



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 10



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Diary Dates

- 11th December - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Breakfast
- Visit From A Very Special Someone!
- Y6 Carol Singing
- 14th December - Panto Comes To Great Wood, Oh Yes It Does!
- 15th December - Class Birthday Parties
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Festive Outfits
- Y6 Festival of Christmas Music
- 17th December - Class Christmas Bingo
- 18th December - Christmas Class Discos - Party/Festive Clothes
- School Closes For Christmas
- 5th January - School Re-opens
- 19th January - Year 4 Bikeability
- 20th January - Year 5 Bikeability



Festive Music Comes To Great Wood



Our children have been unable to entertain you this year, with their musical talent. However, that is about to change! Groups of our children will be getting festive and entertaining you from the side of the school drive. They will, of course, be socially distanced for this event, as per the Covid 19 regulations. They will be shaking buckets, so please bring some loose change, to support our school.



Save the Children **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

On Friday 11th December will be Christmas Jumper Day, for Save the Children. Our children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper, for a Silver coin 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.



Dress up for Christmas!

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

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children', any silver coin donation that you can afford will be gratefully received by the charity.

Wednesday 16th December - for our Christmas lunch, please wear your favourite Christmas outfit to enjoy the festivities.

Friday 18th December - Christmas jumpers, outfits, elf hats or tinsel bobbles, just for fun for our Christmas Discos!



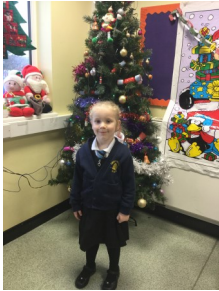
Superstar Readers



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!



Our December Birthdays



We will be holding our birthday parties for Great Wood children, with a December birthday, on Tuesday 15th December. Our birthday children will enjoy a special birthday party, with their class. There will be dancing, party games, treats for all, plus a special birthday hat and cake, for all of our birthday children. Children will be wearing school uniform as usual. So get ready to boogie and have lots of fun!



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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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 14/12/20

- Monday: Pizza
- Tuesday: Sausage & Mash
- Wednesday: Christmas Lunch
- Thursday: Beef Burger & Wedges
- Friday: Fish Fingers & Chips



NEW!



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.

Our children are Elftastic!



Great Wood have unleashed their inner Elf to help raise money for The Alzheimer's Society! Our amazing children came as cheeky elves for the day, wearing their best elf clothes. Each child has made a donation to the Alzheimer's charity, to support those who need it. Red, green and candy canes have filled the school with Christmas spirit, whilst helping an extremely worthy cause. Well done Great Wood!



2020 Christmas Activities with a twist

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 Yr6 pupils are taking 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, generously provided by our fabulous PTFA.



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! On Friday 18th December our fantastic children will be able to have a Christmas boogie in their respective bubbles, with our bespoke classroom discos, Party clothes on and let the dancing commence.



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,
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(Next door to Draycott Moor College)**