



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 13



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### Diary Dates

5th December	-	Festival of Christmas Music @ The Victoria Hall
7th December	-	Nativity Performance, 2pm - All Welcome
	-	Own Clothes Day - Donations for the Christmas Extravaganza Tombola
10th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm - All Welcome
11th December	-	KS2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre - Wind In The Willows
12th December	-	Own Clothes Day - Chocolate Donations for our Christmas Bingo
13th December	-	Reception & KS1 Visit to Telford Winter Wonderland
14th December	-	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
	-	Christmas Extravaganza
17th December	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo
20th December	-	Christmas Lunch
	-	PTFA Christmas Disco 6pm - 7.30pm
21st December	-	Christmas Breakfast starts 8.30am
	-	Christmas Carol Service
	-	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
8th January	-	School Re-opens for Spring Term



### Swimming

Year 5/6 Swimming has now finished. Our year 3/4 children will start swimming on Tuesday 8th January 2019.



### Tean Christmas Lights

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the children and their families who joined us for the Tean Lights Switch on, on Friday.

They all stood in and sang beautifully, well done and thank you.



### Dress up for Christmas!

There are five non-uniform days before Christmas, which are as follows:

**Friday 7th December** - for donations for our Christmas Extravaganza tombola - bottles are great (full ones please), or Christmas gifts.

**Wednesday 12th December** - for chocolate donations for our Christmas Bingo - Selection boxes, boxes of chocolates, bars of chocolate, all gratefully received, to help make our bingo great.

**Friday 14th December** - Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children', any donation that you can afford will be gratefully received by the charity.

**Friday 20th December** - for our Christmas lunch, please wear your favourite Christmas outfit to enjoy the festivities.

**Friday 21st December** - Christmas jumpers just for fun, for our Christmas breakfast and Carol Concert.



## Victoria Hall Festival of Christmas Music - Wednesday 5th December

**Reminder:** Please can everyone taking part in the carol service, on Wednesday 5th December, please remember they will need a packed tea to take with them to the Victoria Hall. Because of the late night, our Choir members attending the Victoria hall, will be allowed to come in by 10am on Thursday morning.



## KS2 Wind In The Willows

On Tuesday 11th December, Key Stage 2 children will be going to see this year's performance, 'Wind in the Willows' at the New Vic Theatre.

**Reminder: Children will be returning late, this is expected to be approximately 5.30pm.**



## Telford Winter Wonderland

On Thursday 13th December children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 will be visiting Telford Winter Wonderland. Please can any outstanding permission slips be returned to school by Friday 7th December.



## School Office

Please may we remind you that the school office is closed every Thursday afternoon from 1pm.

Therefore, we kindly request that you please contact us before this time, to advise of any changes to the collection of your child/children.

Urgent messages may be left on the answerphone - and naturally, we will still contact you should any need arise, but we ask that you please do not contact us via text message, or for non-emergencies on Thursday afternoons.

Please may we also remind you that at this busy time of year the office is dealing with a lot of queries at the school door, therefore it may take some time to answer the phone. Please feel free to text on 01538 542001 or email [office@greatwood.staff.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staff.sch.uk).

These messages will be answered as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your help and co-operation with this.



## Nativity Performances

Our little ones are currently practising hard to wow you with their Nativity performances of 'A King is Born', which take place at 2pm on Friday 7th December and 5.30pm on Monday 10th December. Please see separate letter for more details of the evening performance.

\*\*We have a limited number of tickets left from the school office, which will be issued on a first come first served basis.



## No crossing patrol



Please note that there will be no crossing patrol at the end of the school day, on Thursday 13th December.

Please make arrangements to ensure that your child/children cross the road safely.

## Christmas Dinner



Ho,ho, ho! Lesley and Jan are once again busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are looking forward to enjoying on Thursday 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 on that day and not have a Christmas dinner, please complete and return the reply slip to school, before Tuesday 4th December.**

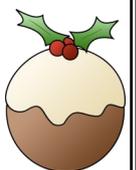
If your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals there will be no charge for the Christmas lunch, children in Key Stage 2 the cost of the Christmas dinner this year is £2.20.

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## Christmas Dinner

My child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) will **NOT** require a school Christmas Dinner on Thursday 20th December and I will be providing sandwiches on that day.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



## 2018 Christmas Activities

### Carol Singing

Children from key stage two will be putting on their Santa hats to sing Christmas carols to some of the pensioners from the community, this is a much loved Great Wood tradition, filled with Christmas spirit!

### Festival of Christmas Music

Once again this year our choir are taking a part in the Festival of Christmas Music at the Victoria Hall, Hanley on Wednesday 5th December. This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs.

### Key Stage 1 Nativity

Not long now till our little ones will be practising hard to wow you with their Nativity performances, which take place at 2.00pm on Friday 7th December and 5.30pm on Monday 10th December.

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

On Tuesday 11th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this years Christmas performance of Wind in the Willows at The New Vic Theatre.

### Reception & Key Stage 1 Visit to Telford Winter Wonderland

Thursday 13th December will see our excited early years and key stage 1 children enjoy lots of festive adventures and a visit to Santa at Telford Winter Wonderland!

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wear a Woolly for Save the Children on Friday 14th December.

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

Friday 14th December, more details to follow.

All children will have the opportunity to visit our Grotto, meet Father Christmas and receive a present.

### Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Monday 17th December. 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!

### 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 Thursday 20th December. We also invite you to wear your 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

Our PTFA sparkly and festive Christmas disco will be held on Thursday 20th December. Due to the number of events on at the moment, the disco will be from 6.00-7.30pm.

### Christmas Breakfast

Children are invited to come and join us for a hot Christmas Breakfast and a Christmas film, on Friday 21st December from 8.30am, £1 per child. Please wear your Christmas jumper, or outfit.

### Christmas Carol Service

Come and join us for our final exciting Christmas event of this busy term. We hope that you will join us in our choral festivities at Christ Church on Friday 21st December. The service starts at 2pm and everyone is welcome.