



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 4

# Top Marks again for Great Wood!!!



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mr Eccles,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in writing and mathematics, Great Wood Community Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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GO TEAM!  
WAY TO GO

Once again our amazing Great Wood team are excited to share yet more exceptional news, with all our Great Wood families.

Mr Eccles recently received another letter, in recognition of the fantastic results that Great Wood have achieved. As you can see from the letter, Great Wood is in the top 1%, of primary schools in England, for attainment in writing and maths. This is a direct result of the hard work and dedication put in by both our staff and pupils.

We are very proud of this achievement and recognition and, as always, we will continue to provide the best education possible to all our Great Wood children.

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### Diary Dates

11th February	-	Safer Internet Day
	-	Reception, Y1, Y2 Visit to Wedgewood
12th February	-	KS2 Gymnastic Competition
14th February	-	Valentines Lunch
	-	Y3/4 Music Assembly, 2.30pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes For Half Term
24th February	-	School Re-Opens
25th February	-	Pancake Lunch
5th March	-	World Book Day
6th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werburghs - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
11th March	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
13th March	-	Sport Relief
17th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
18th March	-	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
23rd March	-	Reception & Y6 School Measurement Programme
24th March	-	Reception Children Muddy Morning
30th March	-	Academy Class Photograph's and Year 6 Leavers
1st April	-	Easter Lunch
2nd April	-	School Closes for Easter
20th April	-	School Re-Opens
8th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
11th May	-	SATS Week
22nd May	-	School Closes for Half Term
1st June	-	School Re-Opens
	-	Y6 Visit to Laches Wood
10th June	-	Y5/6 Cricket Tournament
12th June	-	Y6 PE Transition @ TCA
17th June	-	Y3/4 Cricket Tournament
27th June	-	Ashby-de-la-Zouch Choir Concert - More details to follow
24th June	-	Academy Photography Sports Teams and Music
1st July	-	KS2 Athletics Competition
	-	Sports Awards Evening
4th July	-	Cheadle Carnival
8th July	-	Halle Concert



### Race Night



On Friday 31st January we held our PTFA Race Night . There was a great deal of cheering and whooping as the horses romped over the finish line, in each of the eight races! Even with the bet per horse being just £1, we managed to raise an amazing £279.50!! The funds from this amazing total will go directly towards extra resources, coaches, events for our children and keeping trip costs down for our parents/carers.

We would like to send a massive thank you to our fantastic PTFA, who bring these events together for the benefit of our children. Fabulous, Thank you!

### Gloves, Hats and Scarves

Please can we remind you that it is very cold on the playground at the moment, 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.



### Reception Muddy Mornings

This term, reception children will be taking part in Muddy Mornings! These will be on:

- Wed 5th February
- Wed 11th March
- Wed 25th March

All children will need warm, outdoor clothes and shoes with them on these days.

Thank you.



Thursday 14th February

### Valentines Lunch



Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers  
Chips & Beans

For dessert...

Shortbread Hearts  
or Jelly

£2.30 for children in Years 3-6

### World Book Day

Advanced notice - On Thursday 5th March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!



On Tuesday 11th February children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 will be visiting The World of Wedgwood. Please can any outstanding permission slips be returned to school by Friday 7th February.

**WORLD of WEDGWOOD**

### K2M Assembly

On Friday 14th February our fabulous Mr Chapman will be leading our year 3/4 children in their K2M assembly. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are welcome to join us and listen to their amazing guitar and ukulele playing (we are sure you have already sampled this at home)! The assembly will start at 2.30pm, hope to see you there!



### Lost items

Please check your child hasn't accidentally picked up another child's school uniform. If this is the case, 'pop' them back into school and we will endeavour to return them 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!

If you purchase new school uniform, please do not have suppliers embroider your child's initials in prominent places. This is not our school uniform policy.



### Headlice

We seem to have an extreme case of Head lice in school, particularly in the KS2 classes, which, unfortunately, despite previous requests we are struggling to get under control. Please can we ask all parents to check their child's hair regularly and carefully for any 'little visitors' and treat accordingly. Unless everyone checks and treats their child's hair we are going to have an ongoing problem. **Help may also be available if you contact your health visitor or GP.** We really appreciate your help with this, thank you!



**Bugs!** - We have a couple of bugs going around school at the moment, to help stop these spreading please can you refrain from sending your child back to school until 48 hours after any episode of sickness.

### School Ties

We are also 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 the school office at a cost of £4.85.



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. £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.



### Mobile Phones and Tablets

We understand that in a few cases mobile phones are a necessity for our KS2 children who walk to and home from school. We are happy for these phones to come to school and to be handed in at the school office, at the start of the school day, where they will be kept safe, until the end of the school day. Unfortunately, we can not permit mobile phones or tablets, to be brought into school for any other reason, including Wrap Around, due to safe guarding.

We would, therefore be very grateful if you could ensure that your child/children are not bringing their phones or tablets to school, unless this is pre-arranged with the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

