



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 2



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### Diary Dates

- 18th February - School Closes For Half Term
- 28th February - School Re-opens
- 1st March - Pancake Day Lunch
- 3rd March - World Book Day



## Number Day 2022

On Friday 4th February, children dressed in green, or numbers for NSPCC Number day. During the day they took part in a treasure hunt around school and number competitions. Together we raised £99.16 for this very worthwhile cause.

### 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.



## Reading Rewards

From week commencing 14/02/2022 we will be introducing rewards for our avid and committed readers. It is a requirement that our children read at least three times a week, so we have decided to reward those who do. Every week one child's names will be picked at random, using the wheel of names. The child picked will then give in their reading diary. If they have at least three signed reads at home for the week, they will win a prize.

To promote our reading we would like some of the prizes to be books. We would be extremely grateful if you could donate any unwanted books, in good condition, for our reading prize box, or library. Please take your donated books to the school office.

Thank you in advance for supporting our young book worms!

### 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!

### 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.



### 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.



Arbor

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 Hot Dog  
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

### Read Aloud Day

On Wednesday 2nd February Great Wood took part in Read Aloud Day. Throughout the day a tambourine would sound, signalling 'Read Aloud'. Upon the signal, everything stopped within the classroom, on the playground or during PE, books were grabbed and reading began. We read aloud for pleasure, individually, in groups, or as a class. This was not done in our own sweet voices, however, we took on different personas, becoming monsters, pirates, babies, animals, or royalty! Our expression was explored, our reading was advanced and our fun was limitless!

Well done Great Wood, you are amazing!

