



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 2

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Diary Dates

16th January	-	Year 4 & 5 Bikeability
17th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability
24th January	-	Year 1/2 Multiskills
27th January	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala
29th January	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
31st January	-	PTFA Race Night, 7pm-10pm
5th February	-	Y6 Transition Day @ TCA
11th February	-	Safer Internet Day
14th February	-	School Closes For Half Term
24th February	-	School Re-Opens
6th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
13th March	-	Sport Relief
17th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
23rd March	-	Reception & Y6 School Measurement Programme
30th March	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
2nd April	-	School Closes for Easter
20th April	-	School Re-Opens
8th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
11th May	-	SATS Week
22nd May	-	School Closes for Half Term
1st June	-	School Re-Opens
	-	Y6 Visit to Laches Wood
10th June	-	Y5/6 Cricket Tournament
12th June	-	Y6 PE Transition @ TCA
17th June	-	Y3/4 Cricket Tournament
20th June	-	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Choir Concert - More details to follow
24th June	-	Academy Photography Sports Teams and Music
1st July	-	KS2 Athletics Competition
	-	Sports Awards Evening
4th July	-	Cheadle Carnival
8th July	-	Halle Concert



PTFA Meeting

The first PTFA meeting of 2020, will be held on Wednesday 29th January 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.



Applications for Reception September 2020

The closing date for applications for this year's reception class, in September, is fast approaching. If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the closing date for all applications is **January 15th 2020**. All applications must be done online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions selecting no UID number.

Please be aware 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.



School Dinners

A reminder that Lesley's delicious school dinners should be paid for **in advance**, on Monday mornings, £2.30per day, £11.50 per week. 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, which is imperative in helping us to ensure you receive the correct change. Thank you.



Wrap up warm!

The weather is becoming markedly colder and it is becoming extremely chilly on the playground. Please ensure that your child/children are wearing appropriate winter clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves, to enable them to enjoy their play times, without turning blue!



Headlice



We have, unfortunately, got the problem of headlice in school again. Please can you be extra-vigilant in checking your child's hair each week and treat as necessary, to help us to eliminate this persistent problem. Many thanks for your help.

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.



Free School Meals

A reminder that FREE school meals are available for some families, which 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 that 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

After School Clubs

We still have spaces on our after school clubs. The clubs available are as follows:



	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Invasion Sports £3 per session	
Tuesday	Drama Club (max 15)	Bug Club (max 16) £4 per week Gym Competition Training (Invitation Only)
Wednesday	ASM Gymnastics £3 per session	
Thursday	ASM Alternative Sports £3 per session	
Friday	Chess Club (max 30)	

Clubs will start week commencing 13th January 2020 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing Monday 10th February 2020. On Tuesdays after school Mrs Roberts will be running training sessions for our Gym team. These will be by invitation only and a separate letter will be sent out to those involved.

Please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible. Please see separate letter for Bug Club.

Please Note: ASM Clubs are now required to be paid for in full, for a half term or full term.



Place your bets...

**Great Wood
School**

Presents

Race Night



Friday 31st January

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.