



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 2



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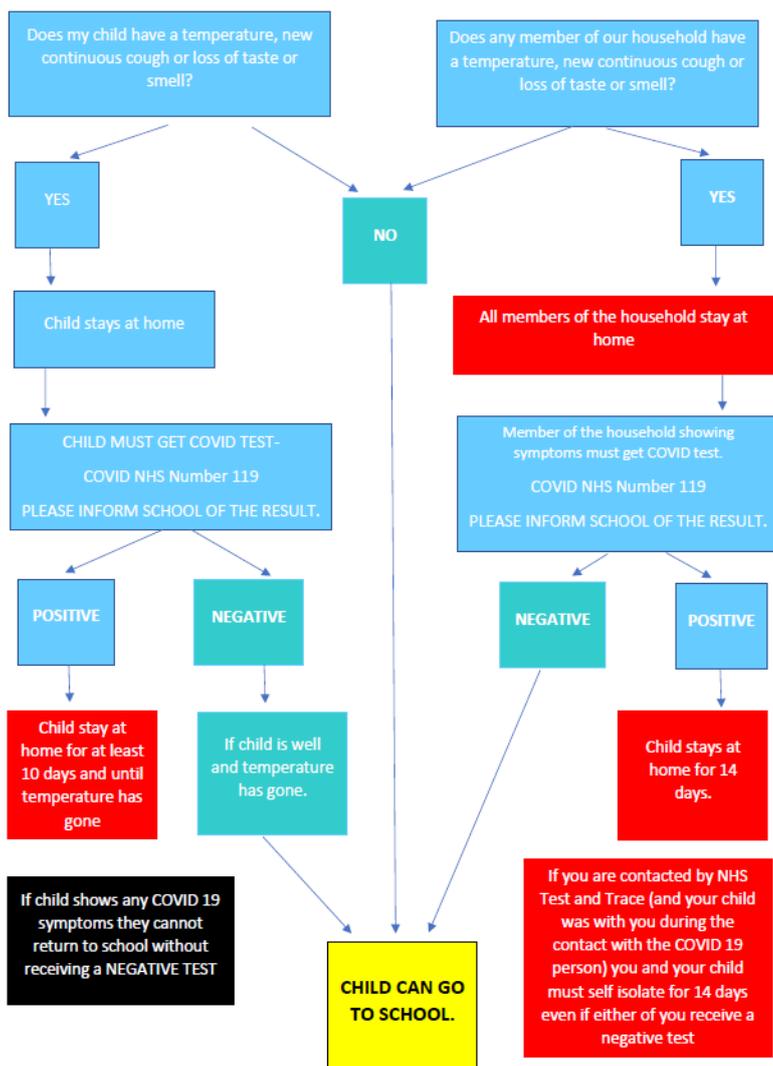
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Diary Dates

- 25th September - Macmillan Cancer Support - Non Uniform Day
- 29th September - Virtual Prospective Parents Evening The Cheadle Academy
- 23rd October - School Closes for Half term



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Macmillan

Unfortunately we are unable to hold our usual Macmillan Coffee afternoon this year.

However, we would really like to support Macmillan and provide an event for the children to enjoy. Therefore, on Friday 25th September we will be having a school **own clothes day**. To wear their own clothes, children are asked to bring in a £2 donation for Macmillan, however, all donations will be gratefully received! In return children will be able to enjoy a biscuit and juice during the afternoon.

All funds raised go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We hope that you will be able to support this extremely worthwhile cause in a different way than usual.



Thank you, in advance, for your help and support.



School Meals

Lesley and Jan will be providing a hot lunch every day. Please see the menu below to see which meals are available each day.

w/c 21/09/20

- Monday: Pizza
- Tuesday: Chicken Burger
- Wednesday: Turkey Roast Dinner
- Thursday: Pasta Bolognaise
- Friday: Quorn Nuggets & Chips



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.



Lunches for children in years 3 to 6 are priced at £2.30 per day.

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Break Sales

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

Toast	20p
Oatcake	60p
Milkshake	60p



****All snack 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 and food order for the week. Unfortunately no loose money will be accepted.

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 are not 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.



Merit Awards

We would like to congratulate our weekly merit winners. Merit awards are given for amazing achievements, excellent behaviour, fantastic improvement, outstanding knowledge, or kindness and empathy.

Here are the winners so far this year are:



Trophies need to be returned to school by Monday the following week, to enable us to quarantine and sanitise ready for 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.



Hi Everyone 🙌 Welcome!

This year as we all know, trick or treating / Halloween party's are looking like a no go for our kids. There is going to be little anyone can do, in terms of celebrating Halloween.

So, as a parent myself. I wondered if we could get creative?

My little ones loved the rainbows in the windows throughout lockdown ... and with this in mind it gave me an idea to do a Halloween style pumpkin trail around our village. It maintains social distancing rules. But also gives our children a fun outdoor Halloween themed activity.

Participants can carve their own pumpkins. The more creative the better. But please bear in mind this is a trail aimed for children!!

Carved Pumpkins will be displayed in our front gardens from Friday 30th October - Sunday 1st November 2020.

Maps will be available of the village, giving you a rough location of participating pumpkins. Maps will be available for £1 with proceeds from this going to a local charity (which is to be decided). More information of where and when to get those will be posted soon.

Children can dress up if they would like to.

Also, depending on how many family's get involved their could be a voting system and prize for the winner.

If you are interested in taking part in Tean's first lockdown Pumpkin trail. Please get in touch via private messenger. So we can get you onto the pumpkin map!

Thanks all 🙏 and please share 🍷

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.



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 2020**. 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/admission_s_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.



Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed during these difficult times - FREE school meals are available for some families, which meet specific criteria. The online checking service is a faster way of applying for free school meals, which gives you an instant yes, or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Please contact us at office@greatwood.staffs.sc.uk if you qualify.



Keeping warm!

As we start to say a reluctant goodbye to the summer and the cold & wet weather creeps in, we ask that all children bring a coat to school, to wear at playtime and lunchtime. Also, as it becomes appropriate, please can you ensure that your child/children have hats and gloves to keep them warm, when they are on the playground.

Children that do not have suitable outdoor clothing, will not, as the weather becomes colder, be allowed to have an outdoor playtime and will have to remain inside at break and lunch times.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Great Wood children warm and cosy.

