



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 11

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, the children have been keeping very busy in school. Since my last newsletter we have celebrated World Book Day, raising £601 and enabling each class to buy £45 worth of books; the children also enjoyed African Story-telling workshops. Year 2 have visited The Florence Nightingale Museum; Year 1 had a trip to Windsor Castle; Year 5 & 6 took part in the Life Expo at Frogmore Church; Year 5 & 6 built a giant tetrahedron in their Setpoint session and we have just had two exciting days of science including 'Silly Science' workshops in every class. I have also taught PSHE in Year 2 and Year 3 and in both classes the children thought carefully about how being kind to others and having this reciprocated can boost self-esteem.



Our 'Silly Scientist'

Celebrating Writing

It is always lovely to be able to publish examples of excellent writing and this week, Tiana and Bentley in Year 4 have written haikus that celebrate the coming of spring.



Sporting Achievements

Swimming

Last Friday evening, Daniel, Robyn, Megan (Year 6) and Lucas (Year 5) represented How Wood School in the ESSA Primary Schools Relay Teams Gala in Garston. The children made both finals on the night and won the Freestyle Relay making How Wood the Small Schools Champions of Hertfordshire. The children collected gold medals and a trophy for the cabinet. Coming second in the Medley Relay secured How Wood School the East championship trophy and qualified the children for the National finals in Sheffield in June! Very well done to Daniel, Robyn, Megan and Lucas!



Tag Rugby Festival

How Wood took a team of children from Year 5 and 6 to the Tag Rugby Festival in Harpenden. The children did really well, winning three out of four games and drawing one.

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Children from Year 6 attended a Level 2 School Games Quicksticks Competition at Oaklands College on Tuesday 14th March. Although we didn't make it through to the finals, the children did very well, competing against some large Hertfordshire schools.

Well done and thank you to all the children at How Wood School who compete in a number of different events throughout the year.

Reminders:

Parent View

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete the Parent View online questionnaire. So far, 62 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

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.

Keeping our children safe online

I hope that all parents read the letter that I sent out on Monday that highlighted the dangers associated with the app *Musical.ly*. It is vitally important that we are all vigilant with regards to protecting our children from exposure to inappropriate images, videos and relationships online and I strongly advise all parents to closely monitor the apps, websites, online gaming and social media platforms that your children are using. Thank you.

"It's about You, Your Family and the Future"

Parishioners who live in St Stephen Parish - which encompasses the villages of Bricket Wood, Chiswell Green and Park Street – are invited to have their say on how the area will develop over the coming years – log onto <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParishNPlan> to record your views and opinions on matters such as Housing Development, Community and Leisure facilities, Green Spaces and the Environment, Traffic and Public Transport, Local Business and Employment.

Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider. New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

[Keep safe](#) – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

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.

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	Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery & Reception
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

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