

Great [Wood] News Spring Term 1





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Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th January - Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 18th January - Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 22nd January - Young Voices

Tuesday 23rd January - 5 Year Olds Dental Survey
Thursday 25th January - Year 2 Multiskills @ TCA

Monday 29th January - NSPCC Assembly

Wednesday 1st February - PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome

Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5th January - NSPCC Y2, 5 & 6 Class Workshops

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- Academy Photos

- Chinese New Year Lunch

Wednesday 7th February - Pancake Lunch

Thursday 8th February - Parents Evening 3.45pm-5.45pm

Friday 9th February - Valentines Lunch

- Y5/6 Class Violin Assembly, 2.45pm - Y5/6 Parents Welcome

School Closes For Half Term

Monday 19th February - School Re-Opens

Wednesday 6th March - Gymnastics Competition

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

- World Book Day Lunch

Stoke's Gotta Sing

Thursday 14th March - Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 15th March - KS2 Dance Festival @ TCA - Separate letter to those involved

- Comic Relief

- Comic Relief Lunch

Friday 22nd March - Easter Celebration Day

- School Closes For Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April - Inset Day - School Closed For Pupils

Tuesday 9th April - School Re-Opens

Tuesday 23rd April - St Georges Day Lunch

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed





Welcome back we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to starting 2024 with a full and fun packed, busy term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.



On Friday 2nd February 2024 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 maths activities.

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

Our children's favorite, All Day Breakfast Lunch is back!!

Each Thursday of our week 2 menu, children have a choice of Bacon, Sausage or Veggie Sausage, served with Omelette, Diced Potatoes, Beans or Tomatoes & Toast.

Starting this Thursday, 18th January 2024.

Lost items

Please check your child hasn't accidently picked up another child's school uniform. If this is the case, 'pop' it back into school and we will endeavour to return it to their rightful owner.

Please, please, please ensure that ALL of your child's belongings are labelled. We can always find the real owner of a labelled jumper, or cardigan; anonymous items can be somewhat more difficult!



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.

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.



School Ties easing number o

We are 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.

Ties are available to purchase from Something Special, Cheadle.

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



World Book Day



Advanced notice - On Thursday 7th March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!

PTFA Meeting

The first PTFA meeting of 2024, will be held on Thursday 1st February at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend, so please come along and join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and find out about our upcoming fund raising events.

Teddies

It might seem early, but we are on a mission!

We are now starting to collect teddies for the Summer Fair!

If you have any clean and not too tatty teddies, we would be very grateful for them, for our amazing name the Teddy Stall.

So if you have teddies in need of a new home, please bring them into school, whenever suits you and we will find them a new loving home.



All the funds raised by our Summer Fair help to provide all those important extras for our Great Wood children.



<u>Sickness -</u> 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.

Violin Assembly

On Friday 9th February our fabulous Mrs Whiteley will be leading our year 5/6 children in their K2M assembly. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are welcome to join us and listen to their amazing violin playing (we are sure you have already sampled this at home)! The assembly will start at 2.30pm. Hope to see you there!



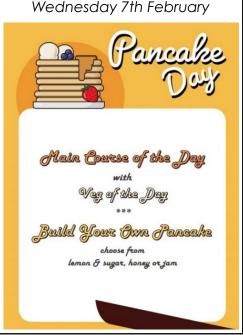
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Parents Evening



On Thursday 8th February we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, where staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.45pm – 5.45pm. Bookings are available via Arbor, our online Parent Portal. Here you will be able to choose the most convenient available slot. Each appointment will be 5 minutes. Please consider our teachers schedules and be aware they might ask you to arrange an extra meeting (at a later date), if you feel you need more time for discussions.





Friday 9th February

<u>Valentines Lunch</u>



Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons

With Chips, Beans & Peas

For dessert...

Valentines Heart Biscuit

Snow Days

The weather is unpredictable at the moment and more snow is quite likely. In the unlikely event of a snow day, school will inform parents/carers that the school will be shut, as early as possible via email and Facebook. We always endeavour to keep the school open and if you don't hear from us, Great Wood will be open.

Please DO NOT call school on these days to see if we are open, as this blocks the phone line for those parents trying to inform us of absences due to illness.

During snowy/icy weather, 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.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter, we really appreciate it.

Stay in Contact

We would like to remind you that if you move house, change your email address, or get a new mobile phone number, you need to inform the school office as soon as possible. We need to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency, so it is vital that we have up to date contact details for all our Great Wood Families.

Please ensure that you let us know straight away, if any of your contact details change.











