



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 4



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Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd February	-	Thinking Day
Thursday 7th March	-	World Book Day
	-	World Book Day Lunch
	-	Stoke's Gotta Sing
Friday 8th March	-	Wizard Of Oz Theatrical Production
Thursday 14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ TCA - Separate letter to those involved
	-	Comic Relief
	-	Comic Relief Lunch
Monday 18th March	-	Non Uniform Day, Easter Chocolate Donations
Thursday 21st March	-	Gymnastics Competition ** Please note date change**
Friday 22nd March	-	Easter Celebration Day
	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	-	Inset Day - School Closed For Pupils
Tuesday 9th April	-	School Re-Opens
Thursday 18th April	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Tuesday 23rd April	-	St Georges Day Lunch
Friday 26th April	-	PTFA Race Night, 7pm - 10pm
Monday 6th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 24th May	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 3rd June	-	School Re-Opens
	-	Year 6 Residential Visit To Standon Bowers



World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day is celebrated by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world on 22nd February each year.

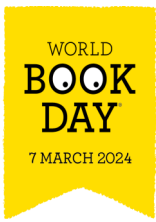
Its aim is to bring together children from all over the world (nearly 150 countries take part) to celebrate international friendships and think about a global theme, which is changed each year.

The theme for Thinking Day in 2024 is **"Our World, Our Thriving Future"**.

"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."
Lady Bird Johnson

To celebrate World Thinking Day, we are inviting all children in Rainbows or Brownies, to wear their uniform to school on Thursday 22nd February.





World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. All our children will be asked to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book, or wear their pyjamas for reading a story. 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.

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 the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you for your help.



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.



Bluebell Bakes Are Back!

Following the success of their visit before half term, Bluebell Bakes are coming back, this time, with even more stock and Easter treats!

Cake Sale

On Friday 23rd February, after school we have a special treat for our Great Wood families.

Bluebell Bakes will be visiting us and selling homemade cakes for your enjoyment.



Prices will be from 50p up to £2 and Bluebell Bakes will generously be making a donation to Great Wood.

Great Wood Wrap Around

Great Wood Wrap Around Care, is available if you need it.

We open at 7.30am, until the start of the school day and from 3.30pm until 6pm in the evenings. We still have spaces available, so why not come and join us. For further details, please contact Gina on 07398634160 or to book your place, please visit your child's Arbor account, under the clubs section.

We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!



Stay & play!



Please do not book holidays during term time as you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.



Easter Talent

This year we will be having an Easter creation competition, for our Great Wood children. Your creation is entirely your choice. It could be an Easter Bonnet, a collage, a card, a poster, an Easter scene, a painting, or any other Easter themed creation that springs to mind.

Entries will need to be in school for judging by Monday 18th March, at the latest.

We are sure that our talented children will wow us with their creations and are really looking forward to seeing them.



ATTENTION



GUM IS NOT ALLOWED

No Gum

Please may we remind you that chewing gum and bubble-gum are not permitted in school. We have noticed recently that this has been forgotten. Please do not allow your children to bring gum, in any form to school, it is a choking hazard and is often not disposed of correctly. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter and for helping to keep our children safe.



GREAT WOOD
WORLD BOOK DAY 2024
RAP COMPETITION!



This year's competition is inspired by MC Grammar!

He is the award-winning teacher and rapper Jacob Mitchell, who went viral in 2019 after a video of him rapping the popular children's book, The Gruffalo, received over 5 million views. He now has an extensive collection of YouTube videos designed to make learning fun!

MC Grammar is a proud ambassador of World Book Day and says that "Mixing the power of music with the magic of books is the coolest combination and an incredible opportunity to get kids excited about books and reading!"

His song called Reading is Amazing and his World Book Day Song are well worth a look/listen!

If you would like to enter our Great Wood World Book Day Rap Competition, please choose one of the following options to do:

Write a short rap of your own based on a story!

OR

Turn a short section of an existing story into a rap!

You will need to practise/learn your rap and be ready to perform it in front of your class during the week beginning Monday 4th March.

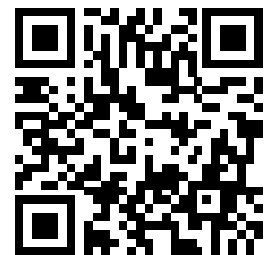
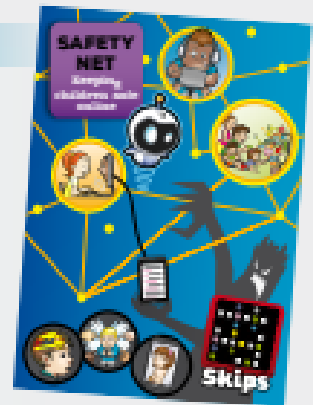
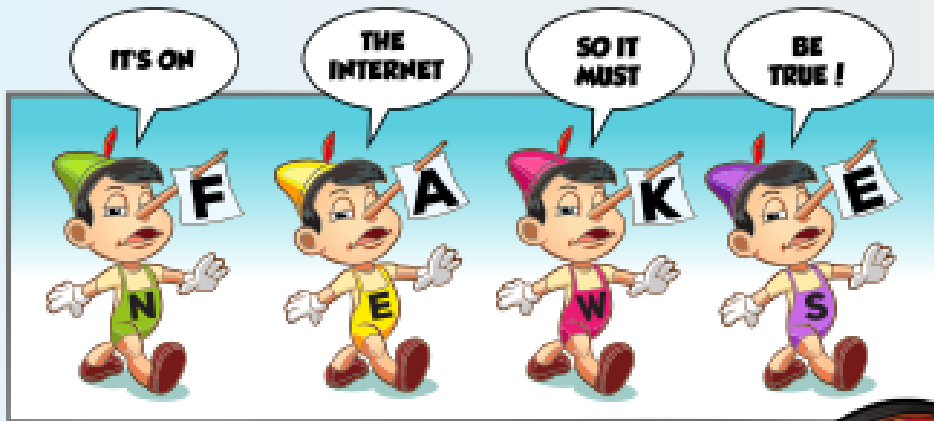
Class winners will get the chance to perform their rap in assembly as part of our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 7th March.

Happy rapping!

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A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Don't believe everything you see online!

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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