



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 8



### School Contact Details



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### Diary Dates

Friday 8th December	-	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
	-	Nativity Performance, 4.00pm <i>*Please note date change*</i>
Monday 18th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm <i>*Please note date change*</i>
Wednesday 20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21st December	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
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
	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Thursday 18th January	-	Year 4 and Year 5 Bikeability



### Christmas Dinner



Ho,ho, ho! Our new cook Laura and Jan are busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 20th 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 7th December.** Our kitchen will ONLY be providing Christmas lunch on this day.



If your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals, of 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 £2.60 **to be paid in advance via Arbor.**

### Elf Day!

Great Wood will be taking part in Elf Day, on Friday 8th December. We are asking our children (and staff) to put on their best elf costume. 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. Thank you.



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.

### 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](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.



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

#### Vacancy: The Moorlands Primary Federation requires a Part-time Cleaner at Great Wood Primary School

Starting date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
 Grade 1. SCP2 FTE £22,366 Actual Annual Salary- £4,776  
 Working hours: 10 hours per week, 41.20 working weeks

#### We are looking for:

- Someone who is able to undertake cleaning tasks;
- Someone who is physically fit.
- Someone who will maintain an excellent standard of cleanliness and hygiene;
- Someone who is proactive and self-managing;
- A team player who cares about our school.

#### Regular tasks and duties include:

- General cleaning – sweeping, mopping, buffing, spray cleaning, damp wiping, waste disposal, stripping and resealing of hard floors;
- Cleaning of toilet facilities & associated tasks required to achieve a high quality of cleanliness;
- Cleaning of fixtures and fittings;
- The use of appropriate cleaning equipment and machinery;
- Ensuring the safe use of chemicals, machinery and equipment when carrying out the cleaning function in line with current legislation and TMPF policies and procedures for Health and Safety and in accordance with training provided;
- Occasionally being a key holder with responsibility for securing the school at the end of the day.

#### In return we can offer you:

- An opportunity to work with our 'fabulous' children in our 'fabulous' school;
- A multitude of training opportunities within our Multi Academy Trust and wider cluster;
- A friendly, dedicated staff with a strong and genuine commitment to our schools;
- A supportive Leadership Team, Trust Board, Church and community.

#### For further details, please contact:

The school office – [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk). Visits to our school are welcomed.

Please email (to the address above) your completed application form by: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** if successfully short-listed, you **must** be able to attend an interview on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 13:00 onwards.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service which will require you to disclose all criminal convictions. This position is exempt under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. As part of our recruitment process, we may carry out an online search of shortlisted candidates. Any relevant findings may be explored as an additional element of the interview.



### Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November we held our Christmas Fayre. We had a brilliant turn out and thank all our families who came on the day to support us.

We would like to thank our fantastic PTFA, who worked so hard to put the event on. Thank you everyone.



### Poppy Appeal

We would like to extend a huge thank you, to all of you, for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We have raised an amazing £223.20. The British Legion have asked us to pass on their heartfelt gratitude - they really appreciate all of your help and support. Every poppy, wristband, zip charm, hair band and snap band that you purchased made an invaluable difference to the appeal.



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.



Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Christmas Bingo on Thursday.

It was greatly supported as always and we raised an amazing £405 for the PTFA and a fun evening was had by all!



## 2023 Christmas Activities



### Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 25th November.

There will be lots of stalls, games and prizes to be won. Why not come and join us.

### Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Thursday 30th November. Doors will open at 6.00pm and 'Eyes Down' will be at 6.30pm. There will be copious amounts of chocolate to be won, tea, coffee and mince pies to enjoy and of course our fantastic Christmas raffle.



### Tean Christmas Lights Switch on



On Friday 1st December 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.

### Elf Day

On Friday 8th 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!



### 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 10th December, 2.30pm.

### SnowDome

On Monday 11th December our Reception and KS1 Children will be visiting SnowDome, Tamworth. Children will enjoy lots of snowy adventures and a visit to Santa, wrap up warm and don't forget your wellies!



### Festival of Christmas Music



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.

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

On Thursday 14th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this year's Christmas performance of The Nutcracker, at The New Vic Theatre.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly on Friday 15th December.

### Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativities

Our Reception and KS1 children are bringing 'Its a Census, Get me out of here!' 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.



### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Outfit

Ho,ho, ho! Laura and Jan are already busily planning our school Christmas Lunch, which we are all looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 20th 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 2023

Our disco will be held on Thursday 21st December from 6pm-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!

### 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 22nd 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.