



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 3



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th October	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Thursday 24th October	-	Y3/4 Athletics Competition
	-	PTFA Spooky Disco, 6.30-8.00pm
Friday 25th October	-	School Closes for Half term
Monday 4th November	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 5th November	-	School Re-Opens
Monday 11th November	-	Anti Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day
Friday 15th November	-	BBC Children In Need
Thursday 21st November	-	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 29th November	-	Christmas Fayre - More Details To Follow
Saturday 30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Tuesday 3rd December	-	R/1 & Y2/3 Christmas Trip - Exciting Announcement Coming!
Thursday 5th December	-	Elf Day
Friday 6th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip - The New Vic Theatre, The Three Musketeers
Sunday 8th December	-	Churches Together Annual Festival Of Carols
Tuesday 10th December	-	Festival Of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall
Wednesday 11th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Thursday 12th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Monday 16th December	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo
Wednesday 18th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	-	PTFA Christmas Disco
Friday 20th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	School Closes for Christmas



PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday 16th October, at 6.30pm. If you are interested in getting involved please come along and find out what it is all about.

Without the PTFA it would not be possible to run many of our events like discos, bingo, race nights and Summer Fair, which provide funds for all those little extras for our children.

You don't need to commit to every event, any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are able to help out with any events please speak to Mrs Buckley in school.

Come along and join us, for a brew and find out all about our Christmas events and how you can help.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

A huge thank you to all our families and friends that donated, supported and attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 27th September. It was once again a fantastic success and we raised, a massive £476.00 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, bakers and, of course, our children, for all their help and support putting on this event.



Merit Trophy's

Please can we remind you that all merit trophies issued during a Friday's Celebration Assembly need to be returned to school by Thursday the following week, to enable the next winner to take them home. It is very disappointing for the children if they do not get to take the trophy home, because it's not been returned. Thank you.



Exciting News!

We are delighted that we have already booked our Christmas trips for our Great Wood children.

Our Reception, year 1, 2 and 3 children will be going to The Polar Express where they will enjoy an immersive experience, enjoy hot chocolate and meet Santa.

Our children in years 4, 5 & 6 children will be going to see The Three Musketeers at the New Vic Theatre.

Both trips are now live on Arbor, under the trips section, with the option to pay in instalments, to ease costs in December. We are really looking forward to taking the children on these fantastic trips.



Spooky Disco

Our Great Wood Spooky Disco will be on Thursday 24th October 6.30-8pm.

Put on your spookiest outfit because there will be a prize for the best dressed Spook! There will be spot prizes for the spookiest dancers and a raffle at the end of the night.

Each Spook will receive a raffle ticket, a spooky goody bag and as much Spooky punch (non alcoholic) as they can drink! **Please bring your own water bottle.**

Entry is £2 per spook and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.



A Harvest Thank You



On Friday 4th October we celebrated Harvest, with an own clothes day and Harvest songs at the end of the school day. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing Great Wood family, you have been extremely generous with your donations for the Cheadle and District Food Bank, donating a staggering 111.05kg worth of goods. This kindness will make a massive difference to people who really need our help at the moment. Thank you.

Healthy Lunches

We would like to remind parents that Great Wood is a healthy eating school. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that it is as healthy as possible.

"Eat better, feel better" Change4life.



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.



Please ask even if your child is of Infant school age.

Free School meals

Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer **yes** to any of the above you may qualify for **free school meals/Pupil Premium**

Want to apply? Not sure? **Ask at the office**

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

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.





FREE Multiply First Aid courses



Why not...Brush up on your maths skills while completing one of our FREE first aid courses.

Baby First Awareness 2 hr course.
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Whether you are a new parent or need a course for work, we can help. Contact us today.



COURSE DATES:

MULTIPLY BABY FIRST AID
WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER OR
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
TIME: 9:30-11:30

MULTIPLY EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK. 1 DAY COURSE
THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER OR
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
TIME: 9:30-4:00

MULTIPLY PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID 1 DAY.
THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
TIME: 9:30-4:00

COURSES DELIVERED BY PORT VALE VC FOUNDATION

Venue:

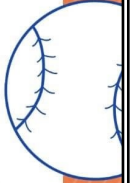
Staffordshire Moorlands
Family Hub, Albert Street,
ST8 6DT

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or...Book at reception.



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9-10am



Saturday mornings
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ST10 4LE

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MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **October 28 - November 01**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to be active, develop skills and make new friends.

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PRICE DROP!

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INFLATABLES
MUSICAL MAYHEM
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MONSTER... (DISCO/PARTY...
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ONLY ON NEW BOOKINGS!

From **£15**

Applications for Reception September 2024

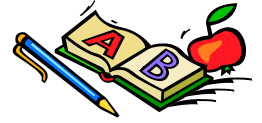
The application process for Reception Class 2025 opens on Wednesday 1st November.

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 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.



Great Wood Primary Open Afternoon

For parents of children who are starting school in September 2025

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Our open afternoon will be held on
Tuesday 5th November - 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

Please contact office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk to book a place.

Vicarage Road, Upper Tean, Staffordshire, ST10 4LE.
Tel: 01538 702355 option 4.

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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 21st November 2024.

For more information, please visit:

Student information:

<https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDil>

Parent information:

<https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>



BIG SCREEN IN TEAN

Monthly Pop-Up Cinema
Showing **FREE** Family Films

Scan here to
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FREE TICKETS**



The Latest
Blockbusters

FREE
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for Kids



Can you find out what our next film is?

(Hint: Try looking inside our building, asking your school for clues, or track down our Facebook page and send us a message)

Christ Church, Hollington Road, Tean, ST10 4JY

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult over 18

Keeping warm!

Now that the cold & wet weather is creeping 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.





National
Online
Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



1



Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

2

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



3

PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO

How does this game/app work?
Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.



4

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



5



Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

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Do you know what your personal information is?



7

Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

