



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 4

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Diary Dates

11th October	-	Flu Vaccinations - All Children - **POSTPONED**
18th October	-	Harvest Lunch
	-	Harvest Festival in Christ Church, 9.30am - All Welcome
	-	Harvest Crafts Session - Reception/Y1&2 - Parents Welcome
	-	Harvest Sale of Goods, 3.15pm
24th October	-	Academy Photography - Individuals, Families and Siblings
	-	PTFA Spooky Disco 6.30-8pm
	-	School Closes for Half term
25th October	-	Staff Training Day, School Closed
4th November	-	School Re-opens
5th November	-	Bonfire Lunch
7th November	-	PTFA Meeting AGM, 5pm - All Welcome
	-	Parents Forum - Agenda TBC
9th November	-	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza
10th November	-	Remembrance Service
16th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
18th November	-	Y6 Safe & Sound Event @ Cheadle Fire Station
25th November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala, am
29th November	-	Christmas Craft Afternoon - Year 3,4,5&6 - Parents Welcome
	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
1st December	-	PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip - Meadowhall, Sheffield
6th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
9th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
10th December	-	Festival of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall
11th December	-	Reception/KS1 Christmas Trip
12th December	-	Christmas Lunch
13th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
16th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip
19th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
20th December	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays



PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

Once again, this year our wonderful PTFA have organised a Christmas shopping trip. This year we are going to Meadowhall Shopping Centre in Sheffield, on Sunday 1st 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 9.00am and will leave Meadowhall at 5.30pm for the return journey.

Tickets are priced at just £12 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!

Thursday 17th October

Harvest Lunch

Cottage Pie or Country Vegetable pie

Roast Potatoes, Peas & Parsnips

Steamed Chocolate Sponge Pudding & Custard,

Yogurt or Fruit Platter



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.



After School Clubs

Please can we remind parent/carers that if your child has signed up for a place in any of the after school clubs, they are expected to attend each week, unless a previous arrangement has been made with the school office. We have a waiting list for several of the clubs and non attendance is preventing children on these lists from attending the clubs.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



After School Clubs

For our fantastic Harvest Festival this Year, we will be having a change of location. Our celebration will be on Friday 18th October at 9.30am. We will be enjoying the fantastic atmosphere of Christ Church, where our amazing children will be singing alongside our fabulous choir. There will be further musical performances for you to enjoy as we celebrate Harvest together.

Following our Harvest celebration in Church there will be Harvest Craft activities back at school for our Reception and KS1 families (KS2 will be doing something similar for Christmas).

At the end of the school day we will be selling off our Harvest produce and as always we ask for your kind donations for us to sell. These donations can be brought into school on the morning of the 18th October. Please search your cupboards for tins, jars, biscuits, bread, or any fresh produce that you are able to donate. 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 hope you will be able to join us, for our "Celebration of Harvest" this year, starting at 9.30am on Friday 18th October. We look forward to seeing you there.



Spooky Disco

Our Great Wood Spooky Disco will be on Thursday 24th October 6.30-8pm.

Put on your spookiest outfit because there will be a prize for the best dressed KS1 and KS2 Spook! There will be spot prizes for the spookiest dancers and a raffle to win the CD of the night.

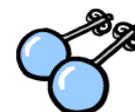
Each Spook will receive a raffle ticket, glo band, a spooky goody bag and as much Spooky punch as they can drink!

Entry is £2 per spook and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.



Earrings

We would like to make you aware that our P.E. policy guidance states that no earrings, (or any other jewellery), can be worn during P.E. lessons. Also, plasters, or tape put over earrings will no longer be permitted. On P.E. days please can you ensure that your child does not wear earrings to school, or is capable of removing them themselves, (staff are not able to do this for them), to enable your child to do P.E. Any children that are wearing earrings, on P.E. days and that are not able to remove them independently, will not be allowed to participate in that P.E. lesson.



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 2019**. 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, who will be happy to help.



Baby & Children's Table Top Sale

Stalls of pre-loved baby/children's items (toys, clothing etc.) to raise money for our PTFA



Great Wood Primary School, Vicarage Road, Tean, ST10 4LE

Sunday 24th November 2019

10am-12noon

Admission Free, everyone is welcome



Other attractions include:

- RV Playbus - soft play
- Face painting
- Craft tables
- Raffle with lots of prizes
- Cakes, drinks & sweets stall

To book a stall please text/ring Lisa on 07891918664 ASAP! £5 Stall fee, pay on the day. All profits kept by stall holder.

Our PTFA Stall

Our fantastic PTFA will be holding a stall at this exciting event and in preparation we are asking for donations of toys and children's clothes (in good condition), for us to sell to raise funds for our school. If you do not wish to run your own stall, maybe you could help us by donating some of your unwanted toys and children's clothes. Donations can be brought to school at any time during week commencing 18th November. However, if you would like to donate sooner than this please contact Lisa or Mandi, who will be happy to help take your donations earlier than that week.

We hope you will be able to support the event either by running a stall, donating to our PTFA stall, or simply by attending on the day.

Thank you in advance for your support and helping us to raise funds for those extras for our children.

Give Love In A Box This Christmas

This year Great Wood will be supporting the T4U campaign to help vulnerable children and families. We will be asking our families to help by filling a box (supplied by the charity), with gifts such as toothpaste, hair accessories, gloves, hats, socks, soft toys, puzzles, small or inflatable balls, sweets and maybe a photo of yourself. You could also choose to do a 'Home Box' for a family in need and include things such as, candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, small toiletries, a Christmas decoration, soap, clothes pegs, or make-up. Further details are on the charity's leaflet, which we are sending out separately. If you feel that you can help make a vulnerable child or family's Christmas better, please collect a box from the school office. These families' desperately need our support, so we would like to thank you in advance, if you can help, for your generous support.

T4U
real people making
a real difference

Car Parking

Unfortunately we, once again, have to draw your attention to parking at and around school. Despite numerous requests, we are still experiencing major problems with the way in which cars are being parked at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Last week there was a incident involving a pedestrian and a car, which without the quick thinking of a parent, could have ended very badly! We do not want our children at risk!

Could we once again **PLEASE** ask parents, grandparents, carers and friends to be mindful about where they park.

- It is an offence to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school **AT ANY TIME**
- It is an offence to park within 10 meters of a junction **AT ANY TIME**
- It is an offence to park in front of a dropped kerb (thereby preventing residents from using their driveway)
- It is an offence to double park, thereby blocking the roadway to other traffic
- Police advise **NOT** to park on the pavement (and this is clearly dangerous when children are using the pavement)

Great Wood's staff car park is for Staff **ONLY**. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF CAR PARK**. This also applies at the end of afterschool clubs. ALSO please can we remind all pedestrians to use the **FOOTPATH ONLY** and not cut across the car park.

Please have a think about:-

- Walking to/from school - whilst this is not practical for some, most of our pupils live within half a mile of the school and this would be a healthy way to start/end the school day.
- Car-Sharing - could parents who live near to one another agree to car-share (and, at the same time, save on petrol)?
- A walking bus - where a group of children, living near to one another, are walked to school by a couple of adults. Adults could take it in turn to be the walkers.
- Using the large, free and safe car park on Old Road - only a 5 minute walk away.
- Using the car park on Great Wood Hall and crossing with our school crossing patrol.

We would be extremely grateful if you could adhere to these points.

Please help us keep our children safe.



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 48 hours after any episode of sickness. Thank you for your help.



Academy Photographs

Academy will once again be in school on Thursday 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.

