



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 12

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Diary Dates

10th December	-	Festival of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall
11th December	-	Reception/KS1 Visit to The National Forest Adventure Farm
12th December	-	Christmas Lunch & Festive Outfits
13th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
15th December	-	Churches Together Festival Of Carols
16th December	-	KS2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre - The Prince & The Pauper
19th December	-	Christmas Breakfast - Christmas Non Uniform
	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
20th December	-	Christmas Non Uniform Day
	-	Christmas Church Service - <u>Please come and join us, 1.45pm</u>
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
7th January	-	School Re-opens for Spring Term
16th January	-	Year 4 & 5 Bikeability
17th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability



Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 13th December will be Christmas Jumper Day, for Save the Children. Our children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper, for a small donation for the Charity. There is no minimum donation and the charity will be extremely grateful to receive any amount, to help under privileged children.



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.



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.

After School Clubs

Please may we remind you that due to all the festive activities, on Friday 13th December afterschool clubs have been cancelled.

ASM Sports will continue next week except Monday 16th December and all other clubs will finish until January.

CANCELLED

Community Carol Service

On Sunday 15th December our Great Wood Choir will be taking part in the community carol service alongside other choirs, accompanied by a band.

The event is at Great Wood Hall at 2pm Entry is free and no tickets are required. All are welcome to come and support our Choir.



Swimming

Year 5/6 Swimming has now finished. Our Years 3 and 4 children will start swimming on **Tuesday** 7th January 2020. The children will leave for their lesson on **Tuesday** afternoons, 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.



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

It was greatly supported as always and we raised an amazing £311 for the PTFA and a fun evening was had by all!



Nativity Performances

A superb 'Well Done' to all our Nativity performers. They put on terrific performances and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Many thanks to all the helpers who helped to make the costumes, props and help children learn their lines!

Your generous donations raised £239.37, which will help towards the props and staging for next years nativity. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you!



Carol Singing

A selection of pupils have been chosen to represent Great Wood and sing Christmas songs in Morrison's Cheadle, to entertain the shoppers, on Tuesday 17th December.

Please come along and see us!



PTFA Christmas Disco

On Thursday 19th 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.



Christmas Extravaganza



On Friday 13th December we will be having our Christmas Extravaganza. Our doors open at 2pm and we warmly invite you to come and join us. The fun will start with all of our children visiting Santa's grotto and each of them receiving a gift from our very own Great Wood Santa!

The afternoon will include our Great Wood Christmas market, Coffee and mince pies from our Christmas café, our famous lucky jars stall, which this year offers the opportunity to win Smart Watches, Hatchimal Surprise Eggs and a fantastic mystery prize. There will also be a Christmas lucky dip, with some fabulous prizes if you find a lucky ticket, Byatt's Blooms and Bows, Flowers, Avon and other Christmas stalls.

We would like to thank our amazing PTFA for providing all of Santa's presents for our children!

Dress up for Christmas!

There are a selection of non-uniform days before Christmas, which are as follows:

Thursday 12th December - for our Christmas lunch, please wear your favourite Christmas outfit to enjoy the festivities.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children', any donation that you can afford will be gratefully received by the charity.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas jumpers or outfits just for fun, for our Christmas breakfast.

Friday 20th December - Christmas jumpers, outfits, elf hats or tinsel bobbles, just for fun!



KS2 Prince And The Pauper

On Monday 16th December, Key Stage 2 children will be going to see this year's performance, 'Prince And The Pauper' at the New Vic Theatre.

Reminder: Children will be returning late, this is expected to be approximately 5.15pm.



2019 Christmas Activities

Carol Singing

Children from key stage two will be putting on their Santa hats to sing Christmas carols to some of the pensioners from the community, this is a much loved Great Wood tradition, filled with Christmas spirit!



Reception & Key Stage 1 Visit to National Forest Adventure Farm

Wednesday 11th December will see our excited early years and key stage 1 children enjoy lots of festive adventures and a visit to Santa at The National Forest Adventure Farm!



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 12th 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!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly for Save the Children on Friday 13th December.

Christmas Extravaganza & Visit from a Special Someone!

Friday 13th December, more details to follow.



All children will have the opportunity to visit our Grotto, meet Father Christmas and receive a present.

Churches Together Festival Of Carols

Our fabulous choir will be taking part in the Churches Together, Festival of Christmas carols at Great Wood Hall on Sunday 15th December, 2.30pm.



Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Monday 16th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this year's Christmas performance of Prince and The Pauper at The New Vic Theatre.



Christmas Breakfast

Children are invited to come and join us for a hot Christmas Breakfast and a Christmas film, on Thursday 19th December from 9.00am, £1 per child. Please wear your Christmas jumper, or outfit.



Christmas Disco

Our PTFA sparkly and festive Christmas disco will be held on Thursday 19th December, 6-7.30pm.



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 20th December. The service starts at 2pm and everyone is welcome.



Health & Safety During Bad Weather

Not that we are trying to tempt fate but....should we experience icy and/or snowy conditions, may we please remind you to walk on only the gritted paths.

In the event of school closure due to bad weather, we will endeavour to contact parents by text message. Closures made before the beginning of school will be listed on our website as soon as possible, www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk.



We are unable to let children into school before 8.50am. As the weather is cold now in the mornings, please make sure your child does not arrive before 8.40am - they tend to turn a very nasty shade of blue!



Wrap up warm!

The weather is becoming markedly colder and it is becoming extremely chilly on the playground. Please ensure that your child/children are wearing appropriate winter clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves, so that they can enjoy their play times.