



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 4



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Diary Dates

27th September	-	Non Uniform Day - Macmillan Cake Donations
28th September	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, 2pm - All Welcome
10th October	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - 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



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.

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.



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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.



Happy Birthday Lesley

On Thursday 4th October it will be our fantastic chef, Lesley's 50th birthday. To celebrate Lesley will be cooking a special birthday lunch. The menu will be:

Sausage and chips followed by birthday cake for pudding

Lesley hopes that everyone will have a school lunch to help her celebrate!
School meals are free for children in reception to year 2 and £2.20 per meal for children in years 3-6.



PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

Once again, this year our wonderful PTFA have organised a Christmas shopping trip. This year we are going to Liverpool with it's fantastic Christmas markets, on Sunday 2nd December. This is a very popular PTFA event and gives you an opportunity to enjoy your Christmas shopping, with friends and family, without having to drive, or worry about the dreaded Christmas parking!

The coach will be leaving school at 8.30am and will leave Liverpool at 5.30pm for the return journey.

Tickets are priced at just £10 per person, available from the school office.



There will be an exciting raffle taking place during the journey, where you could win lots of goodies for Christmas!

After School Clubs

Please can we remind parent/carers that if your child has signed up for a place in any of the after school clubs, they are expected to attend each week, unless a previous arrangement has been made with the school office. We have a waiting list for several of the clubs and non attendance is preventing children on these lists from attending the clubs. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Earrings

We would like to make you aware that our P.E. policy guidance states that no earrings, (or any other jewellery), can be worn during P.E. lessons. Also, plasters, or tape put over earrings will no longer be permitted. On P.E. days please can you ensure that your child does not wear earrings to school, or is capable of removing them themselves, (staff are not able to do this for them), to enable your child to do P.E. Any children that are wearing earrings, on P.E. days and that are not able to remove them independently, will not be allowed to participate in that P.E. lesson.



For our fantastic Harvest Festival this Year, we will be following the same format as last year. We will be enjoying the delightful performances of our children, during the Harvest assembly, which will be followed by our "Celebration of Harvest". There will be a variety of activities for you and your children to enjoy; A Farmer's Market, Great Wood exciting apple bobbing (be prepared to get wet) and of course our famous produce sale! Please could you bring your kind donations of produce (fresh, tinned or packaged), into school on Friday 19th October. All proceeds from the sale of your generous donations will, as is the Great Wood tradition, go to Tean and Checkley's O.A.P Association. We would like to, also, take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, who gave feedback to members of the Great Wood team and gave us such positive feedback, last year. You're support means a great deal to us.

We hope you will be able to join us once again, for our "Celebration of Harvest" this year, starting at 2pm on Friday 19th October.

We look forward to seeing you there and feel sure that you will enjoy a fun filled and worthwhile afternoon.

