



Great [Wood] News

Summer Term 3



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th June	-	New Reception Visit 1, All Children - 9.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday 14th June	-	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament
	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Friday 16th June	-	Year 6 transition Morning @ TCA
Monday 19th June	-	Painsley Induction Morning
Tuesday 20th June	-	New Reception Visit 2, All Children - 9.00am - 11.00am
	-	Mid-Summer Mash Up Lunch
Wednesday 21st June	-	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)!
Friday 23rd June	-	Own Clothes Day - £1 and a bottle donation
Monday 26th June	-	Cheadle Academy Induction
Tuesday 27th June	-	New Reception Visit 3, All Children - 9.00am - Lunch
	-	Move Up Day
	-	New Reception Parents Meeting 11.30am
Wednesday 28th June	-	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday 1st July	-	Cheadle Carnival
Monday 3rd July	-	Blythe Bridge Induction
Tuesday 4th July	-	Blythe Bridge Induction
Wednesday 5th July	-	Water Safety Assembly
Thursday 6th July	-	KS2 Performance - Dress Rehearsal
Monday 10th July	-	Painsley Induction
Tuesday 11th July	-	Painsley Induction
	-	KS2 Show Performance, 6.30pm - Ticket information to follow
Wednesday 12th July	-	Painsley Induction
Thursday 13th July	-	KS2 Show Performance, 6.30pm - Ticket information to follow
Friday 14th July	-	Y4/5/6 Violin and Recorder Assembly
Tuesday 18th July	-	Y6 Leavers Outing
Wednesday 19th July	-	Drop In Parents Evening
Thursday 20th July	-	Leavers Lunch
	-	Leavers Service, 2pm - All Welcome
	-	PTFA Leavers Disco
Friday 21st July	-	School Closes For Summer Holidays
	-	PTFA Quiz Night
	-	Camp Out





Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term at Great Wood.
We are excitedly looking forward to our Key Stage Two Summer Production, Sports Day and hopefully the sun shining!

Baby Rees Number Two Arrives!



It is with a huge amount of pleasure and excitement, that we would like to announce the safe arrival of Mr and Mrs Rees' baby girl.

Ada Carol Rees came into the world at 10.00am on Tuesday 6th June, weighing an impressive 9lb 6oz! Lottie is delighted to now be a big sister to Ada.

Ada is absolutely beautiful and we welcome her to our Great Wood family.

We are sure that you will join us in congratulating Mr & Mrs Rees and wishing them lots of happiness as a family of four.



Warm weather

With the increasing long spell of sunny high temperatures, could you please make sure that your child has a water bottle and hat in school and that they are wearing sun cream if appropriate.



Children may bring suitable sun cream to school, to apply themselves, on very sunny days (we have found that the spray on types are easier for the children to apply). Their sun cream and hats should be named.

PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th June at 6.30pm for the final arrangements regarding Cheadle Carnival and our Summer Camp out. Please come along and join us.



Sports Day

Weather permitting, will be holding our Sports Day on Wednesday 21st June, starting at 1.00pm. Parents are most welcome to come along, watch our competitive races, relays, novelty & water races and support their children. If the weather is inclement, or the field is not safe, we will postpone Sports Day until Wednesday 28th June. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Reminder

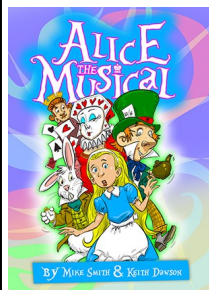
Please can all parents ensure their child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. We have had a number of items go missing recently and these are extremely difficult to find if they are not labelled! Thank you.



Great Wood Camp Out

This years Camp Out is set to be the biggest yet!

Taking place on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd July - Why not come and join us to celebrate another year at Great Wood! For full details please speak to a member of staff.



KS2 Summer Production - Alice The Musical

This year's Key stage two production of 'Alice The Musical' will take place on Tuesday 11th July at 6.30pm and Thursday 13th July at 6.30pm.

Please note that tickets will be needed for admission to the shows, these will be available from the school office nearer the time.

Children are already practising hard to wow you with their production! We are sure many of you will soon be able to hum along, as the children rehearse their singing.

Academy Photographs

Please ensure that you return your Academy Photographs to school by the close of the school day on **Monday 12th June**. We are unfortunately unable to process any orders received after this date.



For health and safety reasons, please can we request that children do not come down the steps from Great Wood Hall and cross vicarage Road. Please use the driveway and cross with Jan, the crossing lady. Thank you.

Ensembles

Do you play an instrument or sing at school and want to join an established group to further develop your playing? Do you want to learn to play an instrument or sing?

Staffordshire

Our Music Centres run on weekdays or Saturday mornings at venues across Staffordshire: Burton, Cannock, Lichfield, Moorlands, Newcastle, Stafford, and Tamworth. We also run a group 'Blast Off' which runs online every Tuesday for all beginner instrumentalists. All ages are welcome, from KS1 to adult helpers. We have something for everyone, from fun beginner groups to advanced ensembles, covering all styles and levels of experience.

Our Music Centres are all **FREE** of charge to musicians living or studying in Staffordshire. Want to try out a new instrument? We can provide a free-of-charge instrument for all members (subject to availability).

Registration

To register for our Music Centre groups, please scan the QR* code or follow this link: <https://partforliveparentv4.azurewebsites.net/17>

Please email us on musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk or visit our website www.entrustmusic.co.uk for details of times, or call 0333 300 1900.



Stoke-on-Trent

Do you play an instrument or sing at school and want to join an established group to further develop your playing? Do you want to learn to play an instrument or sing? Get expert tuition and friendly support at our Music Centre in Stoke-on-Trent.

Our Music Centres run on weekdays Monday to Thursday from 5.45-7.15pm at The Bridge Centre in Birches Head. All ages are welcome.

We have something for everyone, from fun beginner groups to advanced ensembles, covering all styles and levels of experience.

Registration

Our Music Centres are all **FREE** of charge to musicians living or studying in Stoke-on-Trent.

To register for our Music Centre groups email citymusicservice@stoke.gov.uk or call 01782 233796.



Reminder

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 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.



Busy Term Ahead!

The second half of this term is going to be an extremely busy one. We have lots of events planned, including numerous trips and outings for our children. All of these outings require permission slips, which have been/will be sent home accordingly. There is a great deal of organisation involved in providing these activities for our children and it would help immensely, if you could ensure that all slips are returned to school promptly. This will prevent staff having to chase slips, or children having to miss activities. Please can you also fill in all sections of the return slips. Thank you for your assistance with this matter and helping to make a smooth running, fun-filled half term, where our children can enjoy a fabulous time with the help of our dedicated staff.



Own Clothes Day!

Great Wood are once again taking part in the Cheadle Carnival this year.

Our amazing PTFA will be having a stall, a hamper raffle, lucky cards, bottle bags and glitter motifs.

We will be holding an own clothes day on **Friday 23rd June**, for a £1 donation and a bottle for the stall. We would be grateful if you could donate a bottle, such as, wine, bath products, alcohol, anything which comes in a bottle! This help raise funds for the little extras, for our fantastic children.

Please give donations to any of our team, or in at the school office by Friday 23rd June.

Thank you



Ice Cream Friday



Our fabulous PTFA ice cream Fridays have been a huge success! Each week there is a selection of ice creams and ice lollies available to purchase after school on Fridays. Don't forget to keep bringing your 50p's!

MID-SUMMER mash-up!

Tuesday 20th June

MAINS

Hawaiian Burger OR
American Veggie Sausage Dog

SIDES

Dirty Fries with Cheese,
Beans and Sweetcorn

DESSERTS

Vanilla Ice Cream

PTFA Raffle Winners

1. Kath
2. Archie Foxall
3. Bonnie Cotton
4. Ant (c/o Bonnie Cotton)
5. Felicity Fallon
6. Margaret (c/o Donna)
7. Janet (c/o Donna)
8. Kacey Turner
9. Nige (c/o Bonnie Cotton)
10. Amy (c/o Bonnie Cotton)
11. Ethan Brindley
12. Andrew James
13. Esme Hughes
14. Hannah (c/o Donna)



15. Felicity Fallon
16. Pete Haycock
17. Felicity Fallon
18. Ethan Brindley
19. Wayne (c/o Bonnie Cotton)

Thank you to all who attended and supported this year's very successful Spring Fair, including our annual raffle. We raised a staggering £907.00 for extras for our Great Wood children. These funds enable us to provide further resources and activities for our children.

Well done to our children who sold the most tickets, prizes go to:

Bonnie Cotton who sold £77

Felicity Fallon who sold £60

and Albert Brindley who sold £55

IMPF – Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 4th September

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th September

Half Term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 6th November

Term ends: Friday 22nd December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January

Spring Term 2024

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 8th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 9th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term ends: Friday 22nd March

Easter Holiday: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 8th April

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 9th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term ends: Friday 19th July

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 22nd July

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 30th August

Reminder: Please **do not** book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise these, except for exceptional circumstances and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

Rugby Club

Mr Adamson will be continuing his Friday Rugby club for all pupils already registered. However, this will not start again until Friday 23rd June and will finish on July 14th.



Car Park

As we have previously informed you, the car park is for staff and visitors only. We would like to inform you that bringing cars down onto the car park is prohibited, unless there is an authorised arrangement in place with Mr Adamson.

Please can we also remind parents/carers that vehicles are **NOT** permitted down the school drive to collect children from after school clubs. Currently the number of vehicles being brought down to the staff car park, after school, is causing a significant hazard to our children. As within the normal school day, any vehicles that are brought on to the school site, should be authorised, unless they belong to staff or expected visitors.

As we are sure you will appreciate, we are asking for your help with this, as it is extremely important with regard to protecting the safety of our children. Thank you.



Water bottles



Please be aware that children are allowed to bring their own, labelled water bottles into school. They will be able to access their water at any time during the day. These are especially beneficial during hot weather.