



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 3

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Diary Dates

3rd October	-	Lesley's Birthday Celebration Lunch
7th October	-	Parents Evening
9th October	-	Reception & Year 1/2 Read Write Inc (phonics) Open Sessions - Parents Welcome
11th October	-	Flu Vaccinations - All Children - Please See Separate Pack For Info
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
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!

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.



Reception & Year 1/2 Read Write Inc (phonics) Open Sessions



We currently run a phonics program in school called "Read Write Inc." Reception and Year 1 and 2 will be holding an open session of the program next week and parents are welcome to come and watch their children enjoying Read Write Inc, with their friend Fred.

The session will be held on Wednesday 9th October and will run from 9.10am till 9.30am. Please feel free to come and join us and see how your child interacts with the program. It will be useful to see how we teach phonics in school and how it relates directly to your child's reading and writing. We look forward to seeing you.

Flu Vaccinations

All children have been offered a flu vaccine as part of the school's vaccination programme. The vaccine is designed to protect children against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness. By having the vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family.

Please can consent forms be returned to school by Friday 4th October, thank you.



Please can any outstanding data collection sheets be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Spooky Disco

Get out your spooky costumes for Great Wood's Spooky Disco and Pumpkin Carving Competition on Thursday 24th October! There will be a Spooky Costume competition with an extremely spooky prize! There will be Halloween Punch (non alcoholic)! Spooky goody bags and eerie glo bands!



Happy Birthday Lesley

On Thursday 3rd October Lesley will be cooking a special lunch to celebrate her birthday. The menu will be:

Hot Dogs or Quorn Burger

Chips & Beans

followed by

Chocolate Crispy Bar

Lesley hopes that everyone will have a school lunch to help her celebrate!

School meals are free for children in reception to year 2 and £2.30 per meal for children in years 3-6.

Keeping warm!

As we say a reluctant goodbye to the summer and the cold & wet weather creeps in, we ask that all children bring a coat to school, to wear at playtime and lunchtime. Also, as it becomes appropriate, please can you ensure that your child/children have hats and gloves to keep them warm, when they are on the playground. Children that do not have suitable outdoor clothing, will not, as the weather becomes colder, be allowed to have an outdoor playtime and will have to remain inside at break and lunch times. Thank you for your help in keeping our Great Wood children warm and cosy.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A great big thank you to all our families and friends that donated, supported and attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday. It was once again a huge success and we raised, a whopping £420.61 from your generous donations, which will go to an extremely good cause.



Thank you to all of you who had a go at our "Dunk The Biscuit" competition, in aid of Macmillan. We are pleased to announce that the winning blindfolded dunker was Reggie Page, amazing, well done Reggie, you won the prize of £10.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our staff, who organised the afternoon and also to all our fabulous volunteers, parents and, of course, our children, for all their help and support putting on this event.

