



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 6

9th December 2016

Dear Parents,

Christmas Fayre

The fayre last Saturday was a huge success and over £3000 was raised! Thank you to the PTA who organised another fun packed fayre. Events such as these take months of hard work and preparation and as a school we are very grateful to them for the time, energy and efforts they have all put in! Thank you also to all the children and families who helped and attended.

Christmas Tree

Thank you to Jason and Harrison's (Year 6) family for donating the lovely Christmas tree in the school hall.

Foundation Stage Production

Children and parents were treated to a delightful performance of *Away in a Manger* by the youngest members of How Wood School - Nursery and Reception. The children were true professionals and sang, acted and added comic expression when they performed this week. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers in our Early Years team for their dedication and hard work.

How Wood School Choir

The school choir deserve a special mention in this week's newsletter. The children have been out and about, singing at school and in the community. Last week, the choir sang at St Albans Cathedral, How Wood Shops Christmas Light-up, the Christmas Fayre and at Green Wood Park's annual Carol Concert.

A huge 'Thank you' to:

Zinnia, Matthew, Sophie, Selin and Jonty – Year 6;
Katja, Mya, Megan, Daisy Sa, Tamsin, Freddy, Mason and Anjum – Year 5;
Rajitha, Isobel G, Georgia, Sam, Oliver, Sofia and Tilly – Year 4;
Surani, Bethany, Jessica, Niamh, Abby, Madeline, Lily, Sophie and Yasmin – Year 3;

and Mrs Reed!

IDEAS Bus Visit

Parents may have noticed the big, yellow bus in our school carpark yesterday morning. The children from Year 2 to Year 6 had the opportunity to experience a variety of new and exciting technological aides that will hopefully inspire them to further engage in the world of computing and information technology.

Children in Need - Miss Berry and The School Council



We raised an amazing amount of money this year ... £630. Thank you all for your support and generosity.

Sponsored Spell

I have now purchased the mobile oven and I am delighted to be able to tell you that the Sponsored Spell raised £1236 towards it. Thank you children and very well done!

St Albans Half Marathon Presentation Evