



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 3

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### Diary Dates

19th September	-	Prospective Parents Evening @ Painsley Catholic College
25th September	-	Y6 Orientation Day @ TCA
	-	Prospective Parents Evening @ The Cheadle Academy
26th September	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
27th September	-	Non Uniform Day - Macmillan Cake Donations
28th September	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, 2pm - All Welcome
17th October	-	Harvest Lunch
19th October	-	Harvest Festival, 2pm - All Welcome
22nd October	-	PTFA Spooky Disco
24th October	-	Academy Photography - Individuals, Families and Siblings
25th October	-	School Closes for Half term
26th October	-	Staff Training Day, School Closed
5th November	-	School Re-opens
10th November	-	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza
11th November	-	Remembrance Service
12th November	-	Anti Bullying Week
16th November	-	Children in Need Day
17th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
2nd December	-	PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip
5th December	-	Festival of Christmas Music @ The Victoria Hall
7th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
10th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
11th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip
13th December	-	Reception & KS1 Christmas Trip
14th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
	-	Christmas Disco
21st December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Carol Service



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Following the success of previous years we are, once again, holding our Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Friday 28th September at 2-4pm. Please come and join us for coffee, slice of cake and a chat, all funds raised go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



The main reason for this fundraisers' success is the generous donation of cakes from our parents, homemade or bought and therefore we will be having a school **own clothes day on Thursday 27th September**. To wear their own clothes, children are asked to bring in a donation of a cake or cakes, (these can be home baked or shop bought), all donations will be gratefully received!

We hope that you will be able to come along and support this extremely worthwhile cause, whilst enjoying a slice of cake, a cuppa and a chat amongst friends.

Thank you, in advance, for your help and support.



### Year 6 Transition to High School



Please be aware that the closing date for Year 6 parents to apply for a high school place, for their child, is **31st October 2018**. Please ensure that you have made your application before this date. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions) and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

If any parent requires help with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

### Our School Day

Here is some important information about the start and end of our school day:

#### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Reception, year 1 and year 2 children should be dropped off at their cloakroom door. To promote our children's independence, we ask that children come into the cloakroom on their own. There will, of course, be staff on hand to give assistance, should they require it. We would also ask parents/carers not to congregate around the entrance itself, to allow children to enter the cloakroom easily and safely.

Please may we remind you that your Great Wood child and their younger siblings, remain the responsibility of their parent/carer, until they enter school at 8.50am. Can we also please ask that children (including younger siblings), are not allowed to run freely around the school grounds, in the interest of health and safety.

At the end of the school day KS1 children will be supervised by a member of staff, until collected by a designated adult, from their cloakroom door. Reception children will leave via the door to their outside area and will also be supervised by a member of staff, until collected by a designated adult.

#### KS2 Children

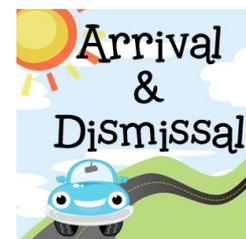
At the start of the school day KS2 children will congregate on the school playground. A member of staff will be on duty to supervise children from 8.50am, children will not be supervised before this time. Therefore, we ask that children arrive at school at an appropriate time.

At the end of the school day Y3/4 children will leave school via the side door in their classroom and Y5/6 will leave via their cloakroom door. Both classes will be supervised by a member of staff.

#### After School Clubs

Children attending after school clubs will need to be collected via the side door of the 3/4 classroom, where they will be supervised by a member of staff. We ask parents/carers to wait outside this door to collect their children. We will not be opening up the hall for the collection of children, at the end of after school clubs. This is to ensure a safe and speedy end to the school day.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.





The first PTFA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 6.30pm. If you are interested in getting involved please come along and find out what it is all about. Without the PTFA it would not be possible to run many of our events like discos, bingo, Midsummer Madness and our famous Bonfire Extravaganza, which provide funds for all those little extras for our children

You don't need to commit to every event, any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are able to help out with any events, please speak to Mrs Buckley in school.



### Sickness

May we remind you that as advised by the Health Protection Agency, all children must be kept away from school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

### Starting School in September?

Do you have, or know anyone who has, a child who is due to start school next September? Parents of these children are warmly invited to come and have a look round school and see what we have to offer.

Please contact the school office for more details.



### School Office

Please may we remind you that the school office is closed every Thursday afternoon from 1pm. Therefore, we kindly request that you please contact us before this time to advise of any changes to the collection of your child/children. Emergency calls will, of course, still be taken on the usual school number and naturally, we will still contact you should any need arise. However, we ask that you please do not contact us via text message, or for non-emergencies on Thursday afternoons. Many thanks for your help and co-operation with this.



### Swimming

We are delighted to inform you that this academic year, all of our Great Wood children will be having a swimming lesson. Key stage two will start in the Autumn term, 3/4 after Christmas and key stage 1 (year1&2) will be in the Summer term, after Easter. It is very important that our children can swim, for theirs and other's safety, so we are extremely pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to Great Wood pupils.

If you are interested in your child learning to swim outside school, as well, please see the details below, of two of our local amateur swimming clubs.



**Cheadle (Staffs) & District  
Amateur Swimming Club**

Established 1968



## Learn to swim with Little Otters

**With others you learn to swim  
With us you learn how to swim**

Little Otters aims to provide children with the opportunity to learn to swim all strokes and develop skills that will enable them to enjoy swimming.

- Classes start from 4 years
- Small & friendly class sizes based on ability
- Highest quality of teaching by ASA trained staff
- Classes follow the ASA Learn to Swim framework

At South  
Moorlands  
Leisure Centre,  
Cheadle

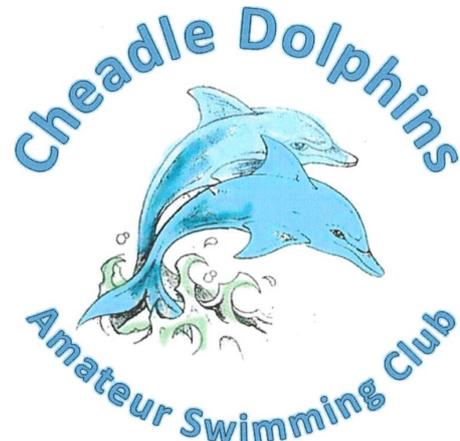
Class times:

<b>Sunday:</b>	1pm to 1.30pm 1.30pm to 2pm	<b>Wednesday:</b>	7pm to 7.30pm 7.30pm to 8pm
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Little Otters leads children into the competitive side of Cheadle Swimming Club, where we are always on the look out for competent swimmers age 7-11

We also have a Masters group for swimmers age 18+ who still want to compete, keep fit or have structured coaching.

www.cheadleasc.org.uk  
information@cheadleasc.org.uk  
07875 036504 (Karen)



**Tuesday's 6.30pm – 7.30pm**  
(Term time only)

**£4.00 per hour**

**Non swimmers to Life savers  
Fun Friendly non competitive lessons for  
children age 4 years and older**

**Cheadle Leisure Centre**

**Contact Liz Rushton on 07779057039**

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