



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 8



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Diary Dates

19th October	-	Harvest Festival, 2pm - All Welcome
22nd October	-	PTFA Spooky Disco
24th October	-	Academy Photography - Individuals, Families and Siblings
25th October	-	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Super Hero Day
	-	School Closes for Half term
26th October	-	Staff Training Day, School Closed
5th November	-	School Re-opens
	-	Bonfire Lunch
6th November	-	Flu Vaccination Programme
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



Academy Photographs

Academy will once again be in school on Wednesday 24th October to take individual/family group photos of our wonderful children. If you have any younger children, not yet in school and you would like Academy to take their photo too, please bring them into school at 8.30am on 24th October.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our school team if you have any queries.



SELLING FAST

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 its 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!

FREE Ice Lollies!



As a half term treat our fantastic PTFA will be supplying a **FREE** ice lolly for every Great Wood child at the end of school on Thursday 25th October. This week will be our last ice creams, until the spring term.

We would like to thank Mrs Whiteley, for all her help by getting and selling the ice creams each week, alongside our fabulous PTFA. The funds, raised by these sales, all go towards the added extras that our Great Wood children are able to enjoy and benefit from.

Don't forget to collect your lolly on your way home!



Monday 5th November

Bonfire Lunch

*Guy Fawkes Sausages or King James Veggie Sausage with BBQ Baked Beans, Mashed Potato and Peas
Bonfire Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard
or Lesley's Homemade Biscuit*

Bug Club

After half term Carrie will be retuning to Great Wood with her amazing bugs! We will be running a KS1 bug club this next half term.

There will be a charge of £4 per week, which can be paid as a one off payment of £24.

Please see the attached letter for further details.



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!



Menu Change

On Thursday 25th October Lesley and Jan are doing a special lunch to celebrate Superhero Day and the end of term.

They will be serving: **Fish Fingers and Chips**, followed by **Iced Sponge**.



Uniform



We are having an increasing number of children arriving in school without their tie. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child wears their tie every day because, as you are aware, it is a compulsory part of our school uniform. Ties are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £4.85.

Also, please can you ensure that your child's name is on their uniform and PE kit. We are having an increasing number of items being found with no name in, this then makes it difficult to return them. We would be very grateful if you could also check your child's uniform to make sure it is their's. Some labelled uniform has gone astray. Thank you.

Bugs!

We have a couple of bugs going around school at the moment, to help stop these spreading please can you refrain from sending your child back to school until 48hours after any episode of sickness. Thank you for your 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 2018**. 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.



Remembrance Service

Mr Adamson will be attending the remembrance service on Sunday 11th November, please see separate letter, for full details on how your child can take part.



School Dinners

A reminder that Lesley's delicious school dinners should be paid for **in advance** on Monday mornings. £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week. Money for any dinners paid for, but not taken will be carried over to the following week - please try not to send money in on a daily basis. This money should be in a purse or envelope clearly marked with your child's name, which is imperative in helping us to ensure you receive the correct change. Thank you.



Build a Guy competition

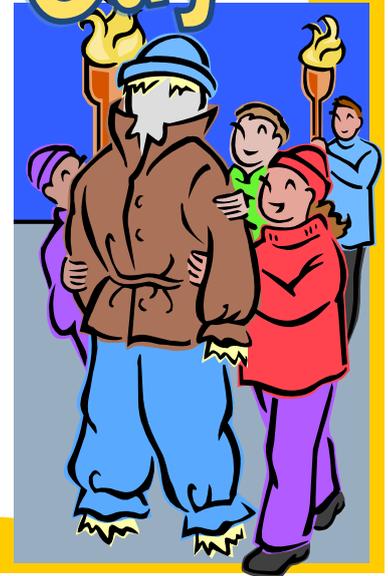
Can you build a Guy to go on our Bonfire at the PTFA
Firework Display on Saturday November 10th?

Bring your Guy into school before Thursday 8th November

Prizes for the best Guys!

Why not build a Guy with
your friends?

Group entries welcome.



Espresso Home Access

Pupil username: student28055 Pupil password: forest

Web address: <https://online.espresso.co.uk>



Espresso is used in school to enrich the curriculum subjects using a variety of activities, videos, games, websites and follow up work. There is also a section that is useful for SATS revision and phonic support. By using the above information both children and parents/carers can access the Espresso site and take advantage of these resources at home, as school has bought into the special pupil home access.



Happy Holiday!

We break up for the Half Term on Thursday 25th
October. School opens again on **Monday 5th
November** when we look forward to the second
half of a busy Autumn Term!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish
everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Spellings

Just a reminder for our Years 1 and
2 children, to please remember to
bring their spelling books into
school, on Thursday mornings, for
their weekly spelling test. We also
put their spellings for the following
week, into their spelling books,
ready to learn for the next week
Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year we have a variety of goodies as well as the traditional poppies. These will be available to purchase in school now.

- Rulers £1.00
- Traditional poppies 30p
- Reflectors 50p
- Eraser 50P
- Pencil Sharpener 50p
- Pencils 50p

All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion.



Thank you in advance for your support.



This year we will once again be supporting the BBC Children In Need Appeal at Great Wood. We will be selling 'Glow in the dark' key rings, festival wristbands, pin badges and glow wristbands, at the following prices:



NEW Pudsey Glow in the dark Keyrings
£2.00



NEW Gold or Rose Gold Pin Badges
£1.00



Selection of wristbands including the NEW Colour Changing wristband
£1.00



Blush or Pudsey Ears
£2.50

Our support for charitable causes is as a result of your generosity, however, we appreciate it may not always be easy to make contributions.

After School Clubs

We are nearly at the end of the first half of the Autumn Term, after half term we will once again be running a selection of after school clubs. The clubs available for this half term are as follows:

	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Sports £3 per session	
Tuesday	Bug Club - £4 per week (max 15)	Netball
Wednesday	ASM Sports £3 per session	
Thursday	ASM Sports £3 per session	
Friday	Craft - £1 per week	Craft - £1 per week



Clubs will start week commencing 5th November 2018 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing Monday 10th December.

Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible, for children taking part in either craft club please enclose your payment of £6 for the half term. Please see separate letter for Bug Club.

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Childs Name	Clubs they would like to take part in:

Younger children should be collected at the end of the club. Upper Key Stage 2 may walk home with your permission.

I do/do not give permission for my child to walk home (delete as required)

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

BONFIRE NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA

Huge Bonfire
Fibre Optic
& Glow Wands
Massive
Fireworks Display
Refreshments
Cakes, Burgers
& Soup

Gates Open - 6pm
Bonfire Lit - 6:30pm
Fireworks - 6:45pm

Tickets
Adults - £6
Children - £3
Family of 4 - £15
Under 5's Go Free

Saturday, November 10th 2018
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NO SPARKLERS! NO ALCOHOL! NO SMOKING!