



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 2

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Diary Dates

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| 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 - All Children - Please See Separate Pack For Info |
| 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 | - | Christmas Craft Afternoon - Year 3,4,5&6 - Parents Welcome **Please Note Date Change** |
| | - | Tea Christmas Lights Switch on |
| 6th December | - | Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome **Please Note Date Change** |
| 9th December | - | Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome **Please Note Date Change** |
| 10th December | - | Festival of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall |
| 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 |



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.



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 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.



The first PTFA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 25th 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.

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.



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.



Our New School Council

We are delighted to announce our new school council members;

Year 1 - Evie Nutt & Isaac Haycock

Year 2 - Hope McCormack & Levi Downings

Year 3 - Kamara Allsopp & Riley Guildford

Year 4 - Connie Smith & Jacob Collier

Year 5 - Jessica Beardmore & Ernie Bromley

Year 6 - Hope Hargreaves & Summer McAlpine

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

School Council



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.



Data Collection

During the next few weeks, you will receive a data collection sheet showing the details which we hold for your child. Please amend any incorrect details, sign and return the sheet to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



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 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.



CHEADLE UNIFORM EXCHANGE

UNIFORM EXCHANGE IF YOU ARE IN NEED

If you are struggling to afford school uniforms then please get in touch. WE CAN HELP!

- FIND US ON FACEBOOK
- POP US A MESSAGE AND FILL IN OUR REQUEST FORM
- IF WE HAVE IT, YOU CAN HAVE IT! IT'S THAT EASY
- WE WILL THEN TALK TO YOU TO DISCUSS WAYS TO DELIVER OR COLLECT

IF YOU HAVE UNIFORM TO DONATE

- WE ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS
- UNIFORM CAN BE DROPPED AT: BARGAIN BOOZE
- SOMETHING SPECIAL
- OR POP US A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK & WE MAY BE ABLE TO COLLECT

ABOUT US

The scheme was set up in September 2019 to assist families who are struggling to meet the financial cost of school uniform. Our aim is to assist anyone within Cheadle or the surrounding area who requires assistance. ALL DONATIONS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PRE LOVED
FREE UNIFORM

Call us on 07874 830996

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
@cheadleschooluniformrecyclingscheme

Uniform Exchange

You may have seen in the local news that there is now a fantastic organisation, supporting parents and families with uniform. The Cheadle Uniform Exchange accepts any unwanted uniform for each of the schools in Cheadle and surrounding area. You can drop donations off at Something Special, Bargain Booze, or into school. If you would like to make use of the service and require uniform, you can contact them on Facebook or by phone; 07874 830996.



MAKE YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT MORE FUN!

JOIN RUGBYTOTS

Our dynamic weekly play sessions enable boys and girls, aged 2-7 to develop their social and physical skills in a fun, positive environment.

For more details, simply give us a call or drop us an email..

0345 313 0414
mattb@rugbytots.co.uk



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The world's favourite rugby play programme

Aldi Kits for Schools

Great Wood are taking part in Aldi's new initiative 'Kits for Schools'. We are asking you to join in, by collecting a sticker every time you spend £30 in any Aldi store. The stickers then need to be brought in to school to be added to our giant poster. We need 300 stickers to complete our poster, which will then have a chance to win £20,000, to build a healthy legacy for Great Wood. This would be a huge bonus to our sports programmes and a great bonus to our children.

Please join in and give your stickers to Great Wood and help us have a chance to win the £20,000 for our amazing school.



ABOUT OUR CLASSES

Are you excited by the prospect of your children being able to learn and develop in more modern and contemporary ways? Here at Rugbytots, we're dedicated to ensuring our classes are both educational and fun! We want your children to enjoy the adventure that the sport of rugby brings and the essential social skills that your children will need later in life. We're enthusiastic about nurturing your children into understanding the game of rugby as well as the balance of exercise, team building and ultimately fun!

Our Future Classes..

