



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 1

School Contact Details



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Diary Dates

16th January	-	Year 4 & 5 Bikeability
17th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability
24th January	-	Year 1/2 Multiskills
27th January	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala
29th January	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
31st January	-	PTFA Race Night, 7pm-10pm
5th February	-	Y6 Transition Day @ TCA
11th February	-	Safer Internet Day
14th February	-	School Closes For Half Term
24th February	-	School Re-Opens
6th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
13th March	-	Sport Relief
17th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
23rd March	-	Reception & Y6 School Measurement Programme
30th March	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
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
20th June	-	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Choir Concert - More details to follow
24th June	-	Academy Photography Sports Teams and Music
1st July	-	KS2 Athletics Competition
	-	Sports Awards Evening
4th July	-	Cheadle Carnival
8th July	-	Halle Concert





Welcome back we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to starting 2020 with a full and fun packed, busy term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.

Information/Reminders

- The text number is +441538542095. Texts will be collected at regular intervals throughout the school day, but this number should only be used for non-urgent messages.
- Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniform and PE kit.
- **All** dinner money for the week ahead should be sent in on a Monday morning, in a **purse or envelope** clearly marked with your child's name, so that we can ensure that we send you the correct change. £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.
- Please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately when dropping off, or collecting children. A reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors to school only. Unless otherwise arranged.
- The school office is closed on Thursday afternoons. Urgent messages may be left on the answerphone.
- 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.
- If your child is ill, please ensure that you contact school to inform us as soon as possible on the first morning of the illness. This can be done via phone 01538 702355 option 4, text +441538542095 or email office@greatwood.staff.sch.uk. Thank you.



Many thanks for your help and support with all of the above.

Newsletters

We no longer send out paper copies of our weekly newsletters (except this one, due to clubs permission slip). Instead our newsletter is posted onto our website www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/great-wood for your convenience and to help preserve the planet!

Of course there will still be paper copies available, from the school office, should they be required.

We will continue to send a text out to inform you that the newsletter has been put onto the website.

If you have any queries regarding this change, please contact the school office.



Break Sales

Our wonderful Lesley and Jan, in the kitchen, provides break sales for children in year 1-6 each morning.

Prices are as follows:

Toast	20p
Cheese Oatcake	60p
Milkshake	60p
Hot Chocolate	50p



Swimming

Our Years 3 and 4 children started swimming on **Tuesday** 7th January 2020. The children will leave for their lesson on **Tuesday** afternoons, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them. Swimming caps are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £2.

Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



Bikeability

Our Year 4 and 5 Children will be taking part in Bikeability training on 16th & 17th January 2020. If your child will be involved please check the road worthiness of their bike and ensure children have a cycle helmet.



Reception, Year 1 & 2 Show and Tell

Please can we remind you that any toys bought 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.



Uniform



At Great Wood we aim to have our children smartly dressed in our school uniform. All pupils are required to attend school appropriately dressed and, for the assistance of parents, our school has adopted guidelines on dress.

Pupils are expected to wear clothing of a type appropriate for the school's activities. Unusual styles that may be distracting are not permitted.

Boys

Black trousers/shorts for summer

White school shirt

School tie

Great Wood 'v' neck jumper

Sensible black school shoes

Girls

Black skirts, pinafore dress, or trousers

White school blouse

Navy Blue Checked Summer Dress (NB pale blue

Checked dresses are not part of our uniform)

School tie

Great Wood 'v' neck jumper/cardigan

Black socks/tights and white socks for summer

Sensible black school shoes, not sandals

Uniform reminders - A reminder to children and parents about the governors' policy on items of clothing, footwear, jewellery and hairstyles -

- Trainers are not to be worn; they are not part of school uniform.
- Children are not to have inappropriate hairstyles for school (these would include shaved patterns and colours in hair).
- Jewellery cannot be worn for PE lessons. If earrings have to be worn in school (as a child has their ears pierced), only plain studs are permitted; a number of children have been wearing diamond studs, these are not allowed for safety reasons. Please do not allow your child/children to come to school in magnetic, or stick on earrings.
- Stick on transfers or tattoos are not permitted in school.
- Children are not allowed to wear make up, or nail varnish in school.



We are also having an increasing number of children arriving in school without their tie. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child wears their tie every day because, as you are aware, it is a compulsory part of our school uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation in maintaining our dress code standards.

Coming to school and messages for staff

If you need to convey a message regarding your child/children, there will be a member of staff at each door, who will be able to deliver the message for you. For urgent/confidential messages an appointment can be made to speak to their teacher during assembly time, or at the end of the school day (via the member of staff on duty at the door).

Parents/Carers are asked not to enter school via the front doors, but to use the individual doors for each class. If you require to speak to Mrs Bromley, or Mrs Buckley in the office, this can be done via the hatch in the foyer. This policy is for safeguarding and insurance purposes.

When taking your child to their cloakroom door, please allow them to sort their belongings and coats onto their pegs. This is to avoid congestion in the cloakroom and to promote the children's independence. Thank you for your help.



Weather



We are not trying to tempt fate, but should the winter start 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 county website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Mrs Wilkinson will be working very hard to ensure our safety, by gridding the paths into school on icy mornings. Please can all parents, children (and staff!) make sure they walk only on the pathways she has gridded.

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!

Espresso Home Access



Espresso is used in school to enrich the curriculum subjects using a variety of activities, videos, games, websites and follow up work. There is also a section that is useful for SATS revision and phonic support. By using the above information both children and parents/carers can access the Espresso site and take advantage of these resources at home, as school has bought into the special pupil home access.

Pupil username: student28055

Pupil password: forest

Web address: <https://online.espresso.co.uk>

Medicines

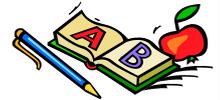


Unfortunately due to Health and Safety legislation we are unable to issue medicine to children, unless it has been prescribed by a doctor. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Applications for Reception September 2020

The closing date for applications for this year's reception class, in September, is fast approaching. If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the closing date for all applications is **January 15th 2020**. All applications must be done online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions selecting no UID number.

Please be aware having your child's name in the school book DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.



After School Clubs

Welcome to the Spring Term, we will once again be running a selection of after school clubs. The clubs available are as follows:

	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Invasion Sports £3 per session	
Tuesday	Drama Club (max 15)	Bug Club (max 16) £4 per week
Wednesday	ASM Gymnastics £3 per session	
Thursday	ASM Alternative Sports £3 per session	
Friday		Chess Club (max 30)



Clubs will start week commencing 13th January 2020 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing Monday 10th February 2020. On Tuesdays after school Mrs Roberts will be running training sessions for our Gym team. These will be by invitation only and a separate letter will be sent out to those involved.

Please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible. Please see separate letter for Bug Club.

Please Note: ASM Clubs are now required to be paid for in full, for a half term or full term, please see separate booking forms.

Childs Name	Clubs they would like to take part in:

Younger children should be collected at the end of the club. Upper Key Stage 2 may walk home with your permission.

I do/do not give permission for my child to walk home (delete as required)

Signed _____ Parent/Carer