



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents,

This half-term seems to be speeding by and it has been a particularly eventful two weeks in school.

Last week, I had the pleasure of teaching science in Year 6 and the children investigated their pulse rates considering the effect exercise has on the heart. They drew graphs to show their results and it was very interesting to read the children's interpretations of their line and bar graphs.

This week, I taught geography in Year 4; we had an afternoon of fun, learning about the continents. Sam and Isla wrote these excellent reports, especially for this week's newsletter, to show their learning.

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<p>Today we had Mrs Rowe for the afternoon and had a geography lesson.</p> <p>First we had a look at a song about the continents of the world and everybody seemed to like it. Then we had a quiz of the continents.</p>	<p>Mrs Rowe came into our class-room to teach us Geography. I learnt there are 7 continents and the names are Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Antarctica and Australasia. I also learnt that there are no desserts in Europe. Australia is the world's largest island.</p>
<p>Everybody learnt lots and I hope we will have another lesson like that again soon.</p> <div data-bbox="347 1368 555 1518" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>Some interesting facts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 5 oceans • Antarctica is all ice • Chocolate is from Africa • Kangaroos are only found in Australia. <div data-bbox="865 1368 1072 1518" style="text-align: center;"> </div>

Young Mathematicians' Award

On Thursday last week, Sophie, Matthew and Jonty from Year 6 and Lucas from year 5 took part in Explore Learning's Young Mathematicians' Award. I am thrilled to say that the children made it through to the regional finals which will be held on Wednesday 23rd November. The children received excellent feedback from the maths team at Explore Learning who said, 'We were particularly impressed by the team work skills shown, ensuring every team member's idea was taken into account.'

A huge 'Well done!' to Sophie, Matthew, Jonty and Lucas and 'Good luck!' for Wednesday.

Remembrance

Last Friday, we held a Remembrance Day Assembly where the whole school reflected on the reasons for Remembrance Day – we observed the 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock. I am extremely proud of all the children who demonstrated great respect and thoughtfulness during the assembly.



On Sunday, I accompanied Shay and Matilda from Year 6 to the Remembrance Day Service held in Park Street. The children laid a wreath on the behalf of How Wood School and read a poem to the gathering of over 700 people who attended the service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shay and Matilda for being such wonderful ambassadors for How Wood School.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations to the Shoe Box Appeal. We have had over 40 boxes donated to this worthy charity and your gifts will put a smile onto the faces of many children around the world.

Sponsored Spell

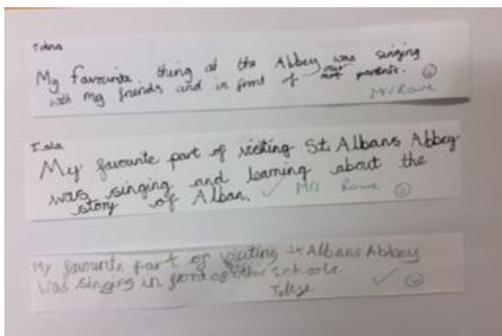
The money from the Sponsored Spell is still coming in and the count so far shows that 63 children have raised £750! Please, send in your sponsor money at your earliest convenience so that we can calculate the final amount raised for our new mobile oven.

Anti-bullying Day

Anti-bullying Day was a great success and the children really enjoyed their dance workshops which ran throughout the day. Every child designed and painted a tile with a symbol representing friendship & togetherness; the tiles will form a whole school work of art.



Tiles by Oliver & Tasnim
Year 5



Chorister Outreach Project

Year 4 and 5 performed at St Albans Cathedral on Thursday 17th November. The children had been learning several songs for eight weeks and had been taught by Peter Martin from the Choristers' Outreach Project. Here are three thoughts from some children in Year 4 who wrote about their experience for their 'Sentence a Day' this morning.

Children in Need

At the time of writing, Children in Need is in full swing around the school. The children look Spotacular in their outfits and enjoyed our assembly this morning, having a dance with Pudsey. Thank you for all the wonderful cakes which are being sold at lunchtime and after school. I will let you know how much the children raised next week.



One of the many cakes sold today



Music Recital

The children and staff were treated to a wonderful violin recital this morning. Hannah, who is a student at The Purcell School for young musicians, delighted the children with her performance of five songs, including the theme from Harry Potter and the jazz classic, *Summer Time* by George Gershwin.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 3rd December

Reminder - Friday 2nd December- Children can wear non-school uniform – Christmas jumpers or Onesies- in exchange for bringing in a bottle or chocolate (*wrapped and no nut based products*) for the fayre.

PTA AGM

The PTA will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm. All parents are invited to attend and it would be lovely to have the opportunity to meet you in this forum.

Music Performance

Year 3 parents and parents of Year 5 and 6 children who have flute lessons are invited to a special performance. The performance will be on Friday 9th December at 2.30pm.

Staffing update

We have appointed a new Midday Supervisor. We welcome Mrs Graham, mum to Pollyanna in Year 4, to our team.

Important Reminder

A reminder that on **Monday 21st November** the school will be closed for an Occasional Day. School will resume as normal on Tuesday 22nd November at the normal time.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 21 st November	Occasional Day (School closed)
Saturday 26 th November 10am - 11.30am	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-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
Thursday 8 th December	Big Bus Visit – letter to follow
Friday 9 th December 2.30pm	Recorder and Flute performance
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