



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 2



Diary Dates

Tuesday 27th September	-	The Cheadle Academy Prospective Parents Evening, 7pm
Wednesday 28th September	-	Non-Uniform Day—Cake Donations
Thursday 29th September	-	PTFA Meeting, 6pm - All Welcome
Friday 30th September	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, 1.30pm - All Welcome
Thursday 13th October	-	Harvest Lunch
Friday 14th October	-	Harvest Day
Friday 21st October	-	School Closes for Half term
Monday 31st October	-	School Re-Opens
Friday 18th November	-	BBC Children In Need
Monday 21st November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala
Friday 25th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Thursday 1st December	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 2nd December	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 9th December	-	Elf Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
Monday 12th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip - The Victoria Hall, Alice In Wonderland
Wednesday 14th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	-	Reception & KS1 Christmas Trip - Wonderland, Telford
Friday 16th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Carol Service
	-	School Closes For The Christmas Holiday



The first PTFA meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 29th September at 6.00pm. If you are interested in getting involved please come along and find out what it is all about. Without the PTFA it would not be possible to run many of our events like discos, bingo and Midsummer Madness, which provide funds for all those little extras for our children

You don't need to commit to every event, any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are able to help out with any events, please speak to Mrs Buckley in school.

Exciting News!

We are delighted to inform you that we have already booked our Christmas trips for our Great Wood children. Our KS1 Children will be going to Wonderland to visit Santa in his workshop and will meet all his elves. We have heard they will each bring a present back! Our KS2 children will be going to see Alice In Wonderland at the New Vic Theatre. Both trips are now live on Arbor, under the trips section, with the option to pay in instalments, to ease costs in December.



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.

School Contact Details



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2022/23 School Captains

We are delighted to announce our new school captains;

Blue

Captain Elsie Adamson
Vice-Captain Jacob Martin

Red

Captain Isla MacDonald
Vice-Captain Thomas Smith

Yellow

Captain Kamara Allsopp
Vice-Captain Tom Cope

Green

Captain Amber Hargreaves
Vice-Captain Aaron Roberts

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



Academy Photographs

Please ensure that you return your Academy Photographs to school by the close of the school day on **Wednesday 28th September**. We are unfortunately unable to process any orders received after this date.



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.



BURGERS & DOGS

Thursday 6th October

Tasty Mains	Scrummy Sides	Yummy Desserts
Beef Burger	Chips	Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Custard
Veggie Hot Dog	Sweetcorn	
	Baked Beans	

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

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to be able to hold our Macmillan Coffee afternoon this year, which will take place on Friday 30th September at 1.30-3.30pm. Please come and join us for coffee, slice of cake and a chat, all funds raised go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



The main reason for this fundraisers' success is the generous donation of cakes from our parents, homemade or bought, and therefore we will be having a school **own clothes day on Wednesday 28th September**. To wear their own clothes, children are asked to bring in a donation of a cake or cakes, (these can be home baked or shop bought), all donations will be gratefully received!

We hope that you will be able to come along and support this extremely worthwhile cause, whilst enjoying a slice of cake, a cuppa and a chat amongst friends.

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

Our New School Council

We are delighted to announce our new school council members;

Year 1 - Jessica Upton

Year 2 - Dakota Ashton

Year 3 - Heidi Astolfi

Year 4 - Martha Whiteley

Year 5 - Hope McCormack & Leila Hambleton

Year 6 - Alfie Hassall & William Heap

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For health and safety reasons, please can we request that children do not come down the steps from Great Wood Hall to cross vicarage Road. Please use the driveway and cross with Jan, the crossing lady. Thank you.



Great Wood Wrap Around

Our exciting wrap around care facility has become an amazing success. The children have a great time, playing with their friends, enjoying a variety of activities and using a wide range of resources. We open at 7.30am, until the start of the school day and from 3.30pm until 6pm in the evenings. We still have spaces available, so why not come and join us. For further details, please contact Jean, or Gina on 07398634160. We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!

****Please be reminded all bookings for Wrap Around are now via Arbor, under the "clubs" section. Children's places are not secure if they are not booked correctly, numbers are increasing and we are limited to 26 children per session. Please book to avoid disappointment.**



Important Notice

As we commence a new school year 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.

TMPF – Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Term ends: Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts for pupils: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1st May

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

INSET Days for staff (schools closed): Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 26th July – Friday 1st September



Unfortunately, we will be postponing our football afterschool club on Friday 30th September, due to our Macmillan Coffee afternoon.

Please collect children at the usual end of the day (3.30pm) or come and have some cake and a cuppa to support Macmillan.



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 2022**. 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.



The Cheadle Academy Open Evening

This years Open Evening for The Cheadle Academy will take place on Tuesday 27th September at 7pm. Children and families of year 6 children are invited to attend.