



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 11

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Diary Dates

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 & Festive Outfits
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 - Christmas Non Uniform
	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
20th December	-	Christmas Non Uniform Day
	-	Christmas Church Service - <u>Please come and join us, 1.45pm</u>
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
7th January	-	School Re-opens for Spring Term
16th January	-	Year 4 & 5 Bikeability
17th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability



Victoria Hall Festival of Christmas Music - Tuesday 10th December



Reminder: Please can everyone taking part in the carol service, on Tuesday 10th December, please remember they will need a packed tea to take with them to the Victoria Hall.



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.



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.



Tean Christmas Lights

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the children and their families who joined us for the Tean Lights Switch on, on Friday.

They all stood in and sang beautifully, well done and thank you.



Headlice

We have, unfortunately, got the problem of headlice in school again. Please be extra-vigilant in checking your child's hair each week and treating as necessary, to help us to eliminate this persistent problem. Many thanks for your help.



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)

Last Swimming lesson

Tuesday 10th December will be our last Year 5/6 Swimming lesson for this year.

Year 3/4 Swimming

Our Years 3 and 4 children will start swimming on **Tuesday** 7th January 2020. The children will leave for their lesson on **Tuesday** afternoons, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them.

Swimming caps are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £2. Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



After School Clubs

Unfortunately due to other activities in school, we are cancelling the Netball club on Tuesday 10th December and the Dinosaur and Craft Clubs on Friday 13th December.

Therefore this is the last week for our last netball, Dinosaur and Craft club.

The last Bug Club will be Tuesday 10th and Sewing Wednesday 11th, ASM Sports will continue until Thursday 19th 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.

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)



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!



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.

**We have a limited number of tickets left from the school office, which will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Dress up for Christmas!

There are a selection of non-uniform days before Christmas, which are as follows:

Thursday 12th December - for our Christmas lunch, please wear your favourite Christmas outfit to enjoy the festivities.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children', any donation that you can afford will be gratefully received by the charity.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas jumpers or outfits just for fun, for our Christmas breakfast.

Friday 20th December - Christmas jumpers, outfits, elf hats or tinsel bobbles, just for fun!



Present

CHRISTMAS
WITH THE
ASHBOURNE TOWN BAND

Saturday 14th December

Valley Primary School

Oakamoor

7.30 pm

(Doors Open 7.00 pm)

Tickets £5 (including mulled wine
and minced pies)

from: 01538 702825

john@johnbrooking.co.uk

2019 Christmas Activities

Christmas Bingo

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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.

