



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 10

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Diary Dates

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
2nd December	-	Non Uniform Day - Tombola Donations
4th December	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo, 6pm - All Welcome
5th December	-	Royal British Legion Lunch & Nativity Performance
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 Visit to The National Forest Adventure Farm
12th December	-	Christmas Lunch
13th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
15th December	-	Churches Together Festival Of Carols
16th December	-	KS2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre - The Prince & The Pauper
19th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
20th December	-	Christmas Church Service
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
7th January	-	School Re-opens for Spring Term
16th January	-	Year 4 & 5 Bikeability
17th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability



KS2 Christmas Craft Afternoon



On Friday 29th November we will be holding a Christmas Craft afternoon for our KS2 families . There will be a range of craft activities to take part in, during the afternoon and an opportunity to make a lantern to carry to the Christmas Light Switch on in Tean. We welcome families to come and join us at 2pm, please let the school office know if you will be attending.

Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Wednesday 4th 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! We hope that you will be able to come and join us with this Christmas celebration.



PTFA Christmas Shopping Trip

Once again, this year sales for our PTFA Shopping trip to Meadowhall has been a great success!

If you are one of the lucky ones, who managed to get your tickets, then please arrive at school by 8.45am on Sunday 1st December, as the coach will be leaving promptly at 9am. The coach will leave Sheffield at 5.30pm for the return journey.

There will also be an exciting raffle taking place during the journey, where you could win lots of goodies for Christmas!



Hawthorne Small Pet Hotel

Saturday 30th November 10-12noon & Saturday 14th December 10-12noon

We are selling our beautiful Christmas Trees....

Choose your own tree and take it home either rooted or cut @ £8 per foot.

Enjoy a complementary warm drink and mince pie

10% profits to Aching Arms Baby Loss Charity.



Hawthorne Farm
261 Draycott Old Road
Draycott In The Moors
ST11 9AH

(Next door to Draycott Moor College)

National Forest Adventure Farm

On Wednesday 11th December children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be visiting the National Forest Adventure Farm's North Pole Experience. Please can all children who have not already done so, please return their permission slips, as soon as possible. Thank you!



KS2 prince And The Pauper

On Monday 16th December Key Stage 2 children will be going to see this years Performance 'Prince & The Pauper' at the New Vic Theatre.

Please can any outstanding permission slips be returned to school as soon as possible.



Netball

Due to our Choir taking part in the Festival of Christmas Music on Tuesday 10th December, there will be no Netball afterschool club on this day. Therefore, our last netball club of 2019 is Tuesday 3rd December.



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 12th 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 complete and return the reply slip to school, before Tuesday 3rd December.** Our kitchen will ONLY be providing Christmas lunch on this day.

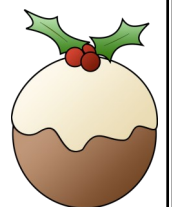
If your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals there will be no charge for the Christmas lunch, children in Key Stage 2 the cost of the Christmas dinner this year is £2.30 to be paid in advance.

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Christmas Dinner

My child _____ (name) will **NOT** require a school Christmas Dinner on Thursday 12th December and I will be providing sandwiches on that day.

Signed _____



Christingle Service

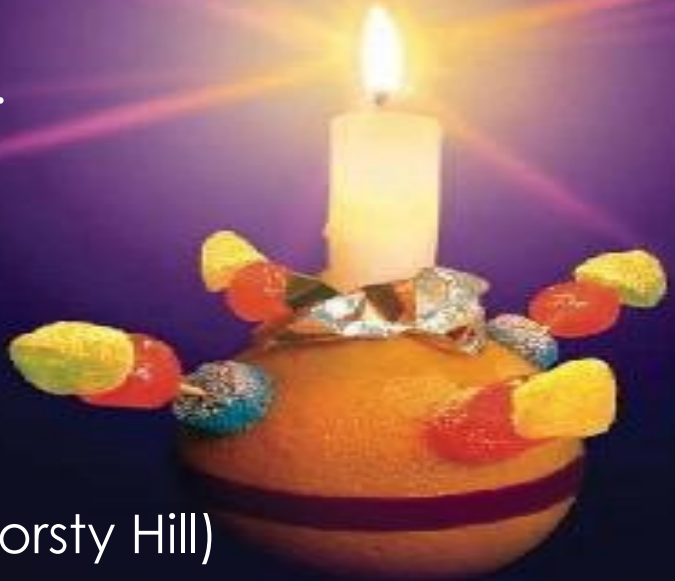
A time to remember loved ones

An interactive service
for the whole family,
follow by festive refreshments.

Sunday 8th December

4.00—5.00pm

Tean Methodist Church (Gorsty Hill)



Poppy Appeal



We would like to extend a huge thank you, to all of you, for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We have raised a staggering £430.08, our best ever total. The British Legion have asked us to pass on their heartfelt gratitude - they really appreciate all of your help and support. Every poppy, wristband, zip charm, hair band and snap band that you purchased made an invaluable difference to the appeal.

Nativity Performances



Our little ones are currently practising hard to wow you with their Nativity performances of 'The Inn-Spector's', which take place at 2pm on Friday 6th December and 5.30pm on Monday 9th December. A separate letter has been issued regarding the ticket information and more details of the evening performance.

Christmas Extravaganza

On Friday 13th December we will be having our Christmas Extravaganza. Our doors open at 2pm and we warmly invite you to come and join us. The fun will start with all of our children visiting Santa's grotto and each of them receiving a gift from our very own Great Wood Santa!

The afternoon will include our Great Wood Christmas market, Coffee and mince pies from our Christmas café, our famous lucky jars stall, which this year offers the opportunity to win Smart Watches, Hatchimal Surprise Eggs and a fantastic mystery prize. There will also be a Christmas lucky dip, with some fabulous prizes if you find a lucky ticket, Byatt's Blooms and Bows, Flowers, Avon and other Christmas stalls.

We would like to thank our amazing PTFA for providing all of Santa's presents for our children!



Non Uniform Day for our Christmas Extravaganza

Monday 2nd December

To wear own clothes on Monday 2nd December please bring in a donation to go on the tombola (bottles are good but full ones are best!)

Enjoy wearing your own clothes and thank you for your continued support!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

On Friday 13th December will be Christmas Jumper Day, for Save the Children. Our children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper, for a small donation for the Charity. There is no minimum donation and the charity will be extremely grateful to receive any amount, to help under privileged children.



2019 Christmas Activities

Tea Christmas Lights Switch on

On Friday 29th November our Great Wood choir will be representing our school at the traditional Tea Christmas Lights switch on. We hope you will be able to join us for the festivities.



Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Wednesday 4th 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!

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!



Key Stage 1 Nativity

Not long now, our little ones have been practising hard to wow you with their Nativity performances, which take place at 2.00pm on Friday 6th December and 5.30pm on Monday 9th December.



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 Tuesday 10th December. This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs.



Reception & Key Stage 1 Visit to National Forest Adventure Farm

Wednesday 11th December will see our excited early years and key stage 1 children enjoy lots of festive adventures and a visit to Santa at The National Forest Adventure Farm!



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 12th 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!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly for Save the Children on Friday 13th December.

Christmas Extravaganza & Visit from a Special Someone!

Friday 13th December, more details to follow.



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

Churches Together Festival Of Carols

Our fabulous choir will be taking part in the Churches Together, Festival of Christmas carols at Great Wood Hall on Sunday 15th December, 2.30pm.



Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Monday 16th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this year's Christmas performance of Prince and The Pauper at The New Vic Theatre.



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, £1 per child. 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.

