



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I hope you all had a good half term and took advantage of the lovely autumn weather. The clocks have gone back now and it has turned much colder over recent days so I would like to remind parents that **all children must** bring a coat or warm waterproof jacket to school for play and lunchtimes. We have had another packed week in school and this half-term is full of exciting events to enhance the learning experience of the children at How Wood.

PTA

The Movie Night on Monday was very well attended and the children enjoyed watching 'Spooky Buddies', 'The Corpse Bride' and eating their pop-corn. The next event is the Family Photo Shoot day this Sunday the 6th November.

The staff and I would like to thank the PTA for their continued support and dedication to fundraising for our school.

The Official Opening of Greenwood Park Play Area



We felt very privileged to be invited to Greenwood Park on Tuesday for the official opening of Greenwood Park Play Area. Megan Adams and Daniel Brunton from Year 5 represented How Wood School and helped cut the ribbon before having fun playing on the new equipment: a large Spacenet climbing frame, a Triple Rope Trail and a new improved Zip line. They were both excellent ambassadors for our school.

Polio Eradication



Mrs Ellis, who is one of our governors, visited How Wood on Thursday morning and delivered an assembly explaining how Polio is being eradicated due to worldwide immunisation programmes. The Rotary Club has played a fundamental part in eradicating polio and some of their members, including Mrs Ellis, recently visited India to immunise children there. The Rotary Club have donated hundreds of crocus bulbs to our school, which have become a symbol for their immunisation programme. Many of these crocuses will be planted in our

grounds by the children in Gardening Club and Mrs Thompson. The remaining bulbs have been shared between each class for the children to plant in pots and take home.

The children can look forward to seeing their crocus bulbs grow into lovely purple flowers and be reminded that, because of the kindness and thoughtfulness of people like Mrs Ellis and the members of the Rotary Club, Polio is now a rare disease in our world.

I would like to thank Burston Garden Centre who kindly donated the pots and compost so that the children could plant their crocus bulbs.

Sponsored Spell



All the children, Reception through to Year 6, took part in the Sponsored Spell this morning. Our hope is that this event has raised the profile of spelling in your child's mind as well as help to raise funds for our new portable cooker. Thank you for supporting your children and good luck collecting in the sponsorship money which is due in by Friday the 18th November.

Anti-Bullying Day

As many of you are aware, each year we hold an Anti-Bullying Day as part of the National Anti-Bullying Week. Our Anti-Bullying Day will be on Tuesday 15th November and the theme this year is 'Power for Good'. We have decided to make the focus of our day teamwork, working together and friendship as we believe that these values support building positive relationships in and outside of school. The children will take part in Friendship and Teamwork dance workshops throughout the day run by 'WEST END IN SCHOOLS' as well as working together to create a whole school work of art. Each class will participate in team building activities planned by their teachers and the children will make friendship bracelets which they can take home at the end of the day.



On Friday 18th November the school will be raising money for Children in Need. This year the School Council have decided to have a non-uniform day and wear spotty clothes for a donation of £1. We will have a catwalk in the afternoon to show case our 'Spotacular' outfits!

As well as this, the School Council will be selling Pudsey Ears (£3.00), Pin Badges (£2) and Festival Wristbands (£2) throughout the week for the children to wear on the day.

They will also be holding a bake sale at lunchtime and after school on Friday. Donations of spotty cakes and biscuits would be much appreciated. Please bring your donated bakes to the office.

Thank you for your support, we hope that we can raise lots of money and have a 'Spotacular' day!

Nursery Open Day

The Early Years Team and I are pleased to announce our **Nursery Open Day** on Saturday 26th November from 10am to 11.30am.

Please help us promote this event by telling your family and friends to come along, meet our Early Years staff and see our fantastic learning environment. It's a great opportunity to get an insight into what How Wood has to offer children, in a relaxed and informal way.

Diary Dates

A reminder of dates for the half-term ahead.

Date	Event
Monday 7 th November	'Stay and Play' Nursery session
Tuesday 8 th November	Flu immunisation – Years 1, 2 & 3 <i>The nurse will only be immunising children whose parents have returned a completed nasal flu vaccination consent form requesting immunisation.</i>
Wednesday 9 th November	Individual photos
Wednesday 9 th November	'Stay and Play' Nursery session
Thursday 10 th November	'Stay and Play' Nursery session
Tuesday 15 th November	Curriculum Enrichment Day Anti-Bullying
Thursday 17 th November	Concert at St Albans Cathedral – Year 4 and 5
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	Occasional Day (School closed)
Saturday 26 th November	Nursery Open Day
Tuesday 29 th November	Year 5 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 30 th November	Year 5 Parent Consultations
Thursday 1 st December	St. Albans Primary School Music Cathedral Service – How Wood Choir
Friday 2 nd December	Non- uniform Day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper or a onesie of any kind – <i>Please send bottles of drink (alcoholic or non-</i>

	<i>alcoholic) or chocolates (no nuts please).</i>
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Fayre 12 to 3pm
Tuesday 6 th December 10.30am	Foundation Stage dress rehearsal
Wednesday 7 th December 6pm	Foundation Stage evening production
Tuesday 13 th December 10.30am	Key Stage 1 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 14 th December 6pm	Key Stage 1 evening production
Thursday 15 th December 1pm	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime. Whole School Trip to Watford Palace Theatre
Monday 19 th December	Christmas class parties
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 21 st December 10.30am	Christingle assembly (Y3 parents invited)
Wednesday 21 st December- Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of term

Assemblies

Friday 25 th November	Year 3	Parent Assembly
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Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rowe
Head Teacher