



Pye Green Academy News

Friday 26th October 2018

Week Commencing 5th November 2018 will be
Lunch Menu Week One
Please note - New Menus

Message from Mr Barker

Thank-you

Just a quick note from me to say thank-you for the warm welcome you and your children have given me this half term. I look forward to working with you next half term.

Head Girl and Head Boy

I am pleased to announce Shannon as Head Girl, Troy as Head Boy, Mathilda as Deputy Head Girl and Joshua as Deputy Head Boy. The children will be working with the school closely this year to help lead us forward.

School Hot Dinners

As all parents are aware pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner. We will be actively encouraging all our families to have a hot cooked dinner. If you have any special requirements for specific needs please do not hesitate to see me or drop in for a tea/coffee to discuss and I will share these with our caterers.



School re-opens
for pupils on
Monday 5th
November
2018

Teachers 2 Parents Messaging service

Please note – If you who have downloaded the Teachers2parents (edsp.co/app) app for mobile phones, after downloading this app you will not receive any text messages or emails direct to your phone. If you have the app, all messages will be shown and viewed through the app. Messages will not show or be flagged on your normal message system.



Anti-bullying week is the 12th-16th November and the theme this year is 'We Choose Respect.'

Monday 12th November: 'Odd socks day'. Children are invited to wear odd socks for the day.

Wednesday 14th November: Activities in class around the theme. Pupils from Kingsmead High School will be performing a drama to the children to help them understand what bullying is and how we can prevent it in school.

For more information and ideas to discuss with your children, visit

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>

We're Supporting BBC Children in Need



Children in Need takes place on **Friday 16th November**.

School Council have decided on a pyjama theme for fundraising this year so children are invited to wear their pyjamas for the day.

We are asking for a contribution of £1 to donate for Children in Need. To find out more about how your donation helps, visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/psvxkB6QDMK63pgHmP5RJF/who-you-help>

Amanda Milling MP

Amanda toured our school last Friday. She had a great visit which ended with a question and answer session in Year 6. They asked her lots of questions, some really tricky ones, which she answered honestly and well.

She also asked us to enter her Christmas Card competition which we delivered to her Hednesford office on Wednesday. I look forward to the school taking some children on a visit to the houses of Parliament in the summer!



Nursery Parents

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Downing would like to thank all the Nursery parents for their continued support this half term. The children's attendance has been brilliant. Pupils are coming to school in the correct uniform each day, are bringing their book bags everyday and return any letters promptly. This is all helping the children to settle into Nursery extremely well.

Marquis Drive Trip 11/10/18

Nursery were lucky enough to have their first trip to Marquis Drive. The children and parents arrived to a sunny (but windy) Cannock Chase, where the children took part in different activities such as leaf crowns, bark rubbings, number hunts, finding materials to make a hedgehog and squirrel or owl and mud faces on the tree. The children and adults all had a lovely time. Thanks again to all the parents for coming along and getting involved with the activities.





PTFA Christmas Fayre



The Christmas Fayre by PTFA will take place on Friday 14th December. Following discussion with our PTFA to try and maximise our school and parental resources it will begin at 2:30pm.

Children will need to be collected at 2:30pm from their normal doors to then go through our main entrance to enjoy the stalls, games and activities in the Main School Hall and adjoining rooms.

Please don't worry if you cannot collect your children at 2:30pm. The children will be looked after in school by some of our team and completing Christmas activities until the end of the school day. Your children can then be collected at 3:15pm or 3:20pm from the Year 5 door on the Key Stage 2 playground.

There will be a non-uniform day soon to bring in items for the tombola and other stalls. Date to be confirmed ASAP.

21st December

Reminder for families. School will close at 1:45pm on Friday 21st December. There will be no after school clubs or care club at the end of the day.

Girls Football

Our Y5/6 Girls football team have been busy. They played their first match at home against Burton Manor on Thursday 4th October. They drew 2-2 after coming back from 2-0 down at half time. They then played St Peter's on Thursday 11th October and won 7-6 in an end to end game. These matches gave them good practise for the Cannock and Rugeley district tournament on Wednesday 24th October.

The team played exceptionally well without conceding a goal. They won their games 2-0 and 3-0 putting them top of the group. They are now through to a final round. Further details of this will follow.

The girls were the first to wear a brand new Nike football kit which we won through a competition with Premier League Primary Stars.

The team are - Suzie, Mercedes, Amelia, Sephia, KC, Mia, Katelynn, Millie and Brooke.



Dates for Your Diaries

**School will close at 1.45pm on Friday 21st December.
There is no after-school Care Club on this day.**

Agreed INSET days are as follows for the academic year:

Friday 26th October 2018.

Monday 7th January 2019.

Friday 21st June 2019.

Monday 22nd July 2019.

