't mind having paint or mud on from their learning through play.

We recommend a navy sweatshirt for school as this does not easily stain. Pale blue polo shirts are also ideal to wear underneath the sweatshirt. These can be bought from local supermarkets and means their out of school clothes stay nicer for longer.

(P.S. Please name all clothes, coats and shoes – you'd be surprised how many other children have the same coat/shoes as your child!)

### **Parking**

Please take care where you park as we have already had concerns raised by local residents about potential accidents due to parking and speeding cars as well as parking tickets and fines being issued.

The police are aware of the situation and will be visiting without warning to patrol the area.