



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 1



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Diary Dates

- 1st February - Chinese New Year
- 4th February - NSPCC Number Day
- 18th February - School Closes For Half Term
- 28th February - School Re-opens
- 1st March - Pancake Day Lunch
- 3rd March - World Book Day



Behaviour On School Grounds

Please can we draw your attention to expected behaviour on our school grounds. We strive to maintain our school as a safe, happy environment and as such will not tolerate swearing, abusive, threatening, or violent behaviour. Any behaviour that could be considered as inappropriate will not be tolerated. These rules are made to protect our Great Wood family, not only our staff, but equally our pupils and parents. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Sickness

May we remind you that as advised by the Health Protection Agency, all children must be kept away from school for 48 hours, after their last episode of sickness, or diarrhoea.



Number Day 2022

On Friday 4th February 2022 we will be supporting the NSPCC Number Day.

We are inviting our Great Wood children to wear their own clothes for the day; with a number on, or something green. If it is your child's PE day please send them to school in trainers with their own clothes, suitable for PE.

During the day the children will take part in a number treasure hunt and a number of other fun math's activities.

A £1 donation towards the NSPCC would be very much appreciated.

Every Mind Matters

Every Mind Matters is a new resource from the brilliant NHS. It contains practical tips and videos from experts about dealing with stress and anxiety, boosting your mood, dealing with change, coping with money worries, sleeping better and looking after your wellbeing.

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

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Break Sales

Katie and Jan, continue serving our lovely break time snacks, available each morning at the following prices. Please remember to top up your Arbor account in advance, to enable children to purchase snacks.

Toast	20p	Milkshake	60p
Oatcake	60p	Fruit Juice	50p

Please note: children in Reception are only allowed to order toast.



Wrap Around Booking System

All bookings for our Breakfast and Afterschool wrap around are now via the Parent Portal, or Arbor App.

You are required to book each session, which your child requires in advance and all sessions can be found in the clubs section. If the sessions are at capacity, you will not be able to book your child in.

Please note: the 24 hour cancellation policy still applies and must be done via the school office, or Wrap Around mobile number 07398634160.

If you require any help with the bookings please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wrap Around Charges

AM Drop Off	Price
7.30am	£5.00
8.00am	£3.00
8.30am	£1.00
PM Collection	Price
4.00pm	£2.00
4.30pm	£4.00
5.00pm	£6.00
5.30pm	£8.00
6.00pm	£10.00

Keeping warm!

As the cold & wet weather creeps in, we ask that all children bring a coat to school, to wear at playtime and lunchtime. Also, please can you ensure that your child/children have hats and gloves to keep them warm, when they are on the playground.

Children that do not have suitable outdoor clothing, will not, as the weather becomes colder, be allowed to have an outdoor playtime and will have to remain inside at break and lunch times.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Great Wood children warm and cosy.



Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400* a year!

*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.

YOU COULD SAVE
£400

Check if you're eligible and start saving today!

Head to:
www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals
Or speak to your school office.



Bug Club

We have now rescheduled our KS1 'Bug Club'. This club will start after half term on Fridays after school and run for 6 weeks. There are limited places still available. The cost of the club will be £30 for 6 weeks. Please book via Arbor, under the clubs section.



Please be reminded that your child's Arbor accounts are to be topped up in advance. Thank you.

Monday 14th February Valentines Lunch



Quorn Burger or Beef Burger
With Wedges

For dessert...
Shortbread Hearts

Tuesday 1st March Pancake Lunch



Beef Burger or Cheese Oatcake
With Wedges

For dessert...
Pancakes with a choice of toppings

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day Lunch



Quorn Sausage or Sausage
With Mashed Potato

For dessert...
Mud Cake or Peach Crumble
With Magic Custard

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.



World Book Day

Advanced notice - On Thursday 3rd March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!

