



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 2



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th September	-	Meet The Teacher Parents Evening
Tuesday 26th September	-	Non Uniform Day - Cake Donations
	-	The Cheadle Academy Prospective Parents Evening, 7pm
Wednesday 27th September	-	PTFA Meeting, 6pm @ The White Hart - All Welcome
Friday 29th September	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - All Welcome
Friday 13th October	-	Harvest Singing
Thursday 26th October	-	PTFA Spooky Disco, 6-7.30pm
Friday 27th October	-	School Closes for Half term
Monday 6th November	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 7th November	-	School Re-Opens
Friday 17th November	-	BBC Children In Need
Thursday 23rd November	-	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Tuesday 5th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Thursday 7th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Friday 8th December	-	Alzheimer's Elf Day
Monday 11th December	-	R/1 & Y2/3 Christmas Trip - SnowDome Tamworth
Tuesday 12th December	-	Victoria Hall Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip - The New Vic Theatre, The Nutcracker
Wednesday 20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Friday 22nd December	-	School Closes For Christmas



Meet the Teacher

We are pleased to invite you to our meet the teacher parents evening, as we start the Autumn term.

On Wednesday 20th September we will be holding our parents evening, when we welcome you to come and meet your child's teacher, should you have any questions or concerns. Teachers will be available in their classrooms between 3.40pm-5.45pm.

Bookings will be 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 teacher's schedules 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.



The Cheadle Academy Open Evening



This years Open Evening for The Cheadle Academy will take place on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm. Children and families of year 6 children are invited to attend.

2023/24 School Captains

We are delighted to announce our new school captains;

Blue

Captain Jack Brindley
Vice-Captain Dylan Roberts

Red

Captain Hope McCormack
Vice-Captain Leila Hambleton

Yellow

Captain Tabitha Ford
Vice-Captain Thomas Hubberts

Green

Captain Lacey McAlpine
Vice-Captain Sienna Williams



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



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to be able to hold our Macmillan Coffee afternoon this year, which will take place on Friday 29th September at 2.00-3.30pm. 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 Tuesday 26th 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). Please can homemade cakes be brought in on Friday 29th am, 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.



CHEADLE Arts FESTIVAL

Age Categories:

- Early years
- KS1
- KS2

Prizes in all categories!

All art welcome:

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Collages
- Models
- And more...

Deadline: 9th October
All entries to Gelato & Cakes



Our amazing PTFA will be holding a meet and greet for any parents, wishing to attend. This will be held on Wednesday 27th September at 6pm @ The White Hart, Tean.

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.

Break Sales

Our Cook Katie, alongside Jan, will continue serving our lovely break time snacks. These will be available each morning at the following prices. Please remember to top up your Arbor account in advance to enable children to purchase snacks.

Toast	30p	Milkshake	70p	Toast & Jam	35p
Pancake	40p	Crumpet	30p		



Please note: children in Reception are only allowed to order one item.

A helping Hand With Meals

We understand that families may have had a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children, who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.



Applications are quick and easy with an instant yes, or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

Please contact us at office@greatwood.staffs.sc.uk if you need any help.

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 2023**. 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.



TELLING TALES

AN OUTSIDE STORIES EXCHANGE PROJECT

Join us for Telling Tales in Tean!
Connecting communities, landscapes and myths

Storyteller Ian Douglas and shadow puppeteer Jo Douglas will research local myths and legends and arrive in Tean with a selection of local tales to tell.

Over three days, Ian and Jo will perform and facilitate workshops encouraging local people to tell their own tales about their community. Ian and Jo will then weave these narrative threads into a new tale to perform back to the village residents in a storytelling finale.

Friday 29th September - Great Wood Hall 5pm -
Join us for a performance
of tales from across the Staffordshire Moorlands

Sunday 1st October -Great Wood Hall
11am - 1.30pm - Join us in creating
Puppets for the evening
Storytelling Finale..

Sunday 1st October Great Wood Hall
6pm- Join us for the evening where
your tales will be performed in a
storytelling finale .



Your child's Arbor accounts are required be "topped up" in advance.



Accounts not topped up in advance by Friday 22nd September, will be suspended.

