



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 3



### Diary Dates

Thursday 13th October	-	Harvest Lunch
Friday 14th October	-	Harvest Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 19th October	-	PTFA Spooky Disco, 6-7.30pm
Friday 21st October	-	School Closes for Half term
Monday 31st October	-	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 2nd November	-	PTFA Meeting, 6pm - All Welcome
Thursday 10th November	-	FLU Vaccinations
Friday 18th November	-	BBC Children In Need
Saturday 19th November	-	Christmas Extravaganza
	-	Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch On
Monday 21st November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala
Friday 25th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Monday 28th November	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 30th November	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo - Doors Open 6pm, Eyes Down 6.30pm
Thursday 1st December	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 2nd December	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 6th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Thursday 8th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Friday 9th December	-	Elf Day
Monday 12th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip - The New Vic Theatre, Alice In Wonderland
Tuesday 13th December	-	Victoria Hall Christmas Concert
Wednesday 14th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December	-	Reception & KS1 Christmas Trip - Wonderland, Telford
Friday 16th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Carol Service
	-	School Closes For The Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 4th January	-	School Opens For Spring Term



### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A great big thank you to all our families and friends that donated, supported and attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 30th September. It was once again a huge success and we raised, a whopping £550.22 from your generous donations, which will go to an extremely good cause.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our staff, who organised the afternoon and also to all our fabulous volunteers, parents and, of course, our children, for all their help and support putting on this event.



## School Contact Details



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Arbor: School Messaging

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Thursday 13th October

### Harvest Lunch

Chicken Casserole or Country  
Vegetable Pie

Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables

Apple Crumble & Custard,

Yogurt or Ice Lolly



### Harvest

At Great Wood we are going to celebrate harvest a little differently this year.

On Friday 14th October we will be having a non-uniform day, where children can come to school in Autumn colours. We are welcoming donations for The Cheadle and District Foodbank should you wish to donate.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, our children will be singing Harvest songs, outside school from 3pm for your entertainment. They will be shaking buckets, so please bring some loose change.



### Spooky Disco

Get out your spooky costumes for Great Wood's Spooky Disco Competition on Wednesday 19th October, 6-7.30pm! There will be a Spooky Costume competition with an extremely spooky prize! There will be Halloween Punch (non alcoholic) and Spooky goody bags!



Please can we remind you that children's Meal, Break & Wrap Around accounts should be paid for in advance, NOT in arrears.

Please check regularly and top up accordingly. Thank you.



### 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.

This years Flu Vaccinations will be held at Great Wood on Thursday 10th November - Further information to follow.



## CHECKLEY PARISH PUMPKIN & SCARECROW COMPETITION & TRAIL

CREATE A SCARECROW, CARVE A PUMPKIN OR DECORATE YOUR HOME



22ND TO 31ST OCTOBER

ENTRY IS FREE, WITH PRIZES FOR THE BEST ENTRIES

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### Keeping warm!

As we start to say a reluctant goodbye to the summer and the cold & wet weather creeps in, we ask that all children bring a coat to school, to wear at playtime and lunchtime. Also, as it becomes appropriate, please can you ensure that your child/children have hats and gloves to keep them warm, when they are on the playground.

Children that do not have suitable outdoor clothing, will not, as the weather becomes colder, be allowed to have an outdoor playtime and will have to remain inside at break and lunch times.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Great Wood children warm and cosy.



## INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO TEACH?











THIS EVENT IS AIMED AT APPLICANTS INTERESTED IN THE SECONDARY, SPECIAL AND PRIMARY PHASES.

ALL PROVIDERS WILL HAVE STANDS IN PARKSIDE SCHOOL HALL BETWEEN 4 AND 6PM ON

**WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2022**  
**PARKSIDE SCHOOL, ST16 1TH**

THERE WILL BE A WELCOME MEETING, WHICH WILL INCLUDE DETAILS ABOUT HOW TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATION FOR TEACHER TRAINING AT 4.30PM, REPEATED AT 5.15PM.

PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL (ST16 1TH) OR AT THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL PUB (ST16 1TO) WHICH IS A 2-MINUTE WALK AWAY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

Register your attendance by clicking [HERE](#) or scanning the QR code



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## Looking for the right school?

Is your child due to start school in September 2023? If yes, come and see what Great Wood Primary School has to offer. We are a small village school, with a true family ethos, caring and dedicated staff, offering high-quality education.

All families are welcome to visit our amazing school. We will be holding some informal tours of our school, on the following dates:

- Tuesday 8th November 9.45am
- Thursday 10th November 3.45pm
- Tuesday 15th November 9.45am

If you would like to come and see what we have to offer, please contact us on 01538 702355 option 4 or email the school office. Please contact us if you would like to visit us at an alternative time.

The school tours are by appointment only. During the morning tour you will be able to see the children learning in their classroom.

We look forward to meeting you and showcasing all that Great Wood has to offer.



**We look forward to meeting you.**

### Applications for Reception September 2023

The application process for Reception Class 2022 opens on Tuesday 1st November.

If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the application process will open soon.

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.

