



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 8



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Diary Dates

- 27th November - Birthday Celebration Parties
- 4th December - Alzheimer's Elf Day
- Great Wood Xmas Light Switch On
- 11th December - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Breakfast
- 14th December - Panto Comes To Great Wood, Oh Yes It Does!
- 15th December - Class Christmas Bingo
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch
- 18th December - School Closes For Christmas
- 5th January - School Re-opens



Elf Day!



Great Wood will be taking part in Elf Day, on Friday 4th December. This special day is to support the Alzheimer's society. We are asking our children (and staff) to put on their best elf costume and to donate £1 to the charity. So get out your red and green clothes, your pointy ears, your elf hat and maybe even your curly shoes! Then join us in having an elftastic time, while supporting this extremely worthy and important cause. Thank you.

Applications for Reception September 2021

The closing date for applications for this year's reception class, in September, is fast approaching. If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the closing date for all applications is **January 15th 2021**. All applications must be done online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

Please be aware that having your child's name in the school book DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.

If any parent requires help with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



School Meals

Lesley and Jan will be providing a hot lunch every day. Please see the menu below to see which meals are available each day.

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- Monday: Pizza
- Tuesday: Sausage & Mash
- Wednesday: Roast Turkey Dinner
- Thursday: Pasta Bolognaise
- Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips



Jacket Potato is available daily, as an alternative. Lunches for children in years 3 to 6 are priced at £2.30per day.

Superstar Readers



This month we have introduced a Star Reader award. This will be given out every week, alongside our merit awards. The recipients will have shown a great attitude, to reading, an improvement in their reading, an extra effort to read more each week, or an excellent understanding about what they have read.

The recipients will receive a certificate to acknowledge their achievements. So get reading Great Wood!

Congratulations to our first Superstar Readers!



Christmas Dinner



Ho,ho, ho! Lesley and Jan are once again busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 16th December.

As the number of children having dinner significantly increases on that day, it is really important that we let the kitchen know, in advance, how much food to order and prepare.

We will, therefore, assume that, **unless you tell us differently**, your child will be having Christmas dinner. **If you wish your child to bring sandwiches from home on that day and not have a Christmas dinner, please text 441538542001 or email office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk, before Tuesday 1st December.** Our kitchen will ONLY be providing Christmas lunch on this day.

If your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals there will be no charge for the Christmas lunch, children in Key Stage 2 the cost of the Christmas dinner this year is £2.30 **to be paid in advance**.



At this time of year, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads.

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

Merit Awards

We would like to congratulate our weekly merit winners. Merit awards are given for amazing achievements, excellent behaviour, fantastic improvement, outstanding knowledge, or kindness and empathy.

The winners are:

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Pudsey comes to Great Wood!

Great Wood raised money on Friday 13th November, to support Children in Need.

Our children (and staff) dressed in spots, bright colours and Pudsey onesies, to raise funds for the extremely worthwhile campaign. In addition to dressing up, Lesley and Jan made Pudsey biscuits.

Our school family managed to raise a staggering total of **£356.00! Fantastic!**

We would like to thank all of our Great Wood family for your generosity and kindness. Your fantastic support will enable many children, who really need our help, to receive the assistance they are desperate for.

THANK YOU, YOU ARE AMAZING!



The Reading Tree Challenge

These are our amazing reading trees, completed by our Great Wood book worms. We are delighted by the enthusiasm that our children have shown for this challenge. Some of our Great Wood children have read several books a week and have developed a thirst to read more.

Reading is the foundation of our learning and a very important skill to master. We would like to thank all our Great Wood families for embracing this challenge and encouraging our pupils to take part.

Keep reading Great Wood, we are proud of you all!

