

# Great [Wood] News

# **Autumn Term 2**





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# **School Contact Details**

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# **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 24th September - Non Uniform Day - Cake Donations

Thursday 26th September - The Cheadle Academy Prospective Parents Evening, 7pm

Friday 27th September - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, 2-4pm - All Welcome

Thursday 3rd October - World Smile Day Lunch

Friday 4th October - Harvest

Thursday 24th October - Y3/4 Athletics Competition

- PTFA Spooky Disco, 6.30-8.00pm \*\*Time Change\*\*

Friday 25th October - School Closes for Half term

Monday 4th November - Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 5th November - School Re-Opens

Monday 11th November - Anti Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November - BBC Children In Need

Friday 29th November - Christmas Fayre - More Details To Follow

Saturday 30th November - Tean Christmas Lights Switch On

Tuesday 3rd December - R/1 & Y2/3 Christmas Trip - Exciting Announcement Coming!

Thursday 5th December - Elf Day

Friday 6th December - KS2 Christmas Trip - The New Vic Theatre, The Three Musketeers

Sunday 8th December - Churches Together Annual Festival Of Carols

Tuesday 10th December - Festival Of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall

Wednesday 11th December - Nativity Performance, 5.30pm

Thursday 12th December - Nativity Performance, 5.30pm

Monday 16th December - PTFA Christmas Bingo
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December - PTFA Christmas Disco
Friday 20th December - Christmas Breakfast



# **End Of Day Expectations**

We are sending this out as a reminder to all parents/carers about our end of the school day. KS1 children finish at 3.20pm and KS2 finish at 3.30pm. Children are expected to be collected on time, apart from in exceptional circumstances, when the school has been informed. From the time your child is collected and leaves the school building, they become the adult collecting them's responsibility.



Children (and younger siblings) are not allowed down the path (or railings) leading down to the field, on the field, up on the playground, behind the school building, around the container, or on any of the grass (especially outside the front office, where our trees are being damaged).

We ask that a vigilant eye is kept on all our children, once they return to your care. This is for their safety and is in line with our safeguarding policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

We are delighted to be holding our Macmillan Coffee afternoon this year, which will take place on Friday 27th September at 2.00-4.00pm. Please come and join us for coffee, a 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 24th 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 27th 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.



# Your Child's School Uniform

Unfortunately, we are getting an unprecedented amount of parents contacting us, regarding missing school uniform and PE kits.

We would ask that you ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their PE kit, pumps, trainers, shoes and coats are <u>clearly labelled with their name</u>. As we are sure that you can imagine, children easily mislay their belongings, or accidentally pick up somebody else's. We appreciate the cost of your child's uniform and hope that you will help us to make sure that your child/children do not lose any of their uniform, or kit. Labelling makes it far easier and quicker to reunite items with their actual owners.

Please can you also check that your child is wearing their own uniform and not somebody else's labelled uniform, because we still have some missing.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Harvest

On Friday 4th October we will be having a nonuniform day, where children can come to school in Autumn colours. We are welcoming donations for The Cheadle and District Foodbank should you wish to donate.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, our children will be singing Harvest songs, outside school from 3pm for your entertainment.

We hope that you will be able to support our fantastic children as they perform from 3pm.

They will be shaking buckets, so please bring some loose change.





# **World Smile Day**

This year we will be celebrating World Smile Day on Thursday 3rd October.

World Smile Day is a day dedicated to smiling and spreading random acts of kindness. If we all do a simple act of kindness for someone, we'll all be smiling in no time!

As part of World Smile Day, Laura and Jan will be providing a special lunch menu for our children - these choices will be sure to put a smile on their faces!



