



Pye Green Academy

Newsletter

Thursday 20th July 2023

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Menu for week commencing
06/09/2023 showing on last page
newsletter

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Message from Mrs Yates

This week, I felt privileged to watch the Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – it was truly amazing. Each and every one of our Y6 pupils gave it their all. I am extremely proud to be their Headteacher. Back in May, they approached SATS with such maturity and dedication and their recent results are a testament to the effort they all put in. They have certainly had a wonderful year. From facing their Laches Wood fears back in the Autumn term, right through to seeing them all shine this week at both their assembly and Prom.

Year 6 leavers 2023, the Pye Green team wish you all the very best for the next stage of your journey. We know you will all be incredibly successful 😊

It's time to say "goodbye",
Our year has come to an end.
We've all made cherished memories,
And many more new friends.

I've watched you learn and grow,
And change from day to day.
I hope that all the things we've done,
Have helped along the way.

So, it's with happy memories,
I send you out the door.
With great hope and expectations,
For what next year holds in store.



I would also like to express my thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support in all that we do at school. From the workshops, parent lunches and school trips, it has been a joy to see so many of you engaging in your children's school lives. I know from the many positive comments we have received throughout the year that you truly appreciate the offer children at Pye Green receive. We have many more exciting events planned for the autumn term which we look forward to sharing with you.

Finally, I would like to thank my dedicated team here at school for all of their hard work throughout the whole year. I have worked with many colleagues during my career and this team is very special. Without the effort, dedication and willingness they have to go 'above and beyond', Pye Green Academy would not be the place that it is. I wish them all a well-deserved summer break. Thank you 😊

Goodbye

Today, we said goodbye to **Mrs Boardman, Miss Raybould** and **Miss Baker** as they all move on to pastures new. Between them, these members of staff have been part of our Pye Green team for a combined total of 15 years. They will all be missed by our school community and we wish them all the best in their next adventures.

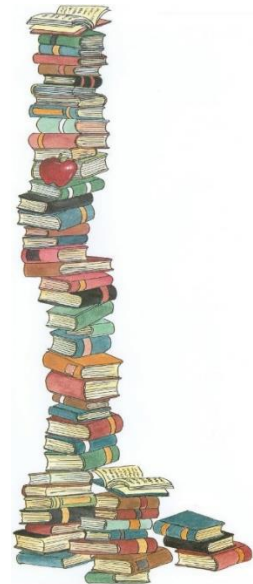
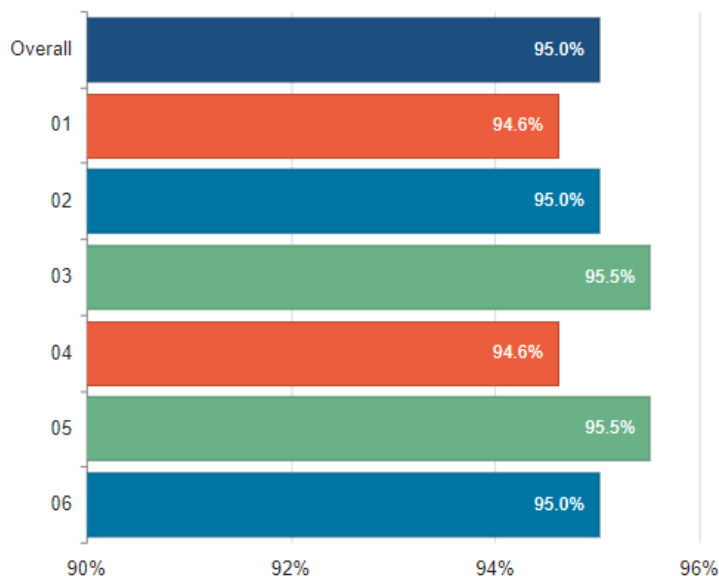
In addition, Jo, our School Crossing Patrol (Greenheath Road), will also be leaving us. We are sorry to see her go and I know many of you will say your goodbyes as she crosses you over the road at the end of the day on Friday.



Attendance For the WHOLE Year

Congratulations to both **Year 3 and Year 5** for having the best attendance during this academic year with attendance of **95.5%**

Overall school attendance stands for 2022/23 at **95%**.



Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September. These first days back really matter. Evidence from a recent Children's Commissioner report showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, compared to children who missed days near the end of term, with a predicted overall absence of 20-30%.

Whole School Non-Uniform

Tomorrow, **Friday 21st July** is our last day of term. All pupils are welcome to come to school in non-uniform.

Pupils finish at their usual times.



New Logo and School Uniform

Across our 10 primary schools in the Greenheart Learning Partnership, we are rebranding for September with regards to logos and school signage. Our new logo, still incorporating our Pye Green tree, will be on new uniform available at Crested Schoolwear. The old logo on uniform is still fine to be used and for a time, therefore we will have a mix of both logos. We have been informed that Crested have a 'sale rail' with the old logo uniform on if people want to grab a bargain.



From September, all pupils will also need to wear **school PE kit**. This consists of a plain red, blue, yellow or green t-shirt and dark shorts or jogging bottoms. The t-shirt colour represents the 'house' they are in. If pupils do not know which colour house they are in, they can ask class teachers. Pupils should not wear football or branded t-shirts. PE t-shirts do not need to have the school logo on.



