



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 8

# Top Marks for Great Wood!!!



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Dear Mr Eccles,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in reading necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP  
Secretary of State for Education

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP  
Minister of State for School Standards



*Great Job!*



Our Great Wood team are delighted to be able to share some exceptional news with all our Great Wood families. Mr Eccles recently received this letter, in recognition of the fantastic results that Great Wood have achieved. As you can see from the letter, Great Wood is now in the top 1% of primary schools in England, for attainment in reading. This is a direct result of the hard work and dedication put in by both our staff and pupils.

We are very proud of this achievement and recognition and, as always, we will continue to provide the best education possible to all our Great Wood children.



## Diary Dates

- 7th March - World Book Day - Dress as your favorite character!
- World Book Day Lunch
- 8th March - KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - *Separate letter to those involved*
- Y5/6 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
- 11th March - Commonwealth Day
- 13th March - Reception Class Muddy Morning
- 14th March - Special All Day Breakfast Lunch
- 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
- 29th March - Y1/2 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
- 3rd April - Reception Class Muddy Morning
- PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
- 4th April - Parents Evening
- 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
- 10th May - Reception/Y1 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
- 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



### Food Hygiene Inspection



More fantastic news, which Great Wood is extremely proud of. On 15th January 2019, we had our assessment for compliance with the Food Safety Legislation. As a result of our amazing kitchen team, Lesley and Jan, who work tirelessly to maintain excellent standards and feed our Great Wood children, we have been rated with a food hygiene rating of 5. We extend a huge thank you and well done, to Lesley and Jan, for achieving this fabulous result. Your Great Wood family is very proud of you both.

### Race Night

On Friday 1st March we held our very first Great Wood PTFA Race Night . There was a great deal of cheering and whooping as the horses romped over the finish line, in each of the eight races! Even with the bet per horse being just £1, we managed to raise a staggering £402!! The funds from this amazing total will go directly towards extra resources, coaches, events for our children and keeping trip costs down for our parents/carers.

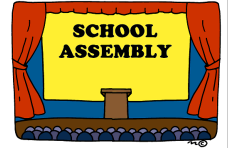
We would like to send a massive thank you to our fantastic PTFA, who bring these events together for the benefit of our children. Fabulous, Thank you!



### 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.



### World Book Day

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

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.

### 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.



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

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## **AFTERNOON TEA**

Thursday, March 28th 2019, 2.15pm

A Selection of Homemade Cakes, Tea and Coffee.

A special treat for Mums, Grandmas and carers.

Tickets £3 each, on a first come, first served basis.

100 tickets available, for this chilled afternoon.

Come and enjoy a treat with friends ( we will take care of the children)!

Tickets available from the school office from the school office from 7th March.

Please come and join us, we would love to see you there.

**\*Please inform us about any allergies/dietary requirements \***



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# Red Nose Day Events @ Great Wood

## Friday 15th March

### 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.

### Bric a Brac Stall

For Comic Relief we are having a bric-a-brac stall on Friday 15th March.

An ideal opportunity to clear out your unwanted toys, books and gifts. All items will be sold at pocket money prices and the stall will be manned by our year 5/6 children.

Please send any donations of your unwanted items into school anytime the week commencing 11th March.

Thank you for your generosity and happy shopping!

### Red Nose Cookies

Lesley and Jan will be making and selling special cookies for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Enjoy one of these yummy cookies for only 50p.

ENJOY!

### Funny Faces!

Make your face funny for Comic Relief!

For Friday 15th March only we will be wearing funny faces for the day, See how funny you can make your face for the day. So have a crazy face paint design, wear wild make up, choose an extraordinary hat, wear a comic relief nose, or have a bad hair day (on purpose)! Join in and see how much you can make your friends laugh, for Comic Relief!

### Wear red for the day

GREAT WOOD GO RED!

To raise funds for Comic Relief we invite our children, staff and volunteers to wear something red for the day on Friday 15th March.

Brighten up your day and help children across the world by wearing your most vibrant, red piece of clothing for a voluntary donation of just £1.00

All contributions will go directly to Comic Relief and your support is greatly appreciated.

### Red Noses on Sale



Red noses  
are now on  
sale in  
school at  
just £1.25  
each.

## Commonwealth Day

On Monday 11th March we have been invited to take part in the Mayor's procession:

### **Fly a Flag for Commonwealth: 'A Connected Commonwealth'**

Four of our Great Wood children have been selected to represent our school and join the Mayor's Procession.

The procession will start at The Cheadle Academy and will take the following route, Cheadle Primary School, Bishop Rawle and will end at Lulworth House, where Cheadle Town Council will host a reception following the flag raising ceremony.

Pupils chosen to take part will be transported by Mrs Furnival and join the procession at Cheadle Primary School at 9.15am. Following the reception, at Lulworth House, they will return to school in time for lunch.



### **Raise the flag for Commonwealth**

We have also been invited to raise a flag for commonwealth on Tean High Street on Monday 11th March. Four of our Great Wood children have been selected to represent our school at the flag raising ceremony and they will accompany Mr Adamson to this event.

We are delighted to have been invited to both of these events and we are sure our children will represent us with pride.

## 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 classes, which, unfortunately, despite previous requests we are struggling to get under control. Please can we ask all parents to check their child's hair regularly and 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!



## Reception Children Muddy Mornings

This half term, reception children will be taking part in Muddy Mornings! These will be on Wednesday 13th March and Wednesday 3rd April. All children will need outdoor clothes and shoes with them on these days. Thank you.



Thursday 14th March

## Special Lunch



Children can enjoy a Full All Day Breakfast Lunch  
Followed by  
Rice Krispie Cake

£2.20 for children in years 3-6

# Easter competition

This year Great Wood will be holding a Easter Bonnet Competition.

We are hoping for original, Easter themed bonnets for our competition this year. Whether you want to wear a hat of flowers, chocolate, chicks, or bunnies, put your artistic 'hats' on and wow us with your creations. Entries need to be handed in to class teachers, by Monday 8th April, which is the closing date for the competition. So start collecting exciting materials to enhance your child's entry, to help it stand out as a winner!