Choir

Our fantastic Mrs Roberts will, once again, be running our Great Wood choir this year for our KS2 Children. Rehearsals will take place during Wednesday lunchtimes. Children who are interested in joining, can join rehearsals on Wednesdays.



Children's Safety

To keep everyone safe on our lovely school site, please can any adults who are bringing, or collecting children ensure that any younger children remain supervised at all times. Children are not allowed on to the grass area (please can this request be passed to anyone who collects but may not read this newsletter).

As a school, we will also chat to our classes about staying next to the adults, who are collecting and would appreciate any little reminders, should they forget in the excitement of the end of the school day and telling you what they have been up to!

Thank you in advance for your support with this and for helping us to keep everyone in our Great Wood family nice and safe.



TMPPF – Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 4th September

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th September

Half Term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 6th November

Term ends: Friday 22nd December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January

Spring Term 2024

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 8th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 9th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term ends: Friday 22nd March

Easter Holiday: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 8th April

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 9th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term ends: Friday 19th July

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday



Would you like your child to:

- be confident
- resilient
- follow their big dreams
- have a positive outlook
- develop their self esteem?

Wendy Miller Coaching follows the Wise for my Size coaching program to support children to develop a positive sense of self, and build essential life skills such as self-awareness, problem-solving, communication and decision-making using transformational stories, games and engaging activities.

Sessions run in term time at Christ Church Hall, Tean, every Wednesday for 7-12yrs: 6-6.55
Free taster session
£8 per session
Led by a qualified teacher and coach

Holiday clubs and 1-1 sessions available

To book and for more information contact Wendy at:
hello@wendymillercoaching.co.uk
www.wendymillercoaching.co.uk
07508 434949

After School Clubs

For the first half of the summer term we will be running a selection of after school clubs. The clubs available are as follows:

	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	ASM Sports	
Thursday	Fun Club (max 25)	Maypole (max 25)
Friday		Football Club (max 30)



FULL

Clubs will start week commencing 18th September and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The **last week for clubs will be week commencing 23rd October 2023**, except for ASM, which runs until the end of the Autumn term.

If your child would like to take part, please sign up to any of our clubs, under the clubs section on Arbor.

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 SnowDome where they will play in real snow and meet Santa and his friends. Our KS2 children will be going to see The Nutcracker 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.

We are really looking forward to taking the children on these fantastic trips.



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.

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 Gina, Julie, or Jan 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.**

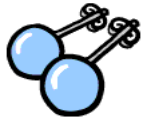
Sickness

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.



Earrings

We would like to make you aware that our P.E. policy guidance states that no earrings, (or any other jewellery), can be worn during P.E. lessons. Also, plasters, or tape put over earrings is not permitted. On P.E. days please can you ensure that your child does not wear earrings to school, or is capable of removing them themselves, (staff are not able to do this for them), to enable your child to do P.E. Any children that are wearing earrings, on P.E. days and that are not able to remove them independently, will not be allowed to participate in that P.E. lesson.



Starting School in September?

Do you have, or know anyone who has, a child who is due to start school next September? Parents of these children are warmly invited to come and have a look round school and see what we have to offer.

Please contact the school office for more details.



Thank you!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Dr. Emma Dawson (Mahia and Pariesia's Mum). Emma has very kindly re-done our tree stump installation outside year 4/5. Wallace and Gromit have moved into the tree stump with some of their friends. Please be careful around the stump (in case of any sharp edges or splinters) and do not let children poke at the characters, or damage the display.

We would also like to thank Dave Trigg of 'Trigg Engraving' in Weston Coyney, who generously donated all the engraving plaques for the installation.

We are sure that you will all enjoy this amazing display!



PE Days

Please be reminded children are required to wear PE kit on PE days.

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| R/1 | Monday, Wednesday & Thursday |
| 2/3 | Monday & Wednesday |
| 4/5 | Wednesday & Thursday |
| 5/6 | Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday |



Academy Photographs

Please ensure that you return your Academy Photographs to school by the close of the school day on **Monday 2nd October**. We are unfortunately unable to process any orders received after this date.

