



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 2



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Diary Dates

16th January	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
17th January	-	PTFA Meeting, 3.30pm - All Welcome
30th January	-	Y5 Bikeability
31st January	-	Y5 Bikeability
14th February	-	Valentines Lunch
15th February	-	Y6 Transition Morning @ The Cheadle Academy
	-	School Closes for Half Term
25th February	-	School Re-Opens
5th March	-	Pancake Lunch
7th March	-	World Book Day
14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
8th April	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
11th April	-	School Closes for Easter
29th April	-	School Re-Opens
6th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
13th May	-	SATS Week
17th May	-	Y5 Transition Morning @ The Cheadle Academy
24th May	-	School Closes for Half Term
3rd June	-	School Re-Opens



Weather



Brrrrrrrr, cold! Now that the winter seems to be closing in, keep an eye (and an ear) 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 county website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. 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.

With this in mind, please remember to keep the school office updated with any change in contact details, should, for example, Santa have brought you a new phone for Christmas!

Your Child's School Uniform



Unfortunately, we are getting a lot of parents contacting us, regarding missing school uniform and PE kits. We would ask that you ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their PE kit, pumps, trainers, shoes and coats are clearly labelled with their name. As we are sure that you can imagine children easily mislay their belongings, or accidentally pick up somebody else's PE kit. We appreciate the cost of your child's uniform and hope that you will help us to make sure that your child/children do not lose any of their uniform, or kit. Labelling makes it far easier and quicker to reunite items with their actual owners. **Please can you also check that your child is wearing their own uniform and not somebody else's labelled uniform, because we still have some missing.** Thank you for your help in this matter.



Applications for Reception September 2019

The closing date for applications for this year's reception class, in September, is fast approaching. If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the closing date for all applications is **January 15th 2019**. All applications must be done online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions selecting no UID number.

Please be aware having your child's name in the school book DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.



School Dinners

A reminder that Lesley's delicious school dinners should be paid for **in advance**, on Monday mornings. Money for any dinners paid for but not taken, will be carried over to the following week - please try not to send money in on a daily basis.

This money should be in a purse, or envelope clearly marked with your child's name, which is imperative in helping us to ensure you receive the correct change. Thank you.



Reception Children Muddy Mornings

This half term, reception children will be taking part in Muddy Mornings! These will be on Wednesday 23rd January and Wednesday 6th February. All children will need outdoor clothes and shoes with them on these days. Thank you.



Great Wood Wrap Around



Our exciting new wrap around care is up and running. Our new venture, Great Wood Wrap Around Care, opened for business this week. We open at 7.30am, until the start of the school day and from 3.15pm until 6pm in the evenings. The rates are charged at 75p per 15 minutes, including breakfast, or an afternoon snack. We still have spaces available, so why not come and join us. For further details, please contact Jean, or Gina on 07398634160. We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!

After School Clubs

We still have spaces on our after school clubs. The clubs available are as follows:



	Key stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)	Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Monday	ASM Sports £3 per session	
Tuesday	Construction (max 30)	Bug Club (max 16) £4 per week Gym Competition Training (Invitation Only)
Wednesday	ASM Sports £3 per session	
Thursday	ASM Sports £3 per session	
Friday	Art and craft club £1 per week	Chess Club (max 30)

Clubs will start week commencing 14th January 2019 and run from the end of school until 4.30pm. The last week for clubs will be week commencing Monday 11th February 2019. On Tuesdays after school, Mrs Roberts will be running training sessions for our Gym team. These will be by invitation only and a separate letter will be sent out to those involved.

Please let us know if your child is interested in taking part, for children taking part in craft club please enclose your payment of £5 for the half term. Please see separate letter for Bug Club.

Wrap up warm!

The weather is becoming markedly colder and it is becoming extremely chilly on the playground. Please ensure that your child/children are wearing appropriate winter clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves, to enable them to enjoy their play times, without turning blue!



Headlice



We have, unfortunately, got the problem of headlice in school again. Please can you be extra-vigilant in checking your child's hair each week and treat as necessary, to help us to eliminate this persistent problem. Many thanks for your help.

PTFA Meeting

The first PTFA meeting of 2019, will be held on Wednesday 16th January at 6.30pm, we will then hold another meeting on Thursday 17th January at 3.30pm for anyone who can't make it. 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.

