



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 7



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Diary Dates

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
11th 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
	-	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament
14th June	-	Y6 PE Transition Day @ The Cheadle Academy



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely half term holiday!
We have lots to look forward to during the second half of the spring term, with World Book Day, Red Nose Day and our

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.

PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th February at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend, so please come along and join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and find out about our upcoming fund raising events.



Tuesday 5th March

Pancake Lunch



Sausage, Mash & Gravy or
Staffordshire Oatcakes with Cheese

Pancakes with a choice of toppings
or Iced Sponge

Y3/4 Swimming

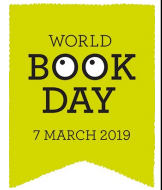
Year 3/4 Swimming will continue until the last session on Tuesday 9th April.



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 it's 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.



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 48 hours after any episode of sickness.

Thank you for your help.



Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March

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



Place your bets...

Great Wood School

Presents

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.

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 Shrove Tuesday, Valentines Day and Internet Safety!

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



Free School Meals



A reminder that FREE school meals are available for some families, who meet specific criteria. There is no singling out of children in receipt of these meals, they receive a hot meal, or sandwiches just the same as any other child, because of the systems that we use. The online checking service is a faster way of applying for free school meals, which gives you an instant yes or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

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 commence week commencing 4th March. Any talent is welcome and the auditions will be held in year groups. The two top acts, (however this is subject to change, depending upon entrants), 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.



TMPF Debt Recovery Policy

As Great Wood is part of The Moorlands Primary Federation, we adhere to their, 'Debt Recovery Policy'. This means that no school lunches bill will be allowed to exceed £30, before action will be taken. Upon a bill exceeding this amount the family concerned will receive a letter to inform them of the debt and ask for payment within 2 weeks. Unfortunately, until such debts are settled, we will be asking the children concerned to be provided with a packed lunch, as we will be unable to provide any further school meals, until the debt is cleared.

If the debt is not cleared within two weeks the matter will be escalated via a second letter - which outlines the next stages of the process, which may include legal action.

Of course if you have any concerns, or queries regarding this matter please contact Mr Adamson, or the school office and we will do our best to help you. We appreciate that all circumstances are individual.



Scholastic Book Fair

On Thursday 14th March we will be holding our Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open before and after school. The Book Fair brings a wide selection of books suitable for all of the year groups, from Reception up to Year six. For every £1.00 that we raise at the book sale, school will receive commission, enabling us to extend the school library and reading resources for our children.

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



E-safety

Please be aware there is some unpleasant content on the internet at the moment that appears to be gathering attention. The "Momo Challenge" is an alleged form of cyberbullying that spreads through social media and mobile phones. After users are enticed to contact another user named "Momo", they receive graphic threats from this character and are instructed to perform a series of dangerous tasks. Please keep a close eye on what your child is looking at on the internet.



Headlice



We seem to have an extreme case of Head lice in school, particularly in the KS2 class, 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!

A reminder that Lesley's delicious school dinners should be paid for **in advance** on Monday mornings. Money for any dinners paid for, but not taken will be carried over to the following week - please try not to send money in on a daily basis. This money should be in a purse, or envelope clearly marked with your child's name. £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week.



Thursday 7th March

World Book Day



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

Willy Wonka's Scrumdiddlyumptious
Mousse or Gruffalo Crumble & Custard