



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 16

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

21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a very successful year at How Wood School and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Head teacher. Your children are an absolute credit to you and they are all wonderful ambassadors for our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for their continued professionalism and dedication. Together with your children, they make How Wood School a place where learning is fun and every single child strives to achieve their very best.

Today we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. They have been a wonderful class and will be greatly missed by the whole team. We wish them every success for the future - we know they will all go far and achieve their dreams and goals.

### **Staffing**

Miss Hancock and Mrs Jubb are leaving us this term and I would like to thank them both for all their hard work. We welcome Mrs Barnes who will be teaching in Year 1 and Reception class in September.

### **Ofsted**

Ofsted visited last week and our report will be published in September. I would like to thank all parents who spoke to the inspector in the morning and shared your very positive thoughts and views with her and also to parents who took the time to comment on Parent View.

### **School uniform**

From September we will be changing over to an online ordering service for all school uniform Macpac. Please click on the following link to access the website:

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/howwoodprimaryschool122hu>

You can also take advantage of the click and collect service as Mapac have a shop in Watford. The details are on the additional sheet attached to this Newsletter.

We still have some stock available in school. Please contact the school office for details of what sizes are available.

## **Resources**

Due to the continued budgetary constraints, I am asking all parents to provide children with the following resources from September:

- Pencils
- Coloured pencils
- A Pritt stick/glue stick

We will no longer be providing children with a water bottle and ask that your child brings their own bottle to school. There will be cups in every class for children who do not come to school with a water bottle.

## **Sponsored Walk**

The sponsored walk raised an amazing £1700 that will go towards much needed computer software, including new cameras for every class.

## **Thank you for your support with Fundraising**



Amelia Russell and her family decided to raise some funds for additional equipment and resources for Amelia by taking part in the Sponsored Walk at School when she was in Nursery. Thanks to the wonderful sponsorship support the family received from family and friends (over £1000), Mrs Parkins was able to purchase a range of resources. Amelia has thoroughly enjoyed using them, as the photo shows and she has been able to make progress in many areas of her learning. We hear that there are plans for further fundraising activities on the horizon...!

Throughout the year, The SENCo Coffee Morning Group has been raising funds for resources by selling refreshments at all the School productions and the Open Evening. Thank you to all those who have supported this initiative.

## **Communication**

The new texting service will commence in September and I am sure that this will really help to improve communication between school and parents. I will send a welcome text to let all parents know that we are 'live'.

## **Safeguarding**

Due to the need for tighter security in school a new coded entry system is currently being installed in the reception area. The doors to the hall and the corridor to the right of reception will no longer be accessible to visitors without being 'buzzed' in by the office staff. I hope that you will appreciate that this is for the safety of your children and that we still operate an 'open door' policy

And finally ...the autumn term begins on Tuesday 5th September at the normal time of 8.50am. I hope that you all have a restful summer break and that the sun shines for us all.

## **Term dates for next year (2017 -18)**

### **Autumn Term 2017**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day

Children start new school year – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Half-term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Children back to school – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Occasional Day

### **Spring Term 2018**

Children back to school – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Half-term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Children back to school – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### **Summer Term 2018**

Children back to school – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

May Bank Holiday – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Half-term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day

Children back to school – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – INSET

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - INSET

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rowe