



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 5



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Diary Dates

10th October	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
17th October	-	Harvest Lunch
19th October	-	Harvest Festival, 2pm - All Welcome
22nd October	-	PTFA Spooky Disco
24th October	-	Academy Photography - Individuals, Families and Siblings
25th October	-	School Closes for Half term
26th October	-	Staff Training Day, School Closed
5th November	-	School Re-opens
6th November	-	Flu Vaccination Programme - Children in Years 1-5
10th November	-	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza
11th November	-	Remembrance Service
12th November	-	Anti Bullying Week
16th November	-	Children in Need Day
17th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
2nd December	-	PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip
5th December	-	Festival of Christmas Music @ The Victoria Hall
7th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
10th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
11th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip
13th December	-	Reception & KS1 Christmas Trip
14th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
	-	Christmas Disco
21st December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Carol Service
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays



Keeping warm!

As we say a reluctant goodbye to the beautiful summer and the cold 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.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A great big thank you to all our families and friends that donated, supported and attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday. It was once again a huge success and we raised our best ever total, a whopping £436.28 from your generous donations, which will go to an extremely good cause.



Thank you to all of you who had a go at our "You're on a roll" competition, in aid of Macmillan. We are pleased to announce that the winning length was 49cm.

The clever estimator is our very own Sophie Peach who guessed "49cm", amazing, well done Sophie, you won the prize of £20.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Ms York, who organised the afternoon and also to all our fabulous staff, volunteers, parents and, of course, our children, for all their help and support putting on this event.



Happy Birthday Lesley

On Thursday 4th October it will be our fantastic chef, Lesley's 50th birthday. To celebrate Lesley will be cooking a special birthday lunch. The menu will be:

Sausage and chips followed by birthday cake for pudding

Lesley hopes that everyone will have a school lunch to help her celebrate!

School meals are free for children in reception to year 2 and £2.20 per meal for children in years 3-6.



For our fantastic Harvest Festival this Year, we will be following the same format as last year. We will be enjoying the delightful performances of our children, during the Harvest assembly, which will be followed by our "Celebration of Harvest". There will be a variety of activities for you and your children to enjoy; A Farmer's Market, Great Wood exciting apple bobbing (be prepared to get wet) and of course our famous produce sale! Please could you bring your kind donations of produce (fresh, tinned or packaged), into school on Friday 19th October. All proceeds from the sale of your generous donations will, as is the Great Wood tradition, go to Tean and Checkley's O.A.P Association. We would like to, also, take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, who gave feedback to members of the Great Wood team and gave us such positive feedback, last year. You're support means a great deal to us.

We hope you will be able to join us once again, for our "Celebration of Harvest" this year, starting at 2pm on Friday 19th October.

We look forward to seeing you there and feel sure that you will enjoy a fun filled and worthwhile afternoon.

Spooky Disco

Get out your spooky costumes for Great Wood's Spooky Disco!

There will be a Spooky Costume competition with an extremely spooky prize!

There will be Halloween Punch (non alcoholic)! Spooky goody bags and eerie glo bands!



Superhero Day!



On Thursday 25th October KS1 will be holding a Superhero Day.

Children are invited to wear their favourite superhero costume, whether it be Batman, Superwoman, Spiderman, or Harley Quinn, should they wish to. There will be lots of super activities throughout the day.

This event brings together all the work that the children have been doing this term, with the theme of superheroes. We are sure that the children will have a great time and benefit from this experience.

So fly into school and be SUPER!



Year 1/2/3/4/5 Flu Vaccinations

Year 1/2/3/4 and 5 children have been offered a flu vaccine as part of the school's vaccination programme. The vaccine is designed to protect children against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness. By having the vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family.

Please can consent forms be returned to school by Friday 19th October, thank you.



The first PTFA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 10th October at 6.30pm. 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, Midsummer Madness and our famous Bonfire Extravaganza, 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.

PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

Once again, this year our wonderful PTFA have organised a Christmas shopping trip. This year we are going to Liverpool with it's fantastic Christmas markets, on Sunday 2nd December. This is a very popular PTFA event and gives you an opportunity to enjoy your Christmas shopping, with friends and family, without having to drive, or worry about the dreaded Christmas parking!

The coach will be leaving school at 8.30am and will leave Liverpool at 5.30pm for the return journey.

Tickets are priced at just £10 per person, available from the school office.



There will be an exciting raffle taking place during the journey, where you could win lots of goodies for Christmas!

Halloween Disco 2018

Fancy dress optional

Bring your own
drinks and nibbles!

Saturday, 27th October
Great Wood Hall

7pm - Midnight

Tickets £6 each -
under 5's free!

Tickets available from Shades Hair and Beauty and Smytheman Architectural on
Tea High Street or from Great Wood Hall, Tea (07971 850744)

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

GREAT WOOD HALL, TEAN
MONDAY, 31ST DECEMBER 2018
7:30PM - LATE

TICKETS £10 EACH
CHILDREN WELCOME (UNDER 5'S FREE)
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND REFRESHMENTS

Headlice

We have, unfortunately, got the problem of headlice in school again. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair as a precaution and treat as necessary.

Please be extra-vigilant in checking your child's hair each week, to help us to eliminate this persistent problem. Many thanks for your help.



Year 3/4 Children

Next week children in year 3 and 4 will be making WWI trenches! Please can children bring in a shoe box and some newspaper to make their creations by **Monday 8th October**.

Thank you.



PTFA Facebook Page



Please take a look at our Great Wood PTFA Facebook page. Our amazing PTFA post lots of information about our upcoming events and how our recent fundraising events have done. Did you know that, to keep costs down for our families, our PTFA funded over £1,300 worth of coach travel for our children last year? It is also a place where you can let parents know if your child has lost something, or has come home with an extra P.E. top!



Lesley's
Exciting
New Winter
Menu coming
soon. Be sure to
give it a try!