



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 12



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Diary Dates

28th November	-	PTFA AGM, 6.30pm - All Welcome
30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch on
2nd December	-	PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip **Limited Tickets Remaining**
3rd December	-	Parents Evening
5th December	-	Festival of Christmas Music @ The Victoria Hall
7th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
10th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
11th December	-	KS2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre - Wind In The Willows
13th December	-	Reception & KS1 Visit to Telford Winter Wonderland
14th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
17th December	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo
20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
	-	PTFA Christmas Disco
21st December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Carol Service
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays



Year 3/4 Class Dojo's

As you may be aware our year 3/4 class are now earning dojo points. These can be earned for good behaviour, work, attitude and kindness. However, dojo points can also be removed for inappropriate behaviour. There will be a prize for the winners at the end of each half term.

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 Staffordshire County Council website as soon as possible.

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures.

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.

Victoria Hall Festival of Christmas Music - Wednesday 5th December

Reminder: Please can everyone taking part in the carol service, on Wednesday 5th December, please remember they will need a packed tea to take with them to the Victoria Hall. Because of the late night, our Choir members attending the Victoria hall, will be allowed to come in by 10am on Thursday morning.



PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday 28th November, at 6.30pm, which will be the AGM. Come along and join us, for a brew and find out all about our Christmas events.



Last Swimming lesson

Tuesday 4th December will be our last Year 5/6 Swimming lesson for this year. Our year 3/4 children will start swimming on Tuesday 8th January 2019.



Poppy Appeal



We would like to extend a huge thank you, to all of you, for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We have raised a massive £160.87. The British Legion have asked us to pass on their heartfelt gratitude - they really appreciate all of your help and support. Every poppy, wristband, bag charm and snap band that you purchased made an invaluable difference to the appeal.

Congratulations!

We are very proud to announce that the Royal British Legion have awarded Great Wood Primary School, first position for best decorated school 2018.

Congratulations to our key stage 2 classes, who decorated our hall for the 100 years celebration of the end of World War 1. Well done!



PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

There's still time to get your Christmas Shopping trip tickets, going to Liverpool's fantastic Christmas markets, on Sunday 2nd December. 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 8.30am and will leave Liverpool at 5.30pm for the return journey. Tickets are priced at just £10 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!



Merit Trophy's



Please can we remind you that all merit trophy's issued during a Friday's Celebration Assembly need to be returned to school by Thursday the following week, to enable the next winner to take them home.

It is very disappointing for the children if they do not get to take the trophy home, because its not been returned. Thank you.

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 Thursday 20th 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 on that day and not have a Christmas dinner, please complete and return the reply slip to school, before Tuesday 4th December.**

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 £2.20.

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My child _____ (name) will **NOT** require a school Christmas Dinner on Thursday 20th December and I will be providing sandwiches on that day.

Signed _____



2018 Christmas Activities

Tean Christmas Lights Switch on

On Friday 30th November our Great Wood choir will be representing our school at the traditional Tean Christmas Lights switch on. We hope you will be able to join us for the festivities.



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!



Festival of Christmas Music

Once again this year our choir are taking a part in the Festival of Christmas Music at the Victoria Hall, Hanley on Wednesday 5th December. This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs.



Key Stage 1 Nativity

Not long now till our little ones will be practising hard to wow you with their Nativity performances, which take place at 2.00pm on Friday 7th December and 5.30pm on Monday 10th December.



Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Tuesday 11th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this year's Christmas performance of Wind in the Willows at The New Vic Theatre.



Reception & Key Stage 1 Visit to Telford Winter Wonderland

Thursday 13th December will see our excited early years and key stage 1 children enjoy lots of festive adventures and a visit to Santa at Telford Winter Wonderland!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly for Save the Children on Friday 14th December.



Christmas Extravaganza & Visit from a Special Someone!

Friday 14th December, more details to follow.

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



Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Monday 17th December. Doors will open at 6.00pm and 'Eyes Down' will be at 6.30pm Refreshments will be available and there will be a Christmas raffle on the night. Lots of bingo prizes will be available to win, including a variety of Festive goodies!



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, 6.30-8pm.



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.