School will be closed to children on the above days.

Parents Evenings

13th and 14th November. 3:30 - 6:30pm. Letters have now been sent home for appointments. Spare letters are available from the school office.

Christmas Performances

Key Stage 2 4th and 5th of December.

EYFS and KS1 12th and 13th December. (Please note change of dates)

Time of events will be in our future newsletters.



Staffordshire and
Stoke on Trent Partnership
NHS Trust

Reception Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting school to give the flu nasal vaccination to Reception, Years One, Two, Three, four and five on Friday 16th November. Consent packs have been sent home (Spare packs are available from the school office).

If parents have any medical questions they are asked to call the School Age Immunisation Team directly on 03001240366 (Option 2 South Staffs) A brief outline of the actual administration of the vaccine can be found at www.staffordshireandstokeontrent.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation-team.htm .



Today we had an assembly from the Marie Curie charity to learn about why their charity is so important and to encourage support and fundraising. Each child received a lapel badge and had the opportunity to take a fundraising box if they wanted. These are optional and if children want to collect a few pennies then they are welcome to bring these to the School Council to collect and pass on.

Each class also has a money box if anybody would like to donate their old pound coins, we would be most grateful! Keep an eye on the newsletter for more fundraising we will be doing to support this great charity!

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/who>



Best Attendance
W/C 15th
October 2018

Congratulations to
Mr Nugents' class for having the best attendance over a one week

period W/C 15th October 2018 98.9%

It is important that children are in school on time.

Arriving late can be disruptive and unsettling for your child, and attending after 8.55 am will give your child an unauthorised mark for the morning session.

Weekly Attendance Figures

Week Commencing

15/10/2018

4N	98.9%
6E	98.8%
2DH	98.6%
1E	98.6%
4B	97.9%
6S	96.5%
1F	96.3%
5C	95.1%
RDO	95.1%
3BA	94.8%
3BR	94.4%
5W	93.8%
RR	93.7%
2R	93.1%

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School Terms and Holiday Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Inset Day: Friday 26th October (**Closed to pupils**)
Holiday: Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November
Term ends: Friday 21 December
Holiday: Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January

Spring Term 2019

Inset Day: Monday 7th January (**Closed to pupils**)
Term starts: Tuesday 8th January for Pupils
Half term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February
Term ends: Friday 12 April
Holiday: Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 21 April

Summer Term 2019

Term starts: Monday 29 April
May Day: Monday 6 May
Half term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
Inset Day: Friday 21st June (**Closed to pupils**)
Term ends: Friday 19th July for Pupils
Inset Day: Monday 22nd July (**Closed to pupils**)
Holiday: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August

Regular Monthly Events

1 st Monday	Chase mental Health Hub	Monthly Meet	10am Pavilion Hednesford Park
1 st Wednesday	Cookie Club Reading Group		10am Museum of Cannock Chase
1 st Saturday	Hednesford Litter Heroes	Litterpick	11am Pye Green Woods, Cotswold Road
1 st Sunday	Hednesford Litter Heroes	Litterpick	10am Brickworks Nature Reserve
1 st Sunday	Dementia Friend Training		10:30am Pavilion Hednesford Park
2 nd Tuesday	Families Living with Dementia Craft Sessions		11am Pavilion Hednesford Park
2 nd Tuesday	Hednesford Lions	Monthly Meet	8pm Hen House, Eskrett Street
2 nd Friday	Hednesford Town FC SA	Monthly Meet	7:30pm Keys Park
2 nd Sunday	Hednesford Litter Heroes	Litterpick	10am Old Hednesford Park
3 rd Wednesday	Heart of Hednesford	Monthly Meet	6pm Bella's Café
3 rd Friday	Little Friends Baby and Toddlers Themed Activities		10:30am Museum of Cannock Chase
3 rd Sunday	Heart of Hednesford	Litterpick	10am Town Centre, Co op Car Park
3 rd Sunday	Hednesford ParkFit	Fun Run/Walk	9:30am Hednesford Park
4 th Friday	Hidden Gems of the Museum		11am Museum of Cannock Chase
Last Thursday	Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evenings		7pm Aquarius Ballroom
Last Sunday	Hednesford Litter Heroes	Litterpick	10am Anglesey Nature Reserve
Last Sunday	Hednesford Lions	Litterpick	10am War Memorial

Weekly Activities

Monday	ChaseFit Walks for Health		9:30am Pavilion Hednesford Park
Monday	Sidney's Sight Support Group		10am Pavilion Hednesford Park
Monday	Mindful Monday; Step in to the moment walk		12 noon Pavilion Hednesford Park
Monday	Knit and Natter		1pm Hednesford Library
Tuesday	Work Routes Job Club		10am Hednesford Library
Tuesday	Heather's Roots Forest School		3:30pm Forest School Area Hednesford Park
Wednesday	Cannock Chase Council Local office Open		9am Hednesford Library
Wednesday	Potter in the Park		9:30am Pavilion Hednesford Park
Wednesday	Toast Shop Vulnerable Adult friendship group		10am Pavilion Hednesford Park
Thursday	Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach		9am Pye Green Community Centre
Thursday	Baby Bounce and Rhyme		10am Hednesford Library
Thursday	Maths course for adults wanting support		10am Pavilion Hednesford Park
Thursday	English course for adults wanting support		12:30pm Pavilion Hednesford Park
Thursday	You Crafty Thing		10:30am Museum of Cannock Chase
Friday	Grow Up Great		10am Hednesford Library
Friday	Braille Lesson group		10am Pavilion Hednesford Park
Sunday	Tennis for Free		10am Tennis Courts Hednesford Park

If you have an event to add please email paul@hednesfordinpartnership.co.uk



Calendar of Events in Our Community

Cannock Beer Festival	20 th – 22 nd September	Prince of Wales Theatre
Health and Happiness Show	Thursday 20 th September 2018	Hednesford ex- Serviceman's Club
Cannock Chase Full Council	Wednesday 26 th September 2018	Civic Centre
Comedy Night at the Museum	Wednesday 26 th September 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
RAFA Freedom of the District	Saturday 29 th September 2018	Town Centre
Planet Duran	Saturday 29 th September 2018	Hednesford ex- Serviceman's Club
World Mental Health Day	Wednesday 10 th October 2018	Hednesford Park
Non League Football day	Saturday 13 th October 2018	Keys Park
Murder Mystery Evening	Saturday 20 th October 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Hazel Slade Big Band	Tuesday 23 rd October 2018	Hednesford ex- Serviceman's Club
Hallowe'en Spooktacular	Tuesday 30 th October 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Hallowe'en Spooktacular	Wednesday 31 st October 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Lantern Story Walk	Wednesday 31 st October 2018	Hednesford Park
Fantastic Beasts	Thursday 1 st November 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Red Tent Day (Women Only)	Thursday 1 st November 2018	Hednesford Park
Fireworks Spectacular	Sunday 4 th November 2018	Hednesford Raceway
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 11 th November 2018	St Peter's Church
Winter Wonderland	Sunday 18 th November 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Christmas Family Day	Sunday 2 nd December 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Christmas Lights Switch on	Friday 7 th December 2018	Town Centre
HTFCSA Carol Service	Monday 10 th December 2018	Keys Park
Christmas Artisan Market	Saturday 15 th December 2018	Town Centre
Christmas Wishes	Saturday 15 th December 2018	Museum of Cannock Chase
Hazel Slade Big band	Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Hednesford ex- Serviceman's Club
Hednesford Summer Festival	Saturday 10 th August 2019	Hednesford Park

Exhibitions

18 th August to 12 th October	Brindley Village A legacy of the Great War	Museum of Cannock Chase
22 nd October to 14 th December	The War to End All Wars: The People's Story	Museum of Cannock Chase
26 th Sept, 10 th Oct, 14 th Nov, 12 th Dec	Forest of Mercia CIC Craft course	Hednesford Park

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Lunchtime Menu Week One

Week beginning 5th November 2018

Please note changes to Menu are shown in Red

	Main meal...	On the side...	For Dessert...
Monday	 Bonfire Night Menu Hot Dog Bangers and Jacket Wedges	Corn on the Cob Peas	Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard Firework Cup Cakes
	 Veggie Bangers and Bun with Wedges V		
	 Jacket Potato with Filling		
	 Sandwich Selection Cheese		
Tuesday	 Cornish Pasty with Tomato Ketchup	Carrots & Sweetcorn Salad Selection	Cherry and Sultana Flapjack
	 Roasted Vegetable Sausages with Red Onion Gravy & Mash V		
	 Jacket Potato with Filling		
	 Sandwich Selection Tuna Mayo		
Wednesday	 Baked Chicken Fillet with Bechamel and Crumbled Cheddar	Roasted peppers & Sweetcorn Salad Selection	Pear and Cinnamon Cake with Custard
	 Baked Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slice V		
	 Jacket Potato with Filling		
	 Sandwich Selection Turkey		
Thursday	 Roast Turkey, Stuffing with Roast Potatoes	Creamed Swede, Carrots and Broccoli Salad Selection	Marble Sponge and Custard
	 Pizza Whirl with Roast Potatoes V		
	 Jacket Potato with Filling		
	 Sandwich Selection Ham		
Friday	 Baked Fillet of Battered Fish and chips or Wedges	Baked beans Garden Peas Salad Selection	Chocolate Brownie
	 Provencale Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Doughballs V		
	 Jacket Potato with Filling		
	 Sandwich Selection cheese		