



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 7

Learning together, achieving together, happy together,
forward together...

24th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed the mild weather – hopefully spring is now well on the way!

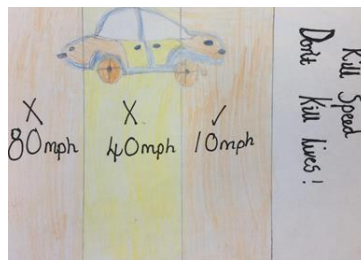
This half-term I will be teaching Road Safety to all year groups. On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 analysed data that showed how road safety has improved over the last 10 years and designed some great road safety slogans. Here are a few:



Matthew Occleshaw



Estelle Basse



Jessica Hardcastle



Sophie Occleshaw

STOP PRESS!

The Book Fair will continue to take place in the School Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The children will be able to redeem their World Book Day token against the cost of any book sold at the Book Fair. As you may be aware, a proportion of the monies raised at the Book Fair is given to the school, enabling us to buy even more lovely resources for your children.

Safer Internet Day - 7th February 2017

For the national Safer Internet Day, I delivered an extended assembly to remind the children how to keep safe online. This year's theme was 'Be the change: unite for a better internet' and the whole school took part in a quiz as well as considering the impact of posting images online. As always, the children demonstrated a very good understanding of internet safety and it was great to see the Year 5 and Year 6 supporting the children in Reception and Year 1.

Head Teacher Award

Shay Vincent and Noah Bates were the first children to receive the Head Teacher's Award on Thursday 9th February in our Celebration Assembly. Both boys have shown perseverance and great determination to move forward in their learning and were rewarded for their efforts with a certificate and tickets for the Vue cinema. Well done!

Parent View

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete the Parent View online questionnaire. So far, 60 families have submitted their answers and it would be wonderful to have the responses of all our parents; your views are important and help the school develop and improve.

The questionnaire can be accessed directly from the Parent View site at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or from the home page of Ofsted website at www.gov.uk/ofsted

Sausage Sizzle



Several members of the PTA helped Mrs Osborne and I run the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 11th February. Although it was a freezing cold day (we even saw snow!) we raised the amazing amount of £960 which will be spent on new books.

I would like to thank all our parents who showed up to support How Wood School by buying a sausage or 2 as well as the staff at Bunnings who made this event possible.

Girl Guiding Thinking Day

Wednesday the 22nd February was World Thinking Day and all Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides were invited to come to school in their uniforms. The children then led an assembly where they explained the significance of this day to the whole school.

As the theme of World Thinking day was 'Grow', Burston's Garden Centre kindly donated an ornamental cherry tree which will be planted in the school grounds as a memory of this special event and as a symbol of friendship.



Early Years Foundation Stage Refurbishment

The EYFS refurbishment was completed during half-term and the children have returned to a much bigger space. There is still work to be done but we are well on the way to making our EYFS unit a wonderful learning environment for your children.

School Uniform

Please note that during the summer term we will be changing over to an online ordering service for all school uniform. The providers we will be using are Macpac and parents will be able to order online or by phone; they also offer a click and collect facility and will soon have a shop opening in Watford.

We still have a range of stock in school so please continue to visit the office for your uniform requirements until further notice.

Key Dates for Spring 2017

Here is a list of events going on throughout the Spring term. Please be aware that there will be additional events and it is therefore important to read newsletters regularly.

Monday 27 th February	Year 5 & 6 Setpoint – Maths Challenge
Tuesday 28 th February	Nursery Tour
Wednesday 1 st March	Year 5 & 6 visit Frogmore Church – Life Expo
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day African Story-telling Workshops
Friday 3 rd March	'Bedtime Story Day' – Children wear onesies or pjs
Saturday 4 th March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 6 th March	Year 2 visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum
Wednesday 8 th March	Nursery Tour
Friday 10 th March	Year 1 visit to Windsor Castle
Thursday 16 th & Friday 17 th March	Science Day – Silly Science Workshops
Saturday 18 th March	Netball Tournament
Saturday 18 th March	Swimming Gala – 5pm
Monday 20 th March	Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony
Tuesday 21 st March	EYFS visit to Heartwood Forest
Thursday 23 rd March	Saltmine Theatre – Whole school + workshop in Year 6
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day & PTA Cake Bake
Monday 27 th March	Year 5 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills
Tuesday 28 th March	School Nurse visit <u>Reception:</u> height, weight, vision and hearing <u>Year 6:</u> Height and weight screening
Wednesday 29 th March	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal – 10.30am
Wednesday 29 th March	School Choir performing at the Alban Arena Concert @ 7pm
Thursday 30 th March	Year 3 and 4 Evening Performance – 6pm
Friday 31 st March	Charlotte's Web production for whole school
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term – Finish at 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th April	Summer term begins - children return to school

Assemblies

Parents are invited to their child's class assembly at 9am. Year 3 and Year 4 will not be sharing an assembly as they will be performing an end of term production.

Date	Class	
Friday 3 rd March	Year 6	Parent
Friday 17 th March	Year 2	Parent
Friday 24 th March	Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery & Reception	Parent

Term dates for next year (2017 -18)

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 30th August – Occasional Day

Thursday 31st August – Occasional Day

Friday 1st September – Occasional Day

Monday 4th September – INSET Day

Children start new school year – Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October 2017

Half-term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Children back to school – Monday 30th October to Tuesday 19th December 2017

Monday 27th November 2017 - Occasional Day

Spring Term 2018

Children back to school – Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February 2018

Half-term – Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018

Children back to school – Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Children back to school – Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May 2018

Half-term – Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

Friday 25th May – INSET Day

Children back to school – Monday 4th June to Friday 20th July 2018

Monday 23rd July – INSET

Tuesday 24th July – INSET

Wednesday 25th July - INSET

Thursday 26th July – Occasional Day

Friday 27th July – Occasional Day

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rowe