- Wednesday - 14:15pm - 30 minute session - Age 2 - 3.5 years
- Wednesday - 15:45pm - 45 minute session - Age 3.5 - 5 years
- Wednesday - 16:35pm - 45 minute session - Age 5 - 7 years

4 Sep 2019 - 13 Nov 2019
South Moorlands Leisure Centre, Cheadle, Staffs Allen Street, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1HJ

Our coaches are both first aid trained and DBS checked. Full dates are on our website - rugbytots.co.uk

For more details, get in touch...
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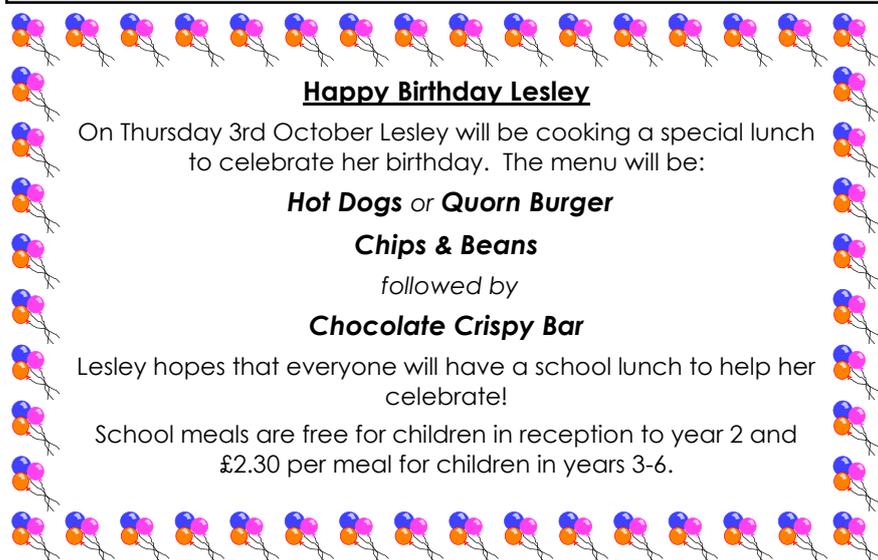
Happy Birthday Lesley

On Thursday 3rd October Lesley will be cooking a special lunch to celebrate her birthday. The menu will be:

- Hot Dogs or Quorn Burger**
- Chips & Beans**
- followed by*
- Chocolate Crispy Bar**

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 £2.30 per meal for children in years 3-6.



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

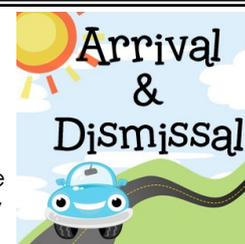
At the start of the school day KS2 children will congregate on the school playground. A member of staff will be on duty to supervise children from 8.50am, children will not be supervised before this time. Therefore, we ask that children arrive at school at an appropriate time.

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.



Swimming

We are delighted to inform you that this academic year, all of our Great Wood children in years 1-6 will be having a swimming lesson. Y5/6 will start in the Autumn term, Y3/4 after Christmas and key stage 1 (year 1 & 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:

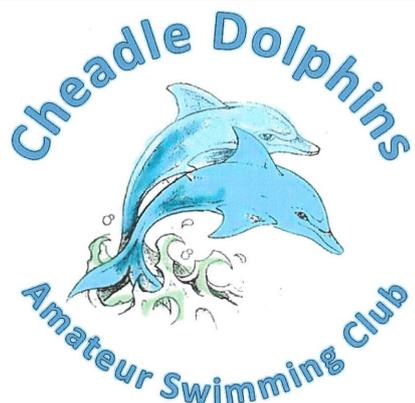
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| Sunday: | 1pm to 1.30pm 1.30pm to 2pm | Wednesday: | 7pm to 7.30pm 7.30pm to 8pm |
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Little Otters leads children into the competitive side of Cheadle Swimming Club, where we are always on the look 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

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