Last year, all pupils were given a Pye Green Academy book bag. All new pupils joining school will also be provided with a FREE book bag.

Please only use these within school rather than rucksacks/other bags.



Dinner Money Price Increase and School Debts

From September 6th (the start of the new term) Shire Services, who provide our school meals, are increasing their prices to **£2.30 per pupil**. Please ensure that all MCAS accounts are sufficiently credited. We are also aware that some families have increasing dinner money and Care Club debts. Mrs Snell has been contacting parents in recent weeks informing them of this and trying to arrange payment plans. Significant, unpaid debts will result in pupils in Key Stage 2 being unable to have school meals and Care Club places being withdrawn for the new term.

Please contact school as soon as possible to arrange for all debts to be cleared by 19/07/2023.

Reading Books



Please ensure all reading books have been returned to school. To support our pupils over the holidays, we have signed up to online portals which will provide pupils with eBooks to read. Pupils in Reception to Y5 have been given sign in details this week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have not received these.



Tuck from September 2023

Day	Item	Price
Monday	Toast / Pancakes	20p / 40p
	Radnor Juice	40p
Tuesday	Toast / Waffles	20p / 50p
	Radnor Juice	40p
Wednesday	Toast / Sausage Roll	20p / 50p
	Milkshake	60p
Thursday	Toast / Pain Au chocolate	20p / 50p
	Radnor Juice	40p
Friday	Toast / Sausage Sandwich	20p / 70p
	Milkshake	60p

TREAD Summer School



**Drama,
Dancing,
Singing, Acting &
Musical Theatre**

Tread Performing Arts Summer
School for children aged 5-16, led by
Professional Actors from Stage and TV

**Cannock
BOOK
NOW!**

**7th - 11th August 2023,
from 9am - 3pm**

tread
Theatre, Representation, Entertainment
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£99 - full week

£25 per day - Single Day option available on request

*Sibling discount also available

Please register your child by visiting their website and completing the Summer School Registration form.

<https://treadproductions.net/register/>

Museum of Cannock Chase



**Museum
of
Cannock Chase**

**Fairy Tales
And Folklore**

Every Wednesday of the summer holidays

Drop-in to a themed craft workshop, complete the outdoor trail and make art and crafts to take home.

26th July	The Little Mermaid
2nd August	Fairies and Goblins
9th August	King Arthur and Merlin
16th August	Robin Hood
23rd August	Pinocchio
30th August	Staffordshire Folklore and the Green Man

11 AM - 3 PM

No need to book - just turn up (during busy periods wristbands may be issued)...
£5 per child, attend two workshops and the third is FREE.
Suitable for primary aged children, minimum age 3 years...

Free museum admission and parking, outdoor picnic spaces and sculpture trail, coffee shop and interactive galleries.

Museum of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Hednesford, Staffordshire WS12 1TD
Telephone: 01543 877666 f museumofcannockchase

Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge helps to encourage children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading goal over the holidays.

Each year, the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. The Challenge is presented by The Reading Agency, funded by Arts Council England, and delivered with the support of public libraries.

Pupils can take part in the challenge at local libraries or online. Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to find out more information.

We look forward to celebrating pupils' achievements in September!

Greenheart Uniform Bank

If you have any good quality uniform that your child has outgrown (including PE kit or shoes), we would be grateful of any donations to keep the uniform bank stocked. Please hand these to any member of staff within school.

If any Year 6 parents would like to donate book bags, they would be greatly received.



What's new for September 2023?



Cost of Living Support

By accessing the link below, you will find information about energy costs, financial support, food costs, water costs, food banks and warm hubs. Also attached to the newsletter, you will find information regarding local services which may be of use to some of our families.



<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/council/your-community/help-cost-living-crisis#:~:text=Assure%20is%20available%20for%20residential,added%20to%20%C2%A319%2C050%20amount>

Autumn Term Dates

INSET DAY - Monday 4th September 2023 – School closed to pupils.

INSET DAY - Tuesday 5th September 2023 – School closed to pupils.

Pupils return to school **Wednesday 6th September 2023** – doors open as usual at 8.45am.

School Year 2022 to 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 24th July 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4)

Tuesday 25th July 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

New Academic Year

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 1)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 2)

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September 2023

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

Term ends: Friday 22nd December

Holiday: Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

Friday 22nd December - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 3)

Please note this is a change of date.

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 4 – TBC)

Term Starts: Tuesday 9th January

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

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March

Holiday: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July - Inset day, school closed to children (INSET DAY 5)

Holiday: Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th August

Week One Date W/C 04/09/2023

Primary Menu Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAYS
Main Course (Red)	Inset Day School Closed to Pupils	Inset Day School Closed to Pupils	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic & Herb Bread	Chicken Nuggets Potato Crunchies Pasta
Vegetarian Main Course (Green)			Vegetarian Sausage	Vegetable Goujons Potato Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Potato Crunchies Pasta
Yellow			Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans
Vegetables			Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots, Garden Peas	Garden Peas, Broccoli, Baked Beans	Sweetcorn, Green Beans, Baked Beans
Sandwich Option (Blue)			Tuna Packed Lunch	Ham Packed Lunch	Cheese Packed Lunch
Dessert			Iced Cake with sprinkles Cheese & Crackers	Cookie Selection	A selection of chilled frozen & fresh fruit desserts