



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 1



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Diary Dates

Friday 20th January	-	Year 2 Multiskills @ TCA
Wednesday 25th January	-	Year 4/5 Class Mini Mindfulness Session
	-	PTFA Meeting, 6pm - All Welcome
Thursday 26th January	-	R/1 Muddy Morning
Monday 30th January	-	Y5/6 Basketball Tournament - Separate letter to those involved
Wednesday 1st February	-	Year 6 Transition Day @ TCA
Friday 3rd February	-	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 7th February	-	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9th February	-	R/1 Muddy Morning
Friday 10th February	-	PTFA Race Night
Monday 13th February	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala
Tuesday 14th February	-	Valentines Lunch
Friday 17th February	-	Pancake Lunch
	-	Year 3/4 Violin Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 27th February	-	School Re-Opens
Thursday 2nd March	-	World Book Day
	-	World Book Day Lunch
Friday 3rd March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - Separate letter to those involved
Tuesday 14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 17th March	-	Comic Relief
Wednesday 22nd March	-	Year 3/4 Football @ Cheadle Primary School
Friday 24th March	-	Non Uniform Day, Easter Chocolate Donations
	-	PTFA Easter Disco, 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 29th March	-	Year 5/6 Football
Thursday 30th March	-	PTFA Easter Bingo
Friday 31st March	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	-	Inset Day - School Closed For Pupils
Tuesday 18th April	-	School Re-Opens
Monday 1st May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Monday 8th May	-	Bank Holiday - Coronation of King Charles III
Wednesday 17th May	-	Year 5 Transition @ TCA
Saturday 20th May	-	Spring Fair





Welcome back we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to starting 2023 with a full and fun packed, busy term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.



On Friday 3rd February 2023 we will be supporting the NSPCC Number Day.

We are inviting our Great Wood children to wear their own clothes for the day; with a number on, or something green. If it is your child's PE day please send them to school in trainers with their own clothes, suitable for PE.

During the day the children will take part in a number treasure hunt and a number of other fun maths activities.

A £1 donation towards the NSPCC would be very much appreciated.

Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400* a year!

*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.



Check if you're eligible and start saving today!

Head to:
www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Or speak to your school office.

YOU COULD SAVE £400



Arbor

Please be reminded that your child's Arbor accounts are to be topped up in advance, Thank you.

Thursday 19th January
The All American Lunch



Beef Burger or Quorn Hot Dog
With Fries

For dessert...
Jelly & Ice Cream

Mrs Rees Class Muddy Mornings

This term, children in Mrs Rees' class will be taking part in Muddy Mornings! These will be on:

- Thursday 26th January
- Thursday 9th February



All children will need to come to school dressed in warm, outdoor clothes and wellies/winter boots on these days. Please ensure clothes are suitable for the cold weather. Children will also need a spare pair of shoes for indoors. Thank you.

World Book Day

Advanced notice - On Thursday 2nd March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!



Lateness

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. 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.



PTFA Meeting

The first PTFA meeting of 2023, will be held on Wednesday 25th January at 6.00pm. 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.



Sickness - May we remind you that as advised by the Health Protection Agency, all children must be kept away from school for 48 hours, after their last episode of sickness, or diarrhoea.

Reminder that the deadline for applications to join our Reception Class in September 2023 is this Sunday (15th January)

Therefore, should you, a family member, or a friend have a child who is due to start in Reception class in September 2023 (the child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024), please remember to apply this weekend.

As a Staffordshire school, all applications need to be sent to Staffordshire local authority. To submit an application for your child to become a very important part of our lovely school and Trust family, please visit:

<https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

