



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 2



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Diary Dates

7th October	-	Burgers & Dogs Special Lunch
12th October	-	Reception/Y1 Visit to Hanley Museum
13th October	-	Meet The Teacher Parents Evening
15th October	-	Harvest - Non Uniform Day
20th October	-	Y1/2 Visit to The Ancient High House
22nd October	-	School Closes for Half term
1st November	-	School Re-Opens



Behaviour On School Grounds

Please can we draw your attention to expected behaviour on our school grounds. We strive to maintain our school as a safe and happy environment and as such will not tolerate swearing, abusive, threatening or violent behaviour, or any behaviour that could be considered as inappropriate. These rules are made to protect our Great Wood family, not only our staff, but equally our pupils and parents. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Harvest

At Great Wood we are going to celebrate harvest a little differently this year.

On Friday 15th 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.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, our children will be singing Harvest songs, outside school from 3pm for your entertainment. They will be shaking buckets, so please bring some loose change.



GET INVOLVED

2ND ANNUAL PUMPKIN TRAIL

CHECKLEY PARISH COMMUNITY TRAILS
WILL BE RUNNING THE PUMPKIN TRAIL
AGAIN THIS YEAR.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- YOU MUST LIVE IN UPPER TEAN, LOWER TEAN, CHECKLEY, FOLE, HOLLINGTON
- LET US KNOW YOUR ADDRESS BEFORE 24TH OCTOBER 2021.
WHY? SO YOUR ADDRESS CAN BE INCLUDED ON THE TRAIL MAP.
- DECORATE THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOUSE READY FOR 29TH OCTOBER.

THAT'S IT!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US ON FACEBOOK CHECKLEY PARISH COMMUNITY TRAILS OR EMAIL HELLO@CHECKLEYPARISHCOUNCIL.CO.UK



Macmillan

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 fantastic £194.40.

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 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.



Academy Photographs

Please ensure that you return your Academy Photographs to school by the close of the school day on **Wednesday 6th October**. We are unfortunately unable to process any orders received after this date.



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.



BURGERS & DOGS

7th October

Tasty Mains

Beef Burger
Veggie Hot Dog

Scrummy Sides

Chips
Sweetcorn
Baked Beans

Yummy Desserts

Chocolate Orange
Drizzle Cake
with Chocolate
Custard
Strawberry Jelly
& Ice Cream

Don't forget, the school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!

To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

2021/22 School Captains

We are delighted to announce our new school captains;

Blue

Captain Scarlett Smith
Vice-Captain Jacob Collier

Red

Captain George Akerman
Vice-Captain Maxwell Skerry

Yellow

Captain Connie Smith
Vice-Captain Jack Harris

Green

Captain Anna Parry
Vice-Captain Harry Clarke


Huge congratulations to you all - we are very proud of you and hope you enjoy representing the school.



Menu Changes

Following a trial of our new Autumn/Winter menu, Katie and Jan are making some changes to the menu to suit the children's likes. These will be...

Week 1


	Tomato Pasta or Sandwiches with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roast turkey with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A chunky sweet potato and chickpea roast
	Tomato Pasta or Sandwiches with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Favourite Beef Lasagne with a Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge A classic Italian beef lasagne in a yummy tomato sauce	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice A delicious butternut squash and tomato bake served with rice

Quorn Roast

Mac 'n' Cheese


Bolognese

Week 2

	Tomato Pasta or Sandwiches with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Cottage Pie Home cooked minced beef with a crispy potato topping	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry A tasty mild chickpea and potato curry
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Mac 'n' Cheese

Week 3

	Tomato Pasta or Sandwiches with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Allegra's Garlicy Chicken and Spanish Spuds Garlic seasoned chicken served with spanish style potatoes	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake A delicious baked cheesy, pea risotto
	Tomato Pasta or Sandwiches with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roast pork with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A chunky butternut squash and potato pastry slice

Veggie All Day Breakfast

All Day Breakfast

Quorn Roast

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 2021**. 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/admissions 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.



Meet The Teacher Parents Evening

On Wednesday 13th October we will be holding our Meet the Teacher Parents Evening, where staff will be available in their classrooms:

Reception, Year 1 & 2 from 3.30pm – 6pm
 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 3.45pm – 6pm

Don't forget parents evening!

Bookings are available via Arbor, our online Parent Portal. Here you will be able to choose the most convenient available slot. Each appointment will be 5 minutes. Please consider their schedule and be aware they might ask you to arrange an extra meeting (at a later date), if you feel you need more time for discussions.