



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 1

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### Diary Dates

18th September	-	Prospective Parents Evening @ Painsley Catholic College
24th September	-	Prospective Parents Evening @ The Cheadle Academy
25th September	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
26th September	-	Non Uniform Day - Macmillan Cake Donations
27th September	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, 2pm - All Welcome
7th October	-	Parents Evening
11th October	-	Flu Vaccinations
18th October	-	Harvest Lunch
	-	Harvest Festival in Christ Church, 9.30am - All Welcome
	-	Harvest Crafts Session - Reception/Y1 & 2 - Parents Welcome
	-	Harvest Sale of Goods, 3.15pm
24th October	-	Academy Photography - Individuals, Families and Siblings
	-	PTFA Spooky Disco 6.30-8pm
	-	School Closes for Half term
25th October	-	Staff Training Day, School Closed
4th November	-	School Re-opens
5th November	-	Bonfire Lunch
7th November	-	Parents Forum - Agenda TBC
9th November	-	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza
10th November	-	Remembrance Service
16th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
29th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
6th December	-	Christmas Craft Afternoon - Year 3,4,5&6 - Parents Welcome
9th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
10th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
11th December	-	Reception/KS1 Christmas Trip
12th December	-	Christmas Lunch
13th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
16th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip
19th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
20th December	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays





We are happy to welcome you all back to the new school year, and hope you all had a good summer break.

A very warm welcome to the children and families, who are joining us for the first time - welcome, Heidi, Jacob, Layton, Albert, Imogen, Bobby, Logan, Azura, Emma, Noah, Isabella, Poppy, Tilly, Casey, Connor, Mahia, Genevieve and Leela in Reception. Also, to Kamara, Isabela and Josie joining our school family. We look forward to getting to know you all during our exciting Autumn Term.

Mrs Butt, from The Cheadle Academy, will continue teaching our children Modern Foreign Languages, on a Wednesday, across the school. Our children will be enjoying French and learning to speak to each other in a foreign language.

Mr Chapman will continue to deliver our music lessons, each Friday, where our children will experience using a variety of musical instruments and be fine tuning their voices during singing time. Mr Chapman will also be leading our K2M music, with our Year 3 and 4 class.

### Information/Reminders



- Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniform and PE kit.
- All** dinner money for the week ahead should be sent in on a Monday morning, in a **purse or envelope** clearly marked with your child's name, so that we can ensure that we send you the correct change. £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. (Applies to year 3-6 only)
- Please help us to keep our children safe, by parking considerately when dropping off or collecting children. A reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors to school only.
- The school office is closed on Thursday afternoons. Urgent messages may be left on the answerphone.
- If your child is ill, please ensure that you contact school to inform us as soon as possible on the first morning of the illness. Thank you.

Many thanks for your help and support with all of the above.

### The Moorlands Primary Federation – Term Dates 2019/20

#### Autumn Term 2019

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term starts for pupils:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Term ends:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Spring Term 2020

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Term starts for pupils:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Term ends:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Easter Holiday:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

#### Summer Term 2020

**Term starts for pupils:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Term ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Summer Holiday:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August



### Break Sales

Our wonderful Lesley and Jan in the kitchen provide break sales for children in years 1-6 each morning. Prices are as follows:

Toast	20p	Milkshake	60p
Oatcake	60p		



### 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.



Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to park considerately on Vicarage Road at the beginning and end of the school day. Please, please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately and **NOT** on the zig zags; when dropping off or collecting children. Also can we remind you that the staff car park is for staff and visitors' vehicles only, unless prior arrangements have been agreed with the school office. Thank you.

### Year 5/6 Swimming

Years 5 and 6 will start swimming on **Tuesday** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The children will leave for their lesson on **Tuesday** afternoons at 1.00pm, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them. Swimming caps are available to buy from the school office, at a cost of £2. Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



### 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.



### School Text Number

Thank you to all who continue to use our text messaging service. This is checked regularly during the day for any messages, please note the school text number is **441538542001**.

However, if your message is urgent, or close to the end of the school day please contact the school office on 01538 702355 option 4, thank you.



### 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 2019**. 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.



### New School Captains

**We are delighted to announce our new school captains;**

- Blue - Captain Alyssa Burgoyne and Vice-Captain Jacob Doig
- Yellow - Captain Sophie Peach and Vice-Captain Sydney Brindley
- Green - Captain Freya Swinson and Vice-Captain Harry Foxall
- Red - Captain Jessica Rushton and Vice-Captain Molly Cooper

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



### Ice Cream Friday

Our fabulous PTFA are once again offering ice cream Fridays!

There will be a selection of ice creams and ice lollies available to purchase after school on Fridays, priced at 50p each.



Please can all parents/carers be reminded that dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on school grounds.

Thank you for your co-operation.



As we commence a new school year we wish to remind your **not** to book holidays in school time. We cannot authorise these absences and you may be fined by Staffordshire Local Authority.



### ASM Sport Afterschool Clubs

ASM Sports will be running an after school sports clubs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from Monday 9th 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 session, per child.

If you would like your child to attend the ASM Sports club, please complete their booking form 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.



### Fabulous Summer Camp Out!

We would like to extend a huge thankyou to everyone, who took part in our amazing camp out again this year. Despite the weather being somewhat unpredictable, everyone enjoyed a fun-filled weekend. As usual our amazing PTFA put on a fantastic event and due to a lot of the food and sundries being donated by local businesses, we managed to exceed all previous totals raising an outstanding £563.27! It is events like this that enable us to give our Great Wood children all the extras that the PTFA provide, such as coaches for our school trips (keeping the cost down for our Great Wood families), play ground resources, extra books for our new library and lots more. So to all those who organised, shopped, cooked, supervised, ran games, cleaned up, turned up and generally took part **THANK YOU**, you are all amazing!

Keep an eye out in the end of season sales, for your camping bargains for next year!



## 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 16th 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 16th 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 16th 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.



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Following the success of previous years we are, once again, holding our Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Friday 27th 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 26th 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.



## After School Clubs

After Easter, we will once again be running a selection of after school clubs. The clubs available are as follows:

	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Invasion Games £3 per session	
Tuesday	Construction (max 20)	Netball (max 30)
Wednesday	ASM Alternative Sports £3 per session	
Thursday	ASM Gymnastics £3 per session	
Friday	Sports Club (max 30)	



Clubs will start week commencing 16th September 2019 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The **last week for clubs will be week commencing 21st October 2019**, except for ASM which runs until the end of the Autumn term.

Please complete the separate flyer issued to your child.