



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 2

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Diary Dates

19th September	-	Prospective Parents Evening @ Painsley Catholic College
25th September	-	Academy Photography - Individuals, Families and Siblings
	-	Prospective Parents Evening @ The Cheadle Academy
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
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
17th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
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
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays



We would like to give a very warm welcome to Mia who joined our Reception class and school family this week. We look forward to getting to know her during our exciting Autumn Term.

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.



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MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

New School Captains

We are delighted to announce our new school captains;

- Blue - Captain Alfie Burton and Vice-Captain Alyssa Burgoyne
- Yellow - Captain Ethan Ganner and Vice-Captain Sophie Peach
- Green - Captain Kaci Redfern and Vice-Captain Summer McAlpine
- Red - Captain Grace Ansell and Vice-Captain Jessica Rushton

Along with our brand new School Council;

- Year 1 - Jack Brindley, Sienna Williams & Freya Hughes
- Year 2 - Aaron Roberts & Amelia Bradley
- Year 3 - Jack Harris & Anna Parry
- Year 4 - Harry Foxall & Amy Buckley
- Year 5 - Freya Swinson, Leighton Downings & Jamie Beardmore
- Year 6 - Cory Eardley & Grace Myers

Along side the school council, we have a year 5/6 class council, the members are: Amelia Harper, Karleigh Bonsall, Leah Wilford, Ben Lonergan, Alex Athersmith and Ethan Czwartynski

Huge congratulations to you all - we are very proud of you and hope you enjoy representing the school.



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.



Choir

Our fantastic Mrs Roberts will, once again, be running our Great Wood choir this year. Rehearsals will take place during Monday lunchtimes. Children who are interested in joining, who have not already joined, can get an application letter from the Mrs Roberts.

Should your child join, choir badges are available from Mrs Roberts at a cost of £1 each.



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 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.



ASM Sport Afterschool Clubs

ASM Sports will be running an after school sports clubs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from Monday 10th September. The club will be straight after school until 4.30pm each day, until the end of this half term, when a new list of clubs will be available.

The club is for both key stages and costs £3.00 per week, per child. If you would like your child to attend the ASM Sports club, please complete the permission slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as there are limited spaces available. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Our School Day

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

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

From Monday 17th September Reception, year 1 and year 2 children should be dropped off at their cloakroom door. To promote our children's independence, we ask that from Monday, 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

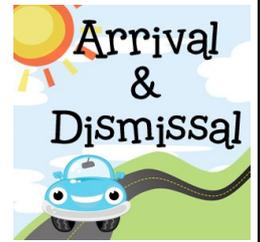
At the start of the school day KS2 children will congregate on the school playground. A member of staff will be on duty to supervise children from 8.50am, children will not be supervised before this time. Therefore, we ask that children arrive at school at an appropriate time.

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

From Monday 17th September, 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, from 17th September onwards, 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.



After School Clubs

Welcome to the Autumn Term, we will once again be running a selection of after school clubs. The clubs available for this half term are as follows:



	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Alternative Sports - £3 per week	
Tuesday	Music Club (Max 25)	Cookery Club (Max 20) - £2 per week
Wednesday	ASM Multi Sports - £3 per week	
Thursday	ASM Gymnastics - £3 per week	
Friday	Construction Club (Max 30)	Football Club

Clubs will start week commencing 17th September and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing 22nd October 2018.

Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible, places will be issued on a first come first served basis. For children taking part in Cookery club please enclose your payment for the half term (6 weeks) £12.

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Childs Name	Clubs they would like to take part in:

Younger children should be collected at the end of the club. Upper Key Stage 2 may walk home with your permission.

I do/do not give permission for my child to walk home (delete as required)

Signed _____ Parent/Carer