



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 3



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### Diary Dates

- 20th October - Y1/2 Visit to The Ancient High House
- 22nd October - School Closes for Half term
- 1st November - School Re-Opens
- 5th November - Bonfire Lunch
- 12th November - BBC Children In Need
- 24th November - Flu Vaccinations
- 1st December - KS2 Visit To Harry Potter World
- 3rd December - Alzheimer's Elf Day
- 10th December - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day  
- Christmas Fayre
- 15th December - Reception/KS1 Visit To National Forest Adventure Farm
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch
- 17th December - School Closes For Christmas



Please be reminded that your child's Arbor accounts are to be topped up in advance, Thank you.

### Flu Vaccinations

All children have been offered a flu vaccine as part of the school's vaccination programme. The vaccine is designed to protect children against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness. By having the vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family.

Electronic consent forms have been issued and need completing by **9am Monday 22nd November.**



CHECKLEY PARISH COMMUNITY TRAILS PRESENTS  
**ANNUAL PUMPKIN TRAIL 2021**

29TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2021  
RAISING FUNDS FOR ALL 3 PARISH VILLAGE HALLS

TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE FROM TEAN COOP FROM 25TH OCTOBER FOR £1 EACH  
FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US ON FACEBOOK  
CHECKLEY PARISH COMMUNITY TRAILS  
SUPPORTED BY CHECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Harvest

We would like to send a huge thank you to all our children and their families for wearing Autumn colours last Friday. Your donations were extremely generous and we managed to raise an amazing £165.27. A donation will be made to The Tean and Checkley OAP Association. Thank you again, you are all amazing!



## Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400\* a year!

\*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.



### TMPPF – Term Dates 2021/2022

#### Autumn Term 2021

**Half Term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

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

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Spring Term 2022

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Term starts for pupils:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed):** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

#### Summer Term 2022

**Term starts for pupils:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Half Term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET Days for staff (schools closed):** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Thur 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Summer Holiday:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September



We wish to remind you **not** to book holidays in school time. We cannot authorise these absences and you may be fined by Staffordshire Local authority.

**Important Notice**

### 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.



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### Bonfire Lunch

*Guy Fawkes Sausage or Veggie Bangers with Chips, BBQ Beans and Peas*

*Bonfire Sticky Toffee Sponge & Custard or Katie's Homemade Sponge*

### Bug Club

We will be welcoming back our very popular 'Bug Club', this time for KS2 children (Y3-6). This club will start after half term on Fridays after school and run for 6 weeks. There are limited places still available. The cost of the club will be £30 for 6 weeks. Please book via Arbor, under the clubs section.



### Thank you!

We would once again like to thank our fantastic Great Wood Family, for all your support. Although, we are not back to 'normal' yet, we have strived to do as much as we can and as many activities as we can. Some of our events have looked different, during this strange transitional time, but you have continued to support and help us. We are truly grateful and it means a great deal that you understand and assist us during this time. Our children have embraced the changes, going with the flow, without complaint and we thank them especially.

We would like to wish you a happy and restful half term, full of pumpkins and treats. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, for the start of, what we hope will be an exciting second half term.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.



### COVID-19 Symptoms and What To Do.

Coronavirus/Covid-19 Below is a list of possible Covid-19/ coronavirus symptoms:

- High temperature (feel hot to touch on the chest or back);
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours – if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- A loss of, or change to your sense of smell or taste – you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of the symptoms. We have also been advised that the virus could present itself in children as an upset stomach, or headache.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus: please arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible.

**The person displaying symptoms should stay at home until the results have been returned. Should the result be positive, then it is essential that the infected individual self-isolates as per the government guidelines and does not attend school, or come onto the school site.**

If you are worried about your symptoms, or are unsure what to do, please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>). If your child is under 5 years old, call 111 straight away.

#### If your child has symptoms and has undertaken a test:

Please do not return to school until results are known and shared with us.

The current governmental guidelines state that children who are close contacts of a positive Covid-19 case no longer need to self-isolate. However, it is recommended (and strongly encouraged) that if they have been a close contact, then they do take a PCR test. Of course, if your child is unwell, please keep them off school until they feel better - even if they have returned a negative result.

Although this may seem a little frustrating, it is essential that we protect the children, your families, the staff and our families. For further (regularly updated) information on the virus, visit:

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

### in2thewildwood presents an

**Outdoor Woodland Fun Day** – imagine a montage of Swallows & Amazons, bushcraft, guiding & scouting, Forest School, Woodlore and Social Forester led activities

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

09:00 – 16:00 hours

Great Wood's Lower field and Woodland area

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

£10.00 per learner

for those from Years 3, 4, 5, & 6

Max. of 12 – first come first served!

