



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 6



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### Diary Dates

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 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 6th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Thursday 8th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Friday 9th December	-	Elf Day & Reindeer Visiting Great Wood
Sunday 11th December	-	Churches Together Annual Festival Of Carols, 2.30pm
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



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our Great Wood families, for your fantastic support for our children in Need day.

Our children enjoyed dressing in Pudsey colours, eating Pudsey biscuits and buying goodies from our toy stall. We managed to raise £222.46 which is amazing! Thank you so much for all your brilliant support, for this extremely important cause.

### Sporting Thank You!

Now that we have come to the end of our Sporting Activities this term; we would like to send out a huge thank you to all our pupils who have taken part and to all our parents who have helped with transport, which has enabled our teams to take part and achieve some outstanding results.

Our parents always go above and beyond and the children love having your support, thank you.

*Thank You*

### Bikeability



This years bikeability sessions will take place on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December. Year 4 pupils will only take part on Thursday 1st December. Please may we remind you that pupils need to bring in their bikes (and helmets) and to wear suitable clothes (a waterproof coat and gloves).

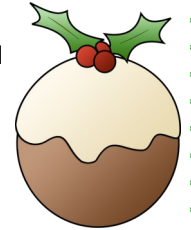
### Christmas Dinner



Ho,ho, ho! Katie and Jan are busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 14th 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 email [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk), before Thursday 1st December.** Our kitchen will ONLY be providing Christmas lunch on this day.



If your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals, or Income based 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 via Arbor.**

### Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Wednesday 30th November. 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.



### Applications for Reception September 2023

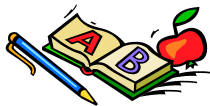
The application process for Reception Class 2022 is now open.

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.



### PTFA Christmas Disco

On Monday 28th November we will be holding the Christmas Disco, 6.00-7.30pm.

Children are asked to bring their own water bottle, which we will fill with juice for them. As a special treat our fabulous PTFA have decided to hold our annual Christmas disco for free, for all children this year. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a Christmas boogie

\*\*Please note that all children in reception need to be accompanied by an adult.



### Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 19th November we held our first Christmas Fayre since 2019. We had an amazing turn out and raised over £600 for all those extras for our Great Wood children. This event has helped to keep the cost of our Christmas trips down by approximately £9 per child, passing on only half the cost of the trips to our Great Wood families.

We would like to thank our fantastic PTFA, who worked so hard to put the event on, to all those who attended making the event such a massive success, to our fabulous choir led by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Whiteley and our Great Wood musicians, for providing the entertainment. Thank you everyone.



### Reindeers and Elves Come To Great Wood

On Friday 9th December we will be welcoming real live reindeers to Great Wood. The reindeer will be accompanied by Santa's elves and will be happy to pose for photographs with our Great Wood children.

We will be having Elf day on the same day (9th December) and ask our children (and staff) to come dressed as elves for the day. We are asking for a donation of £1 for elf day or £2 for Elf day & a photograph with the reindeer (which will be emailed to you). We will also be having an elf Lucky Dip, which will be 50p a go, with a prize every time.

We are sure that our Great Wood children will have a fantastic time at our Festive event and will really enjoy meeting and feeding Santa's reindeer.



**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 48hours after any episode of sickness.

## 2022 Christmas Activities

### Tean Christmas Lights Switch on

On Friday 25th November our Great Wood choir will be representing our school at the traditional Tean Christmas Lights switch on. We hope you will be able to join us for the festivities.



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### Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativities

Our Reception and KS1 children are bringing 'Bethlehem Bake-Off' to our stage this year. Rehearsals have been in full swing to perfect our Nativity. We are looking forward to seeing our younger children performing on stage. Tickets are now available from the school office, two per family, per performance.

Please only arrive for the performance you have been allocated tickets to.



### Elf Day & Santa's Reindeers

On Friday 9th December we are asking children (and staff) to join us for a day of Elftastic fun. So get out your red and green clothes, your pointy ears, your elf hat and maybe even your curly shoes! Santa's (real) reindeer will be visiting Greta Wood on Elf Day, for photos with our Great Wood Children.



### 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 11th December, 2.30pm.



### Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Monday 12th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this year's Christmas performance of Alice In Wonderland at The New Vic Theatre.



### Festival of Christmas Music

For the first time in three years, our choir are taking a part in the Festival of Music on Tuesday 13th December. This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs.

### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Outfit

Ho,ho, ho! Katie and Jan are already busily planning our school Christmas Lunch, which we are all looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 14th 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!



### Wonderland

On 15th December our Reception and KS1 Children will be visiting Wonderland, Telford. They will be visiting Santa and his workshop and taking part in Christmas activities during the day - wrap up warm and don't forget your wellies!



### Dougie Mac Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly for Dougie Mac on Friday 16th December, for a silver coin donation for Dougie Mac.



### Christmas Breakfast & Visit from a Special Someone!

Children are invited to come and join us for a hot Christmas Breakfast and a Christmas film, on Friday 16th December. Please wear your Christmas jumper, or outfit. This year children will be enjoying this special breakfast in the hall, watching a festive film and Santa will be visiting, with sacks full of presents for our amazing children. All children will receive a present. There will be no charge for this event.

