

# Great [Wood] News

## **Autumn Term 3**

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#### **Diary Dates**

28th September - Year 1/2 Parents Evening Phone calls

Year 6 Parents Evening Phone Calls

29th September - Special Kids Favorite All Day Breakfast Lunch

Year R/1 Parents Evening Phone calls
 Year 3 Parents Evening Phone calls

- Virtual Prospective Parents Evening The Cheadle Academy

1st October - Year 4/5 Parents Evening Phone Calls

14th October - Harvest Lunch

23rd October - School Closes for Half term

2nd November - School Re-opens
5th November - Bonfire Lunch



### **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 28/09/20

Monday: Pizza

Tuesday: All Day Breakfast

(Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Beans, Potato Slices)

Wednesday: Roast Gammon Thursday: Cottage Pie

Friday: Southern Fried Chicken & Chips

Jacket Potato is available daily as an alternative.

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

#### <u>Macmillan</u>

We would like to thank all our families, for embracing our very different Macmillan fundraiser. You have all been extremely generous and we have raised a staggering £282.62.

These challenging times are forcing us to think alternative ways to carry out our normal events and your support is very much appreciated.

We are sure that Macmillan will be very grateful for your amazing donations.

Thank you!



#### **KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19**

We receive regular updates from Staffordshire Local Authority; our Health and Safety partners; Public Health England; and the Department for Education, to keep us up-to-date with any processes which we need to have in place to reduce risk. All decisions which we take as a school and Trust are based upon the safety of our children, family members, staff and Trustees, and we thank you for your ongoing full support of these decisions and the reasons behind them. Any relevant advice which we receive, we will share with you. By working together and following government advice, we can minimise the risk here at our school and amongst all of our families.

For further (regularly updated) information on the virus, please visit:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public or

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

For any other advice regarding Coronavirus (covid-19) please contact 111.



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 lock down ... and with this is 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 bare 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 🍅

#### **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.

This week's winners 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.

#### Your support is Invaluable

Our Great Wood family would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and carers. We are all living through an unprecedented time in history and every day brings new challenges! It is with your understanding, support and words of kindness, that we are able to guide our Great Wood children through such a difficult time. The team would like to thank you for the appreciation, which you have extended and your acknowledgement for what they do. If we keep working together and supporting each other we can keep over coming each challenge, whilst keeping our Great Wood family safe and happy. Thank you.

#### Parents Evening

During week commencing 28th September teachers will be available, on different evenings (please see the list below), when they will hold telephone meetings with parents/carers that require an appointment. Please only book a slot if you need to speak to your child's teacher about any concerns that you may have. The slots will be from 3.30-6pm and will not be time specific. We ask you to be available between these times, if you require a phone call and your child's teacher will call you when they are available.

Please see the list below and text +441538542095 or email the school office office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk if you require a teacher phone call.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Parents Evening Date</u>
Mrs Roberts	Year 1/2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Mr Adamson	Year 6	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Mrs Rees	Reception/Y1	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Mrs Furnival	Year 3	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Mrs Shaw	Year 4/5	Thursday 1st October