



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 3

Diary Dates

29th January	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
31st January	-	PTFA Race Night, 7pm-10pm
5th February	-	Y6 Transition Day @ TCA
	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
11th February	-	Safer Internet Day
	-	Reception, Y1, Y2 Visit to Wedgewood
12th February	-	KS2 Gymnastic Competition
14th February	-	Valentines Lunch
	-	Y3/4 Music Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes For Half Term
24th February	-	School Re-Opens
25th February	-	Pancake Lunch
5th March	-	World Book Day
6th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
11th March	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
13th March	-	Sport Relief
17th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
18th March	-	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
23rd March	-	Reception & Y6 School Measurement Programme
24th March	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
30th March	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
1st April	-	Easter Lunch
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
27th June	-	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Choir Concert - More details to follow
24th June	-	Academy Photography Sports Teams and Music
1st July	-	KS2 Athletics Competition



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.



Thursday 14th February

Valentines Lunch



Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers
Chips & Beans

For dessert...
Shortbread Hearts
or Jelly

£2.30 for children in Years 3-6

Reception Children Muddy Mornings

This term, reception children will be taking part in Muddy Mornings! These will be on:

- Wednesday 29th January
- Wednesday 5th February
- Wednesday 11th March
- Wednesday 25th March



All children will need warm, outdoor clothes and shoes with them on these days. Thank you.

Gloves, Hats and Scarves



Please can we remind you that it is very cold on the playground at the moment (especially if it is windy), so please can you ensure that your child/children have suitable outdoor clothing. Gloves, hats and scarves are a huge help, in fighting off the cold.

Teddies

It might seem early, but we are on a mission!

We are now starting to collect teddies for Midsummer Madness!

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, whenever suits you and we will find them a new loving home.

All the funds raised by our summer fair help to provide all those important extras for our Great Wood children.



Multiskills

Mrs Roberts would like to send a huge thank you, to all of you that helped to transport our yr1/2 children to The Cheadle Academy, for their multiskills visit, last Friday. It is your generous support that enables our Great Wood children to do these extra activities. The children had a great time, joining in with the sporting challenges and interacting with children from other local primary schools.



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.

Car Parking

Unfortunately we, once again, have to draw your attention to parking at and around school. Despite numerous requests, we are still experiencing major problems with the way in which cars are being parked at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Last week there was a incident involving a pedestrian and a car, which without the quick thinking of a parent, could have ended very badly! We do not want our children at risk!

Could we once again **PLEASE** ask parents, grandparents, carers and friends to be mindful about where they park.

- It is an offence to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school **AT ANY TIME**
- It is an offence to park within 10 meters of a junction **AT ANY TIME**
- It is an offence to park in front of a dropped kerb (thereby preventing residents from using their driveway)
- It is an offence to double park, thereby blocking the roadway to other traffic
- Police advise **NOT** to park on the pavement (and this is clearly dangerous when children are using the pavement)

Great Wood's staff car park is for Staff **ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF CAR PARK.** This also applies at the end of afterschool clubs. ALSO please can we remind all pedestrians to use the **FOOTPATH ONLY** and not cut across the car park.

Please have a think about:-

- Walking to/from school - whilst this is not practical for some, most of our pupils live within half a mile of the school and this would be a healthy way to start/end the school day.
- Car-Sharing - could parents who live near to one another agree to car-share (and, at the same time, save on petrol)?
- A walking bus - where a group of children, living near to one another, are walked to school by a couple of adults. Adults could take it in turn to be the walkers.
- Using the large, free and safe car park on Old Road - only a 5 minute walk away.
- Using the car park on Great Wood Hall and crossing with our school crossing patrol.

**We would be extremely grateful if you could adhere to these points.
Please help us keep our children safe.**



K2M Assembly

On Friday 14th February our fabulous Mr Chapman will be leading our year 3/4 children in their K2M assembly. Parents, Carers and Grandparents 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!

Reception, Year 1 & 2 Show and Tell

Please can we remind you that any toys brought into school for 'Show and Tell' on Fridays should be small enough to fit into the children's trays, due to space restrictions, damage & loss.



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.



World Book Day



Advanced notice - On Thursday 5th March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!



Come along and join us for

MessyChurch



at



Tean Methodist Church, Gorsty Hill



Sunday 2nd February



4pm-5:30pm



There will be crafts, games, stories,
worship, food and fun for all.



Activities are suitable for all
the family.



Children must be accompanied
by an adult

