



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 7

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Diary Dates

7th November	-	PTFA Meeting AGM, 5pm - All Welcome
	-	Parent's Forum, 6-7pm - All Welcome
9th November	-	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza
10th November	-	Remembrance Service
15th November	-	BBC Children In Need
16th November	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch on
18th November	-	Y6 Safe & Sound Event @ Cheadle Fire Station
20th November	-	Y6 Transition Day @ TCA
22nd November	-	Flu Vaccinations - All Children **NEW DATE**
24th November	-	Baby & Children's Table Top Sale, 10am-12pm
25th November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala, am
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



**WELCOME
BACK**

Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely holiday and a Spooky Halloween!
Lots of events to look forward to this term, with the Christmas bingo and some festive events to follow. We would like to welcome Liberty who has joined our year 5/6 class, we look forward to getting to know you.



PTFA Meeting - Our next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 7th November, at 5.00pm, which will be the AGM. Come along and join us, for a brew and find out all about our Christmas events.

The colder weather is now upon us and in conjunction with our Health and Safety team, we would like to share some winter safety tips/rules with you.

- * If children are riding a scooter or bike to school, it is recommended they wear a helmet and have reflectors on their scooter/bike (due to the darker nights and icy weather). Can you please ensure that these recommendations are met for the safety of your child.
- * When it is icy, please use the gritted paths around school.
- * Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves for outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes.
- * All children will need a named Great Wood tracksuit, (available from Something Special, Cheadle), for their PE lessons, as in dry weather PE lessons will continue to be outside.



Thank you for your co-operation in these matters and for your help in keeping our Great Wood children, healthy, warm and safe.

PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

SELLING FAST

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!

Lesley's Exciting New Winter Menu coming after Half Term. Be sure to give it a try!



Remembrance Service

Mr Adamson will be attending the remembrance service on Sunday 10th November, please see separate letter, for full details on how your child can take part.



Give Love In A Box This Christmas

This year Great Wood will be supporting the T4U campaign to help vulnerable children and families. We will be asking our families to help by filling a box (supplied by the charity), with gifts such as toothpaste, hair accessories, gloves, hats, socks, soft toys, puzzles, small or inflatable balls, sweets and maybe a photo of yourself. You could also choose to do a 'Home Box' for a family in need and include things such as, candles, cooking utensils (no knives), plastic containers, small toiletries, a Christmas decoration, soap, clothes pegs, or make-up. Further details are on the charity's leaflet, which we are sending out separately, **please do not worry about the £2.50 donation, this is not required.** If you feel that you can help make a vulnerable child or family's Christmas better, please collect a box from the school office. These families' desperately need our support, so we would like thank you in advance, if you can help, for your generous support. Please can we ask all completed boxes to be returned to school by **MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.**



Poppy Appeal

We still have a variety of goodies as well as the traditional poppies. These are available to purchase in school now.

Wristbands	£1.00
Snap Bands	£1.50
Traditional Poppies	30p
Reflectors	50p
Zip Pull	50p

All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Healthy Lunches

We would like to remind parents that Great Wood is a healthy eating school. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that it is as healthy as possible. "Eat better, feel better" Change4life.



Espresso Home Access

Pupil username: student28055 Pupil password: forest

Web address: <https://online.espresso.co.uk>

Espresso is used in school to enrich the curriculum subjects using a variety of activities, videos, games, websites and follow up work. There is also a section that is useful for SATS revision and phonic support. By using the above information both children and parents/carers can access the Espresso site and take advantage of these resources at home, as school has bought into the special pupil home access.



Build a Guy competition

Can you build a Guy to go on our Bonfire at the PTFA Firework Display on Saturday November 9th?

Bring your Guy into school before Thursday 7th November

Prizes for the best Guys!

Why not build a Guy with your friends?

Group entries welcome.



After School Clubs

We are once again running a selection of after school clubs. The clubs available for this half term are as follows:

	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Invasion Games £3 per session	
Tuesday	Bug Club - £4 per week (max 15)	Netball
Wednesday	ASM Alternative Sports £3 per session	
		Sewing (max 15) - £1 per week
Thursday	ASM Gymnastics £3 per session	
Friday	Dinosaur Club	Craft - £1 per week



Clubs will start week commencing 4th November 2019 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing Monday 9th December.

Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible, for children taking part in craft or sewing club please enclose your payment of £6 for the half term. Please see separate letter for Bug Club.

HAPPY DIWALI

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Our Pupils get creative for Diwali

Dr. Emma Dawson Varughese, one of our fantastic parents, came into school to teach our children about Diwali. The children were told all about traditional dress, customs and shown how to create Rangoli patterns, through different mediums, such as paint and rice.

Our Reception and KS1 children coloured rice to make Rangoli patterns and created Diwali cards to take home. Our KS2 children decorated part of our building with an amazing Rangoli pattern, using paint and 3/4 made dazzling suncatchers to celebrate The Festival of Light. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Emma for all her time and the fantastic effort that she put into the afternoon's event. The children learnt a great deal and had an amazing time!



Parent Forum

We will be holding our first Parent's Forum, on Thursday 7th November from 6-7pm. This will be an opportunity for you to air your views or concerns, about specified topics for each particular meeting. You will be informed in advance about the items on the agenda, for each Parent's Forum.

The agenda for our first meeting will be:

- The parking on the roads outside school, with an emphasis on parking on the yellow zig zags next to the school gates
- Our Wrap Around facility
- Homework

If you would like to contribute to the discussion, about any of the above topics, please come along and add your views to the forum.



The BIG  **SPOTACULAR**

This year we will once again be supporting the BBC Children In Need Appeal at Great Wood. We will be selling 'Glow in the dark' key rings, festival wristbands, pin badges and glow wristbands, at the following prices:



**Pudsey
Glow in the
dark Keyrings
£2.00**



**NEW Silver or
Gold Pin
Badges
£1.00**



**Selection of
wristbands including
Colour Changing
wristbands
£1.00**



**Blush or Pudsey
Ears
£2.50**

Fancy Dress day, Pudsey style!



On Friday 15h November ,why not come to school dressed up in spots, bright colours, or even as Pudsey himself!
Wear your brightest colours or your spottiest clothes, pyjamas, or onesies, or just wear a pair of stylish Pudsey ears and join us for a day of Great Wood Children in Need fun!



We ask you to donate £1 per child!



Pudsey Biscuits!

Also on Friday 15th November, for one day only, Lesley and Jan will be selling their amazing Pudsey Bear biscuits priced at just 50p each. Once they are gone, they are gone!



Pudsey Raffle

As part of our fundraising activities for Children in Need this year, we will be holding a Pudsey Raffle. Tickets will be 50p each and will be available on the day. The prize will be a super-cuddly Pudsey Bear. The raffle will be drawn towards the end of the school day, on Friday 15th November.

BONFIRE NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA

Huge Bonfire
Fibre Optic
& Glow Wands
Massive
Fireworks Display
Refreshments
Cakes, Burgers
& Soup

Gates Open - 6pm
Bonfire Lit - 6:30pm
Fireworks - 6:45pm

Tickets
Adults - £6
Children - £3
Family of 4 - £15
Under 5's Go Free

Saturday, November 9th 2019
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NO SPARKLERS! NO ALCOHOL! NO SMOKING!