



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 4



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Diary Dates

10th October	-	World Mental Health Day
14th October	-	Harvest Lunch
16th October	-	Harvest Non-Uniform Day
23rd October	-	Class Parties - Non Uniform
	-	School Closes for Half term
30th October	-	Tean Pumpkin Trail
31st October	-	Deadline For Year 6 High School Applications
2nd November	-	School Re-opens
5th November	-	Bonfire Lunch
13th November	-	Flu Vaccinations, pm
18th December	-	School Closes For Christmas



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 12/10/20

Monday:	Pizza
Tuesday:	Chicken Burger
Wednesday:	Harvest Lunch
Thursday:	Pasta Bolognaise
Friday:	Fish Fingers & Chips

w/c 19/10/20

Monday:	Pizza
Tuesday:	Macaroni Cheese
Wednesday:	Roast Gammon Dinner
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.

Celebrating our Children's birthdays

We are delighted when parents send in treats for their child's class to celebrate their birthday.

These challenging times affect even the little things, which may not occur to us. If you wish to send sweets in for your child's birthday, please send them in three days prior to them being given out, so that they can be quarantined. Please will you also ensure that you send in enough sweets for each child in the class, so that no child is missed out.

We love to celebrate our children's birthdays and hope this will help us to do so.

Class numbers;

Mrs Rees	R/1	29
Mrs Roberts	Year 1/2	29
Mrs Furnival	Year 3	22
Mrs Shaw	Year 4/5	26
Mr Adamson	Year 6	15



GW School Uniform Facebook Page



Please take a look at our Great Wood school uniform Facebook page. It is a place where you can let parents know if you have items your child has outgrown, if your child has lost something, or has come home with an extra P.E. top!

Wednesday 14th October

Harvest Lunch

Cottage Pie, Cheesy Bean wrap
or Harvest Homemade Roll
Roast Potatoes, Peas & Parsnips
Steamed Chocolate Sponge
Pudding
Yogurt or Fruit Platter



Academy Photographs

Late orders

Please ensure that you return your Academy Photographs to school by the close of the school day on **Wednesday 14th October**. We are unfortunately unable to process any orders received after this date.



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.

The winners for week commencing 28th September 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.

The Reading Tree Challenge



Great Wood have accepted the latest challenge from the National Literacy Trust! This year's challenge is based around The Hope Tree's illustrations by Axel Scheffer, from the book 'The Book of Hopes.'

Our children will be encouraged to add the title of each book that they read, to empty leaf on empty leaf on the reading tree and rate it with up to five stars. The challenge will run until Thursday 26th November 2020.

To help us to grow our reading tree and let our children see its progress, please record books, which your children read, in their reading diaries.

We are sure that our Great Wood children will enjoy this literacy challenge and benefit greatly from reading more. Get reading Great Wood!



COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test result 	...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours
...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone test negative during those 14 days 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

A household includes everyone living in one home plus their support bubble (if you have one).

*Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell. See more at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms



End Of Term Class Parties

On Friday 23rd October we will be having class parties for the children. We will provide juice and nibbles for the children and they can come in their party clothes for the day. There will be no charge for this event, it is our treat for our Great Wood children.



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.



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



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, mental health or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



The Admin Genie

OCTOBER 30 TO 1ST NOVEMBER



UPPER & LOWER TEAN

PUMPKIN TRAIL 2020

TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE FROM TEAN CO-OP & GREAT WOOD HALL FROM 23RD OCTOBER FOR £1 EACH

FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US ON FACEBOOK @TEANSPUMPKINTRAIL2020

SUPPORTED BY CHECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Photo Opportunity!

Andy Poole, a professional photographer based in Cheadle, is offering a sibling photo opportunity. He is offering free sittings in his Covid-19 compliant studio, which has a full track and trace system in place. If you would like to take advantage of a free sitting please contact Andy on 07918 021608 or email info@ap-photography.co.uk

Unit F3 Daisy Bank House, Leek Road, Cheadle, ST10 1JE. www.ap-photography.co.uk

The only cost will be the cost of any photographs which you choose to buy.



STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLAND'S ZOOM

COFFEE BREAK - LETS TALK

A TIME TO REFLECT AND RECHARGE!



Join us for a regular break each week during the school terms, as we talk about the important issues that affect us, our children, our family and our life. This term, we are talking about how we manage our lives.



All you need is you and a brew! It's totally up to you whether you just listen or join in the conversation with people in your community.

Autumn Term Sessions: We can do it!

