



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 1

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Diary Dates

Coming next week

We are happy to welcome you all back to the new school year, and hope you all had a good summer break.



A very warm welcome to the children and families, who are joining us for the first time - welcome, George, Ava, Nicola, Evie N, Zeek, Isaac, Evie B, Gianna, Lola, Katy-Hope, Felicity and Martha in Reception. Also, to Riley, Benjamin and Archie joining our school family. We look forward to getting to know you all during our exciting Autumn Term.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Furnival to Great Wood. Mrs Furnival has taught at St Werburghs Primary School for many years and we are delighted to welcome her to the Great Wood family, as our new Y3/4 class teacher. Also joining Great Wood this year, is Mrs Butt, from The Cheadle Academy, who will be teaching our children Modern Foreign Languages, on a Wednesday, across the school. Our children will be enjoying German and learning to speak to each other in a foreign language.

Mr Chapman will continue to deliver our music lessons, each Friday, where our children will experience using a variety of musical instruments and be fine tuning their voices during singing time. Mr Chapman will also be leading our K2M music, with our Year 3 and 4 class.

Fabulous Summer Camp Out!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone, who took part in our amazing camp out again this year. The weather was extremely kind to our campers and everyone enjoyed a fun-filled weekend in the sunshine. As usual our fantastic PTFA put on a brilliant event and in the process raised a massive £425.21! It is events like this that enable us to give our Great Wood children all the extras that the PTFA provide, such as coaches for our school trips (keeping the cost down for our Great Wood families), play ground resources, extra books for our new library and lots more. So to all those who organised, shopped, cooked, supervised, ran games, cleaned up, turned up and generally took part THANK YOU, you are all amazing!

Keep an eye out in the end of season sales, for your camping bargains for next year !



School Text Number



Thank you to all who continue to use our text messaging service. This is checked regularly during the day for any messages, please note the school text number is **441538542001**.

However, if your message is urgent, or close to the end of the school day please contact the school office on 01538 702355 option 4, thank you.

Please can all parents/carers be reminded that dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on school grounds.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Information/Reminders



- 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. £2.20 per day, £11.00 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.
- The school office is closed on Thursday afternoons. Urgent messages may be left on the answerphone.
- 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. Thank you.

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

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Inset Day for staff: Monday 3rd September

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 4th September

Inset Day for staff: Friday 26th October

Half Term: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

Term ends: Friday 21st December

Christmas Holiday: Mon 24th December – Fri 4th January

Spring Term 2019

Inset Day for staff: Monday 7th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Term ends: Thursday 11th April

Inset Day for staff: Friday 12th April

Easter Holiday: Friday 12th April – Friday 26th April

Summer Term 2019

Term starts for pupils: Monday 29th April

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term ends: Friday 19th July

Inset Day for staff: Monday 22 July

Summer Holiday: Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th August



ASM Sport Afterschool Clubs

ASM Sports will be running an after school sports clubs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from Monday 10th September. The club will be straight after school until 4.30pm each day, until the end of this half term, when a new list of clubs will be available.

The club is for both key stages and costs £3.00 per week, per child.

If you would like your child to attend the ASM Sports club, please complete the permission slip on the attached form and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as there are limited spaces available. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Break Sales

Our wonderful Lesley and Jan in the kitchen provide break sales for children in years 1-6 each morning. Prices are as follows:

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| Toast | 30p | Ice Cream | 50p |
| Oatcake | 60p | Milkshake | 60p |



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.



Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to park considerately on Vicarage Road at the beginning and end of the school day. Please, please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately and **NOT** on the zig zags; when dropping off or collecting children. Also can we remind you that the staff car park is for staff and visitors' vehicles only, unless prior arrangements have been agreed with the school office. Thank you.

Year 5/6 Swimming

Years 5 and 6 will start swimming on **Tuesday** 11th September 2018. The children will leave for their lesson on **Tuesday** mornings at 10.30am, 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.

