



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 9



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### Diary Dates

- 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



### Elf Day!



Great Wood will be taking part in Elf Day, on Friday 4th December. This special day is to support the Alzheimer's society. We are asking our children (and staff) to put on their best elf costume and to donate £1 to the charity. So get out your red and green clothes, your pointy ears, your elf hat and maybe even your curly shoes! Then join us in having an elftastic time, while supporting this extremely worthy and important cause. Thank you.

### Elf Biscuits!

Also on Friday 4th December, for one day only, Lesley and Jan will be selling their amazing Elf biscuits priced at just 50p each.



### Thank you!

Great Wood would like to send a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Astolfi, who kindly donated our Christmas tree this year. The tree is now full of twinkling lights and has taken pride in the hall. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



### 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.

#### w/c 30/11/20

- Monday: Pizza
- Tuesday: Chicken Burger
- Wednesday: Roast Turkey Dinner
- Thursday: Pasta Bolognese
- Friday: Quorn Nuggets & Chips

#### w/c 07/12/20

- Monday: Pizza
- Tuesday: Chicken Tikka & Rice
- Wednesday: Roast Gammon Dinner
- Thursday: Minced Beef & Potatoes
- Friday: Southern Fried Chicken & Chips



Exciting addition to our menu from Lesley and Jan. We will now be offering our Key Stage 2 sandwich children the option of ordering a bowl of chips, on Fridays for only 50p per bowl.



## Superstar Readers



Our new Star Reader award is given out every week, alongside our merit awards. The recipients will have shown a great attitude, to reading, an improvement in their reading, an extra effort to read more each week, or an excellent understanding about what they have read.

The recipients will receive a certificate to acknowledge their achievements. So get reading Great Wood!

### Congratulations to our Superstar Readers!



### Reminder

The deadline to vote for our new trustee is Friday 4th December. An email was sent out on November 23rd with the Parent Trustee Information attached.

If you wish to vote, the proforma is attached with the letter with guidance on where to send to.

Many thanks for your support.



### Bugs!

We have a couple of bugs going around school at the moment, to help stop these spreading please can you refrain from sending your child back to school until 48 hours after any episode of sickness. Thank you for your help.



### 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.

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## 2020 Christmas Activities with a twist

### Elf Day

On Friday 4th December we are asking children (and staff) to join us for a day of Elftastic fun, in support of Alzheimer's society. So get out your red and green clothes, your pointy ears, your elf hat and maybe even your curly shoes!



### Great Wood School Christmas Lights Switch on

On Friday 4th December children will take part in the Great Wood Christmas Lights switch on. Each class will be still be switching on Christmas lights, within school, to mark the start of our Great Wood festive season.



### Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativities

We feel that our children deserve to take part in as many of our normal Christmas activities as possible and so we are bringing our amazing Great Wood Nativities to life! Our Reception and KS1 children are working on Separate Nativities, following Covid-19 guidelines. We hope to bring these to you via technology before the end of term.



### Festival of Christmas Music



This year, our year 6 pupils are taking a part in the Festival of Christmas Music, virtually! This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs.

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly for Save the Children on Friday 11th December, for a silver coin donation for Save the Children.



### Christmas Breakfast

Children are invited to come and join us for a hot Christmas Breakfast and a Christmas film, on Friday 11th December. Please wear your Christmas jumper, or outfit. This year children will be enjoying this special breakfast in their classroom bubbles.



### Visit from a Special Someone!

Unfortunately this year we are not able to hold our Christmas Extravaganza, but that isn't going to stop a very special someone, with sacks full of presents for our amazing children, from visiting Great Wood. All children will receive a present.



### Panto

We are pleased to announce, that even though we are unable to take our children out at the current time, we have the panto coming to Great Wood. The panto will arrive on Monday 14th December for socially distanced performances to our bubbles. We are very excited to be able to bring a normal festive event to our Great Wood children.



### Christmas Bingo

This year we will be enjoying our chocolate Christmas bingo. Of course it will be different this year and done in bubbles with just our children. As always there will be lots of Christmas chocolate to win.



### 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 Wednesday 16th December. We also invite our children to wear their 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!



### Christmas Disco

In these unprecedented times we are unable to run our traditional festive disco. However, we won't let our Christmas spirit be dampened! Our fantastic children will be able to have a Christmas boogie in their respective bubbles, with our bespoke classroom discos.



### Health & Safety During Bad Weather

Not that we are trying to tempt fate but...should we experience icy and/or snowy conditions, may we please remind you to only walk on the gritted paths.

In the event of school closure due to bad weather, we will endeavour to contact parents by text message. Closures made before the beginning of school will be listed on our website as soon as possible,

[www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk).



We are unable to let children into school before 8.45am. As the weather is cold now in the mornings, please make sure your child does not arrive before 8.40am - they tend to turn a very nasty shade of blue!



#### Wrap up warm!

The weather is becoming markedly colder and it is becoming extremely chilly on the playground. Please ensure that your child/children are wearing appropriate winter clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves, so that they can enjoy their play times.

### Hawthorne Farm Christmas Trees

We are selling our beautiful Christmas Trees....  
Choose your own tree and take it home either rooted or cut.  
Appointment **ONLY**, please contact 07903501826 to book.



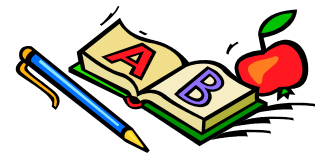
**Hawthorne Farm**  
**261 Draycott Old Road**  
**Draycott In The Moors**  
**ST11 9AH**  
**(Next door to Draycott Moor College)**

### 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](http://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.



### 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 Wednesday 16th 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 text 441538542001 or email [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk), before Friday 4th 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. For children in Key Stage 2 the cost of the Christmas dinner this year is £2.30 **to be paid in advance**.

