



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 6



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Diary Dates

- 13th November - BBC Children In Need
- Flu Vaccinations, pm
- 4th December - Alzheimer's Elf Day
- Great Wood Xmas Light Switch On
- 11th December - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Breakfast
- 14th December - Panto Comes To Great Wood, Oh Yes It Does!
- 15th December - Class Christmas Bingo
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch
- 18th December - School Closes For Christmas
- 5th January - School Re-opens



Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely holiday and a Spooky Halloween! This will be a very different Autumn term for Great Wood this year, however, where possible we will be bringing some of our favourite festive activities for the children. We would like to welcome Aurora who has joined our year 1/2 class, we look forward to getting to know you.

School Meals

Lesley and Jan will be providing a hot lunch every day. Please see the menu below to see which meals are available each day.

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- Monday: Pizza, Wedges and Beans
- Tuesday: Chicken Burger
- Wednesday: Roast Dinner
- Thursday: Hot Dog
- Friday: Quorn Nuggets, Chips, Beans



Jacket Potato is available daily, as an alternative. Lunches for children in years 3 to 6 are priced at £2.30 per day.

Applications for Reception September 2021

The closing date for applications for this year's reception class, in September, is fast approaching. If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the closing date for all applications is **January 15th 2021**. All applications must be done online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

Please be aware that having your child's name in the school book DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.

If any parent requires help with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This year we have a variety of goodies as well as the traditional poppies. These will be available to purchase in school now.

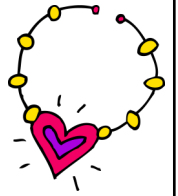
Wristbands	£1.00
Snap Bands	£1.50
Reflectors	50p
Zip Pull	50p

All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion. Thank you in advance for your support.



Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn for PE or after schools sporting clubs. This includes watches, fitness trackers, earrings and earring retainers. Any new piercing should be carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays so that jewellery may be removed. If a pupil cannot remove their studs for any reason, they may not be able to take part in the physical elements of the lesson due to the associated risks, however, alternative involvement in the lesson will be provided.



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.



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.



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

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.

Electronic consent forms be issued have been issued and need completing by **Thursday 12th November.**



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.



Merit Awards

We would like to congratulate our weekly merit winners. Merit awards are given for amazing achievements, excellent behaviour, fantastic improvement, outstanding knowledge, or kindness and empathy.

The winners are:

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The Big  **BBC Children in Need**

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, Ears, wristbands and pin badges at the following prices,



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



**NEW Grey or
Gold Pin
Badges**
£1.00



**Selection of
wristbands including
the new coloured
wristbands**
From £1.00



**Blush or Pudsey
Ears**
£2.50

Available from Monday 9th November.



Fancy Dress day, Pudsey style!

On Friday 13th 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 13th November, for one day only, Lesley and Jan will be selling their amazing Pudsey Bear biscuits priced at just 50p each.