



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 5



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Diary Dates

Friday 15th November	-	BBC Children In Need & Non-Uniform Day, Pudsey Style
Tuesday 19th November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
Wednesday 20th November	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Thursday 21st November	-	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 25th November	-	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate or Wine Donations
Friday 29th November	-	Christmas Fayre, 3-5pm
Saturday 30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Tuesday 3rd December	-	R/1 & Y2/3 Polar Express Trip
Thursday 5th December	-	Elf Day & Reindeer Visiting Great Wood
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 - Doors Open 6pm, Eyes Down 6.30pm
Wednesday 18th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
Friday 20th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Carol Service, 1.45pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 6th January	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 7th January	-	School Re-Opens for Spring Term



Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely holiday and a Spooky Halloween!
We have lots of events to look forward to this term, with the Christmas bingo, Nativity and Christmas Fayre.

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 Fair, KS2 visit to New Vic Theatre, Elf Day, Nativity, Christmas jumper Day, KS1 visit to The Polar Express.



Along with Christmas Lunch and Christmas Breakfast incorporating a visit from a special guest! Where outings require signed permission slips, or Arbor sign up, it would help immensely, if you could ensure this is done promptly. This will prevent staff having to chase permission, or children having to miss activities. Thank you for your assistance with this matter and helping make a smooth running, fun-filled term, with the help of our dedicated team.

Applications for Reception September 2024

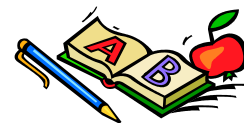
The application process for Reception Class 2025 is now open.

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 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.



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.



PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November, at 6.30pm. Come along and join us and help us plan for all our upcoming Christmas events.



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>



Christmas Comes To Great Wood

On Friday 29th November we will be holding this year's Christmas Fayre. The fayre will be between 3pm and 5pm 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 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 fayre, help to provide all those extras for our Great Wood children.

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

Thank you in advance.

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



The Polar Express

On Tuesday 3rd December children in Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 will be visiting Telford Steam Railways, Polar Express. Please can any outstanding permissions and payment be made via Arbor by Friday 22nd November. Thank you!



KS2 The Three Musketeers

On Friday 6th December Key Stage 2 children will be going to see this years performance 'The Three Musketeers' at the New Vic Theatre. Please can any outstanding permissions and payment be made via Arbor by Friday 22nd November. Thank you!



Keeping warm!



As we say a reluctant goodbye to the summer and the cold weather creeps 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.

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.

Non-Uniform day, Pudsey style!



On Friday 15th 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 with your own clothes and join us for a day of Great Wood Children in Need fun!



Pudsey Biscuits!



Also on Friday 15th November, for one day only, Laura and Jan will be selling their amazing Pudsey Bear biscuits priced at just 50p each.

Pudsey Raffle!

Once again, we will be holding a Pudsey raffle to raise funds for Children In Need. There are some amazing prizes, including a large Pudsey Bear, a small Pudsey Bear, a water bottle for KS1 and a notebook & pen for KS2. 50p per ticket.



School Council Competitions

Our amazing school Council have also arranged some games and competitions, which will be running on Friday 15th November.

Be Bright Be Seen



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.

CHRISTMAS TOY RUN

Done with the help of Cheadle Lions, EqualBase & St. Giles the Abbot Church

WHAT?

Please donate **NEW ONLY** unwrapped presents for children of all ages so everyone gets something for Christmas.

WHERE?

Drop off points at these primary schools
Bishop Rawle, St. Werburgh's, The Valley
Great Wood, Dilhorne Primary, St. Giles'
St. Thomas' Cheadle Primary

Also

St. Giles the Abbot Church

WHEN?

Donations needed before
6th December 2024

If you have donations after this date

Please contact:

Councillor Phillip Routledge: 07722 472233

Councillor Zenobia Routledge: 07853 918810



Our PTFA will this year be holding a chocolate wine or water stall at the Festival of Lights, on Saturday 30th November.

Therefore, on **Monday 25th November**, we will be holding a non-uniform day in return for any **wine, or chocolate donations** - Please note, **all chocolate donations must be able to stand in a bottle bag**, from a Cadbury's chocolate bars, boxes, such as chocolate orange and after eights, chocolate lollies, to chocolate Santa's. All donations will be gratefully received and all funds raised will help keep our children enjoying those extra treats and activities.



Checkley Parish Festival of Lights Saturday 30th November

1pm-6pm - Great Wood hall, Upper Tean
entertainment and stalls and vendors

11am-4pm - Christ Church Hall
festive stalls

4pm - Jubilee Park, Tean
Meet Santa & see Santa's sleigh

4.30pm - Jubilee Park, Tean
Light Procession with Santa's sleigh

5pm - Great Wood hall, Upper Tean
light switch on, with pyrotechnics

Festival of lights
Light Procession
Santa's Grotto
Stalls

Live Music
Laser show & Pyrotechnics

Please Be Aware there will be
loud noises & flashing lights

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!