Week	Topic	Biddulph Families Wednesdays 10am	Leek Families Thursdays 10am	Cheadle Families Fridays 10am
1	Life Stress	23rd September	24th September	25th September
2	Responsibility	30th September	1st October	2nd October
3	Resilience	7th October	8th October	9th October
4	Self Care	14th October	15th October	16th October
5	Support	21st October	22nd October	23rd October

If you are interested in joining us, please book a place via Eventbrite, using the links below:

Biddulph Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-biddulph-tickets-121739188189>
 Leek Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-leek-tickets-121728991691>
 Cheadle Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-coffee-break-chedle-tickets-121740173155>

WWW.VISION.ORG.UK
01260 290000



FELLOWSHIP HOUSE, PARK ROAD, CONGLETON, CW12 1DP

CHARITY NO. 1107951
COMPANY NO. 5250758

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.



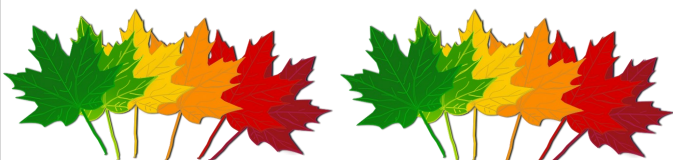
Harvest

At Great Wood we are going to celebrate harvest with a selection of events. Even during these challenging times we are eager to hold as many of our traditional events as possible.

On Wednesday 14th October Lesley and Jan, will be providing a delicious harvest lunch for our children.

On Friday 16th October we will be having a non-uniform day, where children can come to school in Autumn colours. We are asking for a £1 donation, to raise money for The Tean & Checkley OAP Association, in place of the proceeds from our usual food sale, which unfortunately we can not hold this year.

On 21st October we will be holding a zoom harvest service between classes just for our children, in school.



Do one thing for better mental health this World Mental Health Day

Our monthly calendar is packed with actions you can take for better mental health. Use each week to try and focus on the 'Five ways to wellbeing'. The following ideas have been researched and developed by the New Economics Foundation.

[write Month here]

Mon (00) Talk to someone instead of sending an email	Tue (00) [Write your own ideas in these spaces]	Wed (00) Speak to someone new	Thu (00)	Fri (00) Put five minutes aside to find out how someone really is	Sat (00)	Sun (00) Have a tea with someone
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Do something different today and make a connection

Mon (00) Take the stairs not the lift	Tue (00)	Wed (00) Do some 'easy exercise', like stretching	Thu (00)	Fri (00) Have a kick-about in a local park	Sat (00)	Sun (00) Go for a walk at lunchtime
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This week, why not get active?

Mon (00) Take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment around you	Tue (00)	Wed (00) Notice the changing seasons	Thu (00)	Fri (00) Get a plant	Sat (00)	Sun (00) Have a 'clear the clutter' day
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Take notice and be in the present

Mon (00) Find out something about your friends, families or colleagues	Tue (00)	Wed (00) Do a crossword or Sudoku	Thu (00)	Fri (00) Research something you've always wondered about	Sat (00)	Sun (00) Start a new book
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Focus on learning

Mon (00) Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger	Tue (00)	Wed (00) Thank someone	Thu (00)	Fri (00) Smile	Sat (00)	Sun (00) Look out, as well as in
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Give

You can get information and support from Mind.
mind.org.uk/information-support



IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Don't wait until you can't cope before you seek help. For good days, bad days and all the in-between days, there are lots of places you can turn to for support.

These organisations all provide free, confidential and impartial support and guidance.

Mental health

Tel: 0300 123 3396
Open: 9am-6pm Mon-Fri
www.mind.org.uk

Medical (Non emergency)

Tel: 111
Open: 24 hours

Emotional

Tel: 116 126
Open: 24 hours
www.samaritans.org

Money

Tel: 03444 111 444
Open: 24 hours
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

IT'S ALWAYS OK TO ASK FOR HELP

Story Logs

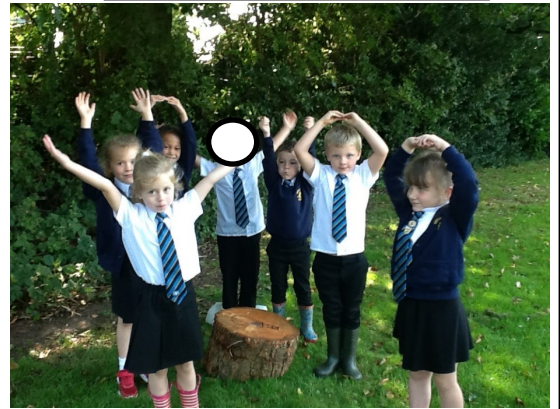
Our year 1/2 children enjoyed exploring our Story Logs this term. In groups the children followed the trail of story logs, which were kindly donated by Mahia's mum, following their instructions to create their own story. You can see from our pictures that they had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their adventure.



Deciding which direction to go in.



Inflating our hot air balloon!



Making a wish on the Magical Plant.



Tornado strikes!



Doing log rubbings.



We found the treasure!