Your folks will be doing a number of things to keep them focused, happy and skilled up: from fire striking to creating cooking fires; making hot drinks; baking pizza and breads over an open campfire, wide games-scamper hunt, tug-o-war, foraging; making woodland products-mallets, woodland friends, woodallions; using sharp-edged tools; building shelters n dens; learning tracking skills; using walkie-talkies in the woods; learn to whittle safely with a real forester's knife; bird n wildlife watching and many more themes besides – the sessions are free-flowing child centred and the activity choice is dependent upon them and so the content may differ! My fifteen year track record shows that everyone leaves more than contented, inspired, skilled, happy and ready for a great night's kip!

Please ensure that your young folks are well equipped for the woodland: all their own personal medicines, a **rucksack** or sturdy bag containing their kit (not plastic, flimsy or paper bags), wet weather gear (coat, over trousers & hat), warm hat & **blanket** (for around the camp fire), sturdy shoes, **boots** or Wellingtons, long-trousers, long-sleeved tops, warm layers & gloves, a pair of heavy duty **gardening gloves** that fit them, their packed **lunch & a mug**

**The day will be organised using your current school policy guidelines for Covid-19, so please bear this in mind for everyone's safety!**

Payment is in advance with a cancellation and **refund ONLY** being made should the winds be forecasted to exceed 24m.p.h on the day!



Families' Health and Wellbeing Service (0-19)

**NHS**  
Midlands Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust  
A Keele University Teaching Trust

We now have a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



ChatHealth

### School Text Service

Please be reminded that we no longer have text message service and we are unable to send or receive text messages as a form of communication.

We would ask you to get in touch with us via email, phone or the **new school message** facility within Arbor.

If you have any queries please contact the school office.



## What's On? FORTHCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE PARISH

### OCTOBER 2021

22nd - 1.30pm - Paint a Pot for Halloween - Checkley Community Centre  
29th - 31st - Annual Pumpkin Trail  
31st - 11am - Little Mess Fangtastic Play - Checkley Community Centre

### NOVEMBER 2021

14th - 10:45am - Remembrance Sunday - Checkley Church  
14th - 10:30am - Remembrance Sunday - Hollington Church  
26th - 5:45pm - Annual Lights Switch On - Greatwood Hall  
28th - 4pm - Christingle Service - Checkley Church

### DECEMBER 2021

4th - 9am - Breakfast with Santa - Christchurch, Tean  
5th - 3pm - Social Sunday - Christchurch, Tean  
12th - 2.30pm - Festival of Carols - Greatwood Hall  
12th - 6pm - Carol Service - Hollington Church  
19th - 11am - Carol Service - Christchurch, Tean  
19th - 6pm - Carol Service - Checkley Church  
24th - 3pm - Christingle Service - Hollington Church  
24th - 3.30pm - Crib Service - Christchurch, Tean  
24th - 11.30pm - Midnight Communion - Checkley Church  
24th - 11.30pm - Midnight Service - Christchurch, Tean

Christchurch Christmas Raffle - Tickets available from church members

CHECKLEY  
PARISH COUNCIL

IT'S BACK!

## Festival of Lights 2021

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Join us once again for the Checkley Parish  
procession of lights!

5:45PM - GREAT WOOD HALL  
(PROCESSION)  
6:00PM TEAN HIGH ST (SWITCH ON)

Santa's Grotto, Carols and Stalls

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
DOGS NOT ADVISABLE (POTENTIAL FIREWORKS & LOUD NOISES)



### 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.



### Applications for Reception September 2022

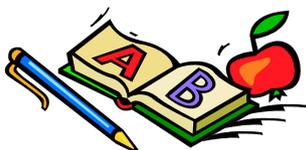
The application process for Reception Class 2022 opens on November 1st 2021.

If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the application process will open soon.

All applications must be done online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

Please be aware that having your child's name in the school book DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.

If any parent requires help with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



### CHRISTCHURCH UPPER TEAN

As we are not hosting a  
Christmas Market this year we  
are having a

### GRAND CHRISTMAS

### RAFFLE



**Tickets are £1 each**

Available from all church members or from  
Sandra Brain, Lesley Brain, Jan Sidaway,  
or Sue Perrin

**Prizes include : Christmas Hamper ,  
Hair dryer , DAB Radio, Wine Lover's Set,  
Planters, Pampering sets, Ikea Lampshade  
and many more ( To be drawn Dec 12th)**

**Tickets are also available to be  
purchased from the school office.**

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## Looking for the right school?

Is your child due to start school in September 2022? If yes, come and see what Great Wood Primary School has to offer. We are a small village school, with a true family ethos, caring and dedicated staff, offering high-quality education.

All families are welcome to visit our amazing school. We will be holding some informal tours of our school, on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9th November 10.00am
- Friday 19th November 10.00am
- Tuesday 23rd November 3.45pm

If you would like to come and see what we have to offer, please contact us on 01538 702355 option 4 or email the school office.

To ensure we keep everyone safe the school tours are by appointment only. During the morning tour you will be able to see the children learning in their classroom.

We look forward to meeting you and showcasing all that Great Wood has to offer.

We ask that all visitors wear facemasks.

**We look forward to meeting you.**

