



Great [Wood] News

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Diary Dates

- 21st December - Christmas Breakfast starts 8.30am
- Christmas Carol Service
- School Closes for Christmas Holidays
- 8th January - School Re-opens for Spring Term
- Swimming Starts for Year 3/4



Fantastic News, our children are grammar gurus!

We are extremely proud and pleased to announce, that Great Wood is the top school in the Staffordshire Moorlands, for its grammar results. Over 67% of our children achieved the higher standard in grammar tests.

We extend a huge thank you to, not only our teaching team, but also to our dedicated children and for the support they receive from our Great Wood families.

This result is a testament to all the hard work and extra effort that our team, children and families provide.

Well done Great Wood!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We would like to thank all our Great Wood families, for their kind donations on our Christmas jumper day for Save the Children. We raised a fantastic £70 for the charity which will be very much appreciated. Thank you again for your amazing generosity, it helps those children, who really need it.



Christmas Breakfast

On Friday December 21st our brilliant staff will be cooking Christmas breakfast for all our Great Wood children. We really hope that all our children will be able to join us for this Christmas treat. Breakfast will start at 8.30am with a Christmas film. We will be serving sausage baps, toast with chocolate spread or jam, tea and hot chocolate. The cost of the breakfast is £1 per child. Children are asked to bring in their £1, before or on the day, to enjoy our festive breakfast.



PTFA Christmas Disco

On Thursday 20th December we will be holding the Christmas Disco, 6.00-7.30pm.

Entrance is £2 per child which includes a glow band, goody bag and refreshments. Each child will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win our 'Now CD!'



Please note that all children in reception need to be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Christmas Bingo on Monday.

It was greatly supported as always and we raised an amazing £320 for the PTFA and a fun evening was had by all!



Christmas Extravaganza

Thank you to everyone who supported our amazing Christmas Extravaganza last Friday. All of our children enjoyed their visit to Santa, where they received a gift, generously provided by our PTFA. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our fantastic staff and invaluable volunteers for manning the stalls, café and providing copious amounts of mulled wine and mince pies! We would also like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule, to visit Great Wood and for adding that special Christmas magic to our event. As always, all the fantastic funds raised, are for our children.

Merry Christmas Everyone!



Year 3/4 Swimming

Years 3 and 4 will start swimming on **Tuesday** 8th January 2019. The children will leave for their lesson on **Tuesday** mornings at 10.30am, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them. Swimming caps are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £2. Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



2018 Christmas Activities

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Outfit

Ho,ho, ho! Lesley and Jan are already busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are all looking forward to enjoying on Thursday 20th December. We also invite you to wear your favourite Christmas outfit to enjoy the festivities. A non-uniform day, just for fun! So put on your festive outfit, get into the Christmas spirit and join us in dressing up for Christmas!

Christmas Disco

Our PTFA sparkly and festive Christmas disco will be held on Thursday 20th December. Due to the number of events on at the moment, the disco will be from 6.00-7.30pm.

Christmas Breakfast

Children are invited to come and join us for a hot Christmas Breakfast and a Christmas film, on Friday 21st December from 8.30am, £1 per child. Please wear your Christmas jumper, or outfit.

Christmas Carol Service

Come and join us for our final exciting Christmas event of this busy term. We hope that you will join us in our choral festivities at Christ Church on Friday 21st December. The service starts at 2pm and everyone is welcome.

PTFA NEWS

During November and December so far, our PTFA has held several events to raise funds to provide those extras, that we take for granted, for our children. We have had;

Bonfire Extravaganza, which raised - £825

Christmas Shopping trip, which raised - £260

And our Christmas Bingo, which raised - £320

These funds pay for the coaches for our Christmas trips and outings, keeping the costs down for our parents and carers. These events take a lot of hard work and organisation and we would like to thank our PTFA members for all the effort and dedication, that they put into each of them.

Congratulations to all our hard working PTFA and a massive thank you!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Great Wood Team would like to wish all of our families and children, a very Merry Christmas and an extremely Happy New Year! We have had a hectic and busy half term, but it has been brilliant! We would like to send our thanks to all of you that have helped and supported Great Wood, at our many events this year. We would also like to send a special thank you to our fabulous PTFA who tirelessly fund raise for our children, supplying all those little (and sometimes very big) extras for Great Wood.

We hope you all have a fantastic and peaceful Christmas and enjoy the break.



Reminder school re-opens on Tuesday 8th January 2019