



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 3

### Diary Dates

30th January	-	Y5 Bikeability
31st January	-	Y5 Bikeability
14th February	-	Gymnastics Competition
	-	Valentines Lunch
15th February	-	Y6 Transition Morning @ The Cheadle Academy
	-	School Closes for Half Term
25th February	-	School Re-Opens
5th March	-	Pancake Lunch
7th March	-	World Book Day
14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
8th April	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
11th April	-	School Closes for Easter
29th April	-	School Re-Opens
6th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
13th May	-	SATS Week
17th May	-	Y5 Transition Morning @ The Cheadle Academy
24th May	-	School Closes for Half Term
3rd June	-	School Re-Opens



### Michael Bradbury

Michael Bradbury's funeral will take place on Monday 28th January, at 1.30pm. Mr Adamson and members of our Great Wood Team will be attending. School will run as usual, but please be aware, that on that day, the office will not be manned during the afternoon and there will be no crossing patrol person at the end of Vicarage road, at the end of the school day.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael's family at this sad time.

### 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.



### Y1/2 Multiskills

Please can any permission slips be returned by Thursday 31st January. Unfortunately without this your child will be unable to take part. If your child is being transported by another parent, please can you bring a booster seat to school on Friday 1st February. Thank you.



### 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.

### 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.



## 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.**



## Weather

Brrrrrrr, cold! Now that the winter seems to be closing in, keep an eye (and an ear) out for any potential snow problems. In the unlikely event that we do have to close, we will endeavour to contact parents as early as possible via text messages and a message will be posted on the school website [www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk). Mrs Wilkinson will be working very hard to ensure our safety, by gritting the paths into school on icy mornings. Please can all parents, children (and staff) make sure they walk only on the pathways that she has gritted.

**With this in mind, please remember to keep the school office updated with any change in contact details, should, for example, Santa have brought you a new phone for Christmas!**



## Bikeability

Our Year 5 Children will be taking part in Bikeability training on 30th & 31st January 2019. If your child will be involved please check the road worthiness of their bikes and ensure children have a cycle helmet.

