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Autumn Term 5





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Diary Dates

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	-	PTFA Meeting AGM, 5pm - All Welcome
	-	Parent's Forum, 6-7pm - All Welcome
9th November	-	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza
10th November	-	Remembrance Service
16th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
18th November	-	Y6 Safe & Sound Event @ Cheadle Fire Station
25th November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala, am
29th November	-	Christmas Craft Afternoon - Year 3,4,5&6 - Parents Welcome
	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
1st December	-	PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip - Meadowhall, Sheffield
6th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
9th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
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



PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

Once again, this year our wonderful PTFA have organised a Christmas shopping trip. This year we are going to Meadowhall Shopping Centre in Sheffield, on Sunday 1st 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 9.00am and will leave Meadowhall at 5.30pm for the return journey.

Tickets are priced at just $\pounds 12$ 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!

Thursday 17th October

<u>Harvest Lunch</u>

Cottage Pie or Country Vegetable pie Roast Potatoes, Peas & Parsnips

Steamed Chocolate Sponge Pudding & Custard, Yogurt or Fruit Platter



Give Love In A Box This Christmas

This year Great Wood will be supporting the T4U campaign to help vulnerable children and families. We will be asking our families to help by filling a box (supplied by the charity), with gifts such as toothpaste, hair accessories, gloves, hats, socks, soft toys, puzzles, small or inflatable balls, sweets and maybe a photo of yourself. You could also choose to do a 'Home Box' for a family in need and include things such as, candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, small toiletries, a Christmas decoration, soap, clothes pegs, or make-up. Further details are on the charity's leaflet, which we are sending out separately. If you feel that you can help make a vulnerable child or family's Christmas better,

please collect a box from the school office. These families' desperately need our support, so we would like thank you in advance, if you can help, for your generous support.



real people making a real difference

Academy Photographs

Academy will once again be in school on Thursday 24th October to take individual/family group photos of our wonderful children. If you have any younger children, not yet in school and you would like Academy to take their photo too, please bring them into school at 8.30am on

24th October. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our school team if you have any queries.





Lesley's Exciting New Winter Menu coming after Half Term. Be sure to give it a try!

<u>Menu Change</u>

On Thursday 24th October Lesley and Jan are doing a special lunch to celebrate the end of term.

They will be serving: **Burger or Fish Fingers and Chips**, followed by **chocolate Brownie**.



For our fantastic Harvest Festival this Year, we will be having a change of location. Our celebration will be on Friday 18th October at 9.30am. We will be enjoying the fantastic atmosphere of Christ Church, where our amazing children will be singing alongside our fabulous choir. There will be further musical performances for you to enjoy as we celebrate Harvest together.

Following our Harvest celebration in Church there will be Harvest Craft activities back at school for our Reception and KS1 families (KS2 will be doing something similar for Christmas).

At the end of the school day we will be selling off our Harvest produce and as always we ask for your kind donations for us to sell. These donations can be brought into school on the morning of the 18th October. Please search your cupboards for tins, jars, biscuits, bread, or any fresh produce that you are able to donate. 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 hope you will be able to join us, for our "Celebration of Harvest" this year, starting at 9.30am on Friday 18th October. We look forward to seeing you there.



Spooky Disco

Our Great Wood Spooky Disco will be on Thursday 24th October 6.30-8pm.

Put on your spookiest outfit because there will be a prize for the best dressed KS1 and KS2 Spook! There will be spot prizes for the spookiest dancers and a raffle to win the CD of the night.

Each Spook will receive a raffle ticket, glo band, a spooky goody bag and as much Spooky punch as they can drink!



Entry is $\pounds 2$ per spook and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.



Our next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 7th November, at 5.00pm, which will be the AGM. Come along and join us, for a brew and find out all about our Christmas events.





Our PTFA Stall

Our fantastic PTFA will be holing a stall at this exciting event and in preparation we are asking for donations of toys and children's clothes (in good condition), for us to sell to raise funds for our school. If you do not wish to run your own stall, maybe you could help us by donating some of your unwanted toys and children's clothes. Donations can be brought to school at any time during week commencing 18th November. However, if you would like to donate sooner than this please contact Lisa or Mandi, who will be happy to help take your donations earlier than that week.

We hope you will be able to support the event either by running a stall, donating to our PTFA stall, or simply by attending on the day.

Thank you in advance for your support and helping us to raise funds for those extras for our children.



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Great Wood Wrap Around



Our exciting wrap around care facility has become an amazing success. The children have a great time, eating breakfast, or an afternoon snack, playing with their friends, enjoying a variety of activities and using a wide variety of resources. We open at 7.30am, until the start of the school day and from 3.15pm until 6pm in the evenings. The rates are charged at £2 per 30minutes, including breakfast, or an afternoon snack. We still have spaces 🖉 🕅 available, so why not come and join us. For further details, please contact Jean, or Gina on 07398634160.

Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year we have a variety of goodies as well as the traditional poppies. These will be available to purchase in school now.

Wristbands	£1.00
Snap Bands	£1.50
Traditional Poppies	30p
Reflectors	50p
Zip Pull	50p

All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion.

Thank you in advance for your support.





Tuesday 5th November

Bonfire Lunch

Guy Fawkes Sausages or King James Veggie Sausage

with BBQ Baked Beans, Mashed Potato and Peas

Bonfire Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard or Lesley's Homemade Biscuit

Headlice

We have, unfortunately, got the problem of headlice in school again. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair as a precaution and treat as necessary.

Please be extra-vigilant in checking your child's hair each week, to help us to eliminate this

persistent problem. Many thanks for your help.



Merit Trophy's

Please can we remind you that all merit trophy's issued during a Friday's Celebration Assembly need to be returned to school by Thursday the following week, to enable the next winner to take them home. It is very disappointing for the children if they do not get to take the trophy home, because it's not been returned. Thank you.