# 2024/25 School Captains

We are delighted to announce our new school captains;



# Blue

Captain Felicity Fallon Vice-Captain Skye MacDonald

## Red

Captain Evie Barnett Vice-Captain Martha Whiteley

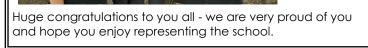
## Yellow

Captain Evie Nutt Vice-Captain Isaac Haycock



**Green** 

Captain Isabela Davis Vice-Captain Henry Skerry



# 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.



# **PTFA Meeting**

Our next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday 16th October, at 6.30pm. Come along and join us, for a brew and find out all about our Christmas events.





# **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.

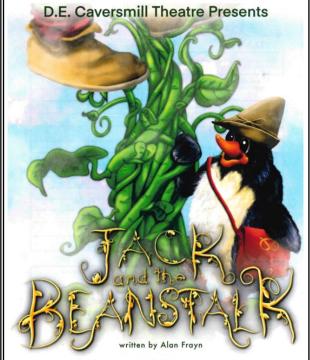
For further details, please contact Gina, Julie or Jan on 07398634160. We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!

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\*Please be reminded all bookings for Wrap Around are 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.

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\*\*For any amendments to your Wrap Around bookings, please text Gina on 07398634160.



Performances 27th-29th Dec I 3th-5th Jan Prices: Adult £9.50 | Child/OAP £7.50

Ticket Hotline Number: 01782 316 299 | 07711363260



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# BOOKING FORM

DATE		PRICE	TICKETS REQUIRED	TOTAL PRICE
27th December 2024 19:15pm EVENING	Adult	£9.50		-
	CHILD	£7.50		
28th December 2024 14:15pm MATINEE	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		
28th December 2024 19:15pm EVENING	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		
29th December 2024 14:15pm MATINEE	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		
3rd January 2025 19:15pm EVENING	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		
4th January 2025 14:15pm MATINEE	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		
4th January 2025 19:15pm EVENING	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		
5th January 2025 14:15pm MATINEE	Adult	£9.50		
	CHILD	£7.50		

# TOTAL AMOUNT:

To book tickets either fill in the form and return to the address below or ring <u>IAN</u> on 01782 316299

an Hill, 3 Langland Drive, Blurton, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. ST34DA All Cheques to be made payable to D.E Caversmill Theatre Company

Please enclose a SAE for your tickets
PLEASE TELL US IF YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR SPACE

RETURN DETAILS	
NAME	
ADDRESS	
POST CODE	
TELEPHONE No	

DON'T FORGET 10% DISCOUNT ON GROUP BOOKINGS OF 20 TICKETS OR MORE ( per night )



# **Recorders**

be known as Miss Swash. Thank you.

Do you have a recorder at home that is no longer used? Mrs Whiteley would be extremely grateful of any recorder donations to use with our children. If you have any, please hand them in at the school office.

# Keep Up To Date

We would like to remind you that if you move house, change your email address, or get a new mobile phone number, you need to inform the school office as soon as possible or update your details on Arbor. We need to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency, so it is vital that we have up

to date contact details for all our Great Wood

Please be aware that Kate in the school office, will now



# Games Afternoon at The lenue in Tean.

Thursday the 3rd of October 1pm till 3pm.

Free Entry: Lots of

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company and a giggle.





# 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 2024. 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.



# **Academy Photographs**

Please ensure that you return your Academy Photographs to school by the close of the school day on Monday 30th September. We are unfortunately unable to process any orders received after this date.



# **Facebook**

If you have not already seen it, we have our very own Facebook page:

Great Wood Community Primary School, Tean

school, fun things our children get up to, charity events, our PTFA Fundraising events and much more.

Please head over and give us a follow!

We post upcoming events, special visitors to

Website: www.cheadleswimmingclub.com 🏻 🏮 🐧 Email: information@cheadleasc.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 7PM -8PM

FIRST MONTH HALF PRICE

£27 PER MONTH



environment.

Cheadle (Staffs) & District Amateur Swimming Club



progresses them onto the later stages of

the swimmer's skills alongside providing

a gentle introduction to competitve swimming in a fun and relaxed

the Learn to Swim programme. The academy will continue to develop