



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 13

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Diary Dates

- 19th December - Christmas Breakfast - Christmas Non Uniform
- PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
- 20th December - Christmas Non Uniform Day
- Christmas Church Service - **Please come and join us, 1.45pm**
- School Closes for Christmas Holidays
- 7th January - School Re-opens for Spring Term
- 16th January - Year 4 & 5 Bikeability
- 17th January - Year 5 Bikeability



Great Wood have aced the League Tables again!

We are extremely proud and pleased to announce, that Great Wood is a top school in the Staffordshire Moorlands, for its our KS2 SATs results. We are now 15th out of 244 schools, which puts us in the top 6% of schools in Staffordshire.

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 £55 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 **Thursday 19th December** 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 **9am** with a Christmas film. We will be serving sausage baps, toast with chocolate spread or jam, tea and hot chocolate. Our fabulous PTFA will be covering the cost of this, for all children to enjoy our festive breakfast.



Dress up for Christmas!

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

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!



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!



2019 Christmas Activities

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. 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.



Our Amazing PTFA!

As always at this time of year, our PTFA have been very busy organising events to raise money for all those extras, for our Great Wood children. We have had our Bonfire Extravaganza, our Christmas shopping trip to Meadowhall and of course our famous Christmas Bingo! These events raised a lot of money for our children.

The funds raised pay for the coaches for our Christmas trips and outings, keeping the costs down for our parents and carers, they paid for all of our children's gifts from Santa and this year our PTFA is also funding our Christmas Breakfast, as a treat for our fabulous children. 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!



Great Wood Choir Entertain

Some of our amazing choir went to Morrisons, on Tuesday 17th December, to entertain shoppers with their festive singing. This was a brilliant event and, as always, the public were full of praise for our amazing children, who thoroughly enjoyed bringing a bit of festive cheer to the Christmas shoppers. Well done Great Wood you did us proud!



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.



Swimming

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.



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 7th January 2020