



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 6

Diary Dates

5th March	-	World Book Day
6th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
11th March	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
13th March	-	Sport Relief
	-	Y5/6 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
17th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
18th March	-	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
19th March	-	Parents Forum - Computing Workshop
23rd March	-	Reception & Y6 School Measurement Programme
25th March	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
27th March	-	Non -Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations
	-	Y1/2 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
	-	PTFA Easter Disco, 6pm-7.30pm
30th March	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
	-	TMPF Music Concert @ TCA
1st April	-	Easter Lunch
	-	PTFA Easter Bingo
2nd April	-	School Closes for Easter
20th April	-	School Re-Opens
1st May	-	Y3/4 Class Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
3rd May	-	VE Day Celebrations
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
27th 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!

Welcome back we hope you all had a lovely half term holiday!

We have lots to look forward to during the second half of the spring term, with World Book Day, Sport Relief and our famous Easter Bingo!

Healthy Lunches



We would like to remind parents that Great Wood is a healthy eating school. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you ensure that it is as healthy as possible. "Eat better, feel better" Change4life.

Weather

Keep an eye 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



PTFA Meeting



Our next PTFA meeting will be held on, Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm. Please come and join us and help organise our upcoming events.

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

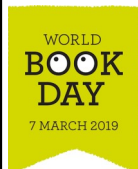


Children can enjoy a Full All Day Breakfast Lunch

Followed by
Queen of Hearts Jam Tarts
Or Oatie Cookie

£2.30 for children in Years 3-6

World Book Day



Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. All our children will be asked to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book. Whether its 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.

Reception Muddy Mornings

This half term, reception children will once again be taking part in Muddy Mornings! These will be on:

- Wed 11th March
- Wed 25th March

Please can children come to school wearing their muddy morning clothes on these days, (warm, outdoor clothes and shoes). They will then change to PE kits for the afternoon. No uniform required. Thank you.



Y3/4 Swimming



Year 3/4 Swimming will continue, the last session on Tuesday 31st March.

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 48hours after any episode of sickness. Thank you for your help.



Scholastic Book Fair

On Thursday 17th March we will be holding our Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open before and after school. The Book Fair brings a wide selection of books suitable for all of the year groups, from Reception up to Year six. For every £1.00 that we raise at the book sale, school will receive commission, enabling us to extend the school library and reading resources for our children.

Each child will receive a National Book token to use against the purchase of any book costing over £2.99 at our book fair, participating book shops, or clubs.



Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

A reminder that FREE school meals are available for some families, who meet specific criteria. There is no singling out of children in receipt of these meals, they receive a hot meal or sandwiches just the same as any other child because of the systems that we use. The online checking service is a faster way of applying for free school meals that gives you an instant yes or no answer as to your entitlement.

The link can be found on the website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Gloves, Hats and Scarves - Please can we remind you that it is very cold on the playground at the moment, 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.



Headlice

We seem to have an extreme case of Head lice in school, which, unfortunately, despite previous requests we are struggling to get under control. Please can we ask all parents to check their child's hair carefully for any 'little visitors' and treat accordingly. Unless everyone checks and treats their child's hair we are going to have an ongoing problem. **Help may also be available if you contact your health visitor or GP.** We really appreciate your help with this, thank you!



Invest For Success!

Over the past few months we have invested heavily in new learning resources for your children and wanted to share with you the new resources your children are now using. We have improved our reading scheme with new books for the children to read at home and also 'guided' reading books which we use in the classroom. With new phonics books in Key Stage 1, we have spent over £2000 in this area.

The children have also used a new Maths scheme from September. The Busy Ants maths programme has improved the diversity of the maths that the children learn. Again, an expensive resource at over £1000, we believe the children deserve the best and are enjoying undertaking an exciting varied maths curriculum.



In 2020, technology is a fundamental part of our lives. We teach computing as part of our curriculum including e-safety and as such need the latest devices to facilitate this teaching. So, we have invested over £7000 in new laptops for the children to use and touchscreens for the classrooms.

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AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday, March 18th 2020, 2.15pm

A Selection of Homemade Cakes, Tea and Coffee.

A special treat for Mums, Grandmas and carers.

Tickets £3 each, on a first come, first served basis.

100 tickets available, for this chilled afternoon.

Come and enjoy a treat with friends (we will take care of the children)!

Tickets available from the school office from 6th March.

Please come and join us, we would love to see you there.

***Please inform us about any allergies/dietary requirements ***



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. If your child receives 10 'late marks', you could receive a penalty notice from Staffordshire Local Authority.

Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.



After School Clubs

The clubs available for the second half of the Spring term are as follows:

	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Invasion Games £3 per session	
Tuesday	Year 2 SATS Booster	Y6 Revision Group - Please see separate letter for full date information
	Film Club (max 30)	
Wednesday	ASM Gymnastics £3 per session	
Thursday	ASM Alternative Sports £3 per session	
Friday		Tag Rugby (max 30)



Clubs will start week commencing 24th February 2020 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing Monday 30th March 2020.

Please Note: ASM Clubs are now required to be paid for in full, this half term is 6 Weeks.

Year 5/6 Assembly

On Friday 13th March our Year 5/6 children will be performing their class assembly at 2.30pm. This will be an interesting assembly related to Sport Relief.

We welcome you to come and join us and share this assembly with 5/6.



Y6 Residential Outdoor Education Centre Visit 2020

Following our letter dated 1st October 2019 about our exciting residential trip to Laches Wood for year six pupils, please be reminded that payment is due at any time before the **2nd April 2020**, which is the final day for the cost of the trip to be paid in full.

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Moorlands Primary Federation'.



HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

Spring Term 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Term ends: Thursday 2nd April

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Friday 3rd April

Easter Holiday: Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts for pupils: Monday 20th April

May Day: Friday 8th May

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term ends: Friday 17th July

Inset Day for staff (school closed): Monday 20th July

Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July – Monday 31st August



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.

Busy, Busy!

We are expecting that this half term will be an extremely busy one! We have lots of events taking place, including numerous 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 and monies due 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 term, where our children can enjoy fabulous events with the help of our dedicated staff.

