



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 6



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Diary Dates

Friday 10th November	-	Non Uniform Day. Remembrance
Monday 13th November	-	Anti Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day
Friday 17th November	-	BBC Children In Need
Tuesday 21st November	-	Non Uniform Day, Tombola Donations
Wednesday 22nd November	-	Stoke City 7's Assembly
Thursday 23rd November	-	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Saturday 25th November	-	Christmas Fair, 11am-1.30pm - All Welcome
Monday 27th November	-	National Child Measuring Programme
Thursday 30th November	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Tuesday 5th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Thursday 7th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Friday 8th December	-	Alzheimer's Elf Day
Sunday 10th December	-	Churches Together Annual Festival Of Carols, 2.30pm
Monday 11th December	-	R/1 & Y2/3 Christmas Trip - SnowDome Tamworth
Tuesday 12th December	-	Festival Of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall
Thursday 14th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip - The New Vic Theatre, The Nutcracker
Friday 15th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Friday 22nd December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	School Closes For Christmas
Monday 8th January	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 9th January	-	School Opens For Spring Term
Wednesday 17th January	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 18th January	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability
	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome



Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely holiday and a Spooky Halloween!
Lots of events to look forward to this term, with the Christmas bingo, Nativity and Christmas Fair. We would like to welcome Laura, our new school cook, to our Great Wood family. We look forward to getting to know her and sampling her delicious meals.

This **Friday 10th November** we will be having an impromptu own clothes day, in support of the Royal British Legion. Please wear red, (if you can), to celebrate our amazing Veterans. We are asking for a donation of £1 for this extremely important cause.

Please join us and celebrate in red, (or bright colours).



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.
- * All children will need a named Great Wood tracksuit, (available from Something Special, Cheadle), for their PE lessons, as in dry weather PE lessons will continue to be outside.



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

We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 13th November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

Odd Socks Day

A promotional image for Odd Socks Day featuring five young people (three boys and two girls) dressed in colorful, retro-style clothing. They are holding various musical instruments: a keyboard, a guitar, and a drumstick. The background is purple with a large white circle containing the text 'Odd Socks Day' and a pair of mismatched socks.

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.



Remembrance Service

Mr Adamson will be attending the remembrance service on Sunday 12th November, please see separate letter, for full details on how your child can take part.



Teddies

We are collecting teddies for Christmas Fair! If you have any clean and not too tatty teddies, we would be very grateful for them, for our amazing name the Teddy Stall. So if you have teddies in need of a new home, please bring them into school, asap and we will find them a new loving home!



Festival of Christmas Music

Once again this year our choir are taking a part in the Festival of Music on Tuesday 12th December. This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs. Separate letters have been issued to those involved.



Applications for Reception September 2024

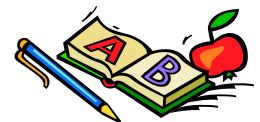
The application process for Reception Class 2024 are now open.

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

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.



Busy and Exciting Term!

You may have already noticed that this term is an extremely busy one! We have lots of events taking place, including numerous outings for our children. As the build up to Christmas gains momentum, these are the events we have in store;

Our fantastic Christmas Extravaganza, KS2 visit to New Vic Theatre, Elf Day, Nativity,

Christmas jumper Day, KS1 visit to SnowDome.

Along with Christmas Lunch and Christmas Breakfast incorporating with a visit from a special guest!



Christmas Comes To Great Wood

On Saturday 25th November we will be holding this years Christmas Fair The fair will be between 11.00am and 1.30pm and we are hoping it will mark the start of the Christmas season for our Great Wood Family.

There will be lots of stalls from external sellers (there are still stalls available, should you want one) and lots of Great Wood stalls, as is our tradition.

We would be very grateful for any donations, which you can give us, such as teddies (clean and in good condition), mince pies, small toys for the lucky dip stall, toys, bottles of wine, or tombola prizes. We will also be having an own clothes day for tombola prizes, on Tuesday 21st November.

We hope that you will be able to help us and also that you will join us on the day. The funds raised by the Christmas fair, help to provide all those extras for our Great Wood children.

Please give any donations to Mrs Buckley, or Mrs Bromley in the school office.

Thank you in advance.

If you can help us for a short time on the day, please let us know.



At this time of year, it's important to **Be Bright and Be Seen** when you are out and about near roads.

BE BRIGHT – wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school – it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

REFLECTIVE – When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

IMPROVE – improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE – always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

HEADLIGHTS – if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.

The BIG  **SPOTACULAR**

This year we will once again be supporting the BBC Children In Need Appeal at Great Wood. We will be selling wristbands, pin badges, Pudsey/Blush Ears and Stationery, at the following prices:



Pudsey Collectables
£1.00



Selection of Pin Badges
£1.00



Selection of wristbands
£1.00



Blush or Pudsey Ears
£2.50



Pudsey Stationery
Pens £1
Notepads £2

Our support for charitable causes is as a result of your generosity, however, we appreciate it may not always be easy to make contributions.

Fancy Dress day, Pudsey style!



On Friday 17th 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!



Pudsey Biscuits!

Also on Friday 17th November, for one day only, Laura and Jan will be selling their amazing Pudsey Bear biscuits priced at just 50p each.

Pudsey Raffle!

This year we will be holding a Pudsey raffle to raise funds for Children In Need. There are amazing prizes, including a Dressed Up Pudsey Bear, lunch box, water bottle, a Pudsey back pack, a small Pudsey, among other prizes. 50p per ticket.



Toy Sale

Also on Friday 17th November, we will be holding a Toy Sale, where children can purchase toys, priced at 50p or less. Please can any donations of good quality toys be sent to the school office from Friday 10th November. Thank you.

