



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 6



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### Diary Dates

15th February	-	Y6 Transition Morning @ The Cheadle Academy
	-	Y3/4 Music Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes for Half Term
25th February	-	School Re-Opens
27th February	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
1st March	-	PTFA Race Night, 7pm-10pm
5th March	-	Pancake Lunch
7th March	-	World Book Day - Dress as your favorite character!
	-	World Book Day Lunch
8th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
	-	Y5/6 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
12th March	-	Commonwealth Day
14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
15th March	-	Red Nose Day
	-	Great Wood's Got Talent Show
20th March	-	Fair Trade African Dance Day
21st March	-	Visit From Dogs Trust
28th March	-	Afternoon Tea - More Details to Follow
29th March	-	Y1/2 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
5th April	-	Own Clothes Day - Chocolate Donations
	-	PTFA Disco
8th April	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
	-	PTFA Easter Bingo
11th April	-	School Closes for Easter
29th April	-	School Re-Opens
6th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
13th May	-	SATS Week
17th May	-	Y5 Transition Morning @ The Cheadle Academy
18th May	-	PTFA Barn Dance, 7pm-10pm
20th May	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala
24th May	-	School Closes for Half Term
3rd June	-	School Re-Opens
10th June	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala
12th June	-	Academy Photography Sports Teams and Music



### WOW - CONGRATULATIONS

Our amazing gym team Alyssa, Freya, Grace, Sophie, Kaci, Amelia, Molly, Sydney, Anna, Jacob, Amy and Harry fought off strong competition, from 10 other schools to come fourth in the CADSSA Gymnastics event, overall with our 3/4 team gaining 2nd place in their category!!! To achieve this our children had to beat some much larger schools in the area.

A special recognition goes to Anna Parry for coming 1st, in the 3/4 Beginners category. Also, to Grace Ansell for coming 2nd, in the 5/6 beginner category and Freya Swinson for gaining 3rd place in the 5/6 advanced category.

Congratulations to all of our gymnast's hard work and training, which really paid off at the competition. As always our children presented themselves well and were easily recognisable as Great Wood children, earning praise from the staff from other schools. They performed routines with high levels of control, skill and professionalism.

As usual, a massive "thank you" to the fantastic parents who transported and stayed to support us and to Mrs Roberts for all her hard work and time training the team.



Thursday 7th March

### World Book Day Lunch



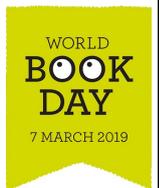
Twits Wormy Spaghetti or  
Matilda's Macaroni Cheese,  
BFG Jacket Potato

Willy Wonka's Scrumdiddlyumptious  
Mousse or Gruffalo Crumble &  
Custard

### World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. All our children will be asked to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book. Whether its Little Red Riding Hood, Harry Potter or the Wimpy Kid, pick the character that you would most like to be and come dressed as them for the day.

Each child will receive a National Book token to use against the purchase of any book costing over £2.99 at participating book shops, or clubs.



Place your bets...

Great Wood School

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# Race Night



Friday 1st March

Great Wood School 7pm—10pm

(bring your own drink and nibbles)

Adults (over 18) only - on-site crèche available £1.50 per child

Tickets £5 available from the school office or one of the PTFA members.

Individual bets made at £1 per horse, per race.

### Y3/4 Swimming

Year 3/4 Swimming will continue after half term until the last session on Tuesday 9th April.



### Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March

This years Red Noses have arrived and will be on sale shortly, please get yours from Great Wood!



Thursday 14th February

### Valentines Lunch



All Day Breakfast  
or Vegetable Quiche

For dessert...  
Shortbread Hearts  
or Jelly

### K2M Assembly



On Friday 15th February our fabulous Mr Chapman will be leading our children in their K2M assembly. All are welcome to join us and listen to their amazing guitar and ukulele playing (we are sure you have already sampled this at home)! The assembly will start at 2.30pm, hope to see you there!

### 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.



### Headlice

We seem to have an extreme case of Head lice in school, which, unfortunately, despite previous requests we are struggling to get under control. Please can we ask all parents to check their child's hair carefully for any 'little visitors' and treat accordingly. Unless everyone checks and treats their child's hair we are going to have an ongoing problem. **Help may also be available if you contact your health visitor or GP.** We really appreciate your help with this, thank you!



### Weather

Keep an eye out for any potential snow problems. In the unlikely event that we do have to close, we will endeavour to contact parents as early as possible via text messages and a message will be posted on the school website [www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)



### Year 5/6 Assembly

On Friday 8th March our Year 5/6 children will be performing their class assembly at 2.30pm. This will be an interesting assembly covering a variety of topics, such as Space and the Stone Age!

We welcome you to come and join us and share this assembly with 5/6.



### Lateness

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.50am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am when registration takes place. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks.

Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.



### Information/Reminders

- Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniform and PE kit.
- **All** dinner money for the week ahead should be sent in on a Monday morning, in a **purse or envelope** clearly marked with your child's name so that we can ensure that we send you the correct change. £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week.
- Please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately when dropping off or collecting children. A reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors to school only.
- The school office is closed on Thursday afternoons.
- Our school day begins at 8.50am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am when registration takes place. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks.
- If your child is ill, please ensure that you contact school to inform us as soon as possible on the first morning of the illness.

Thank you.



### Great Wood's Got Talent!

Following the success of previous years we will once again be holding a Great Wood talent show for comic relief.

All pupils are welcome to enter the competition and auditions will be held week commencing 4th March. Any talent is welcome and the auditions will be held in year groups. The two top acts, in each year group, will then go forward to the Grand Final on 15th March, (details to follow).

So if you are a singer, a dancer, an acrobat, a circus performer, a poet, a magician, or you have a totally unique talent that you think can win Great Wood's Got Talent, start your rehearsals during half term ready to amaze us all, on our return to school.

Entry to the competition is totally free, all you have to do is put your name down with your class teacher. You can enter as individuals, duos, or groups.

So put on your thinking caps and your dancing shoes and prepare to WOW us with your hidden talents and your creativity.

Join us in our extravaganza and help us to raise money for Comic Relief.



### PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on, Wednesday 27th February at 6.30pm. Please come and join us and help organise our upcoming events.



### Happy Holiday!

School closes for Half Term on Friday 15th February. We hope you have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 25th February, when we start the second half of a busy Spring Term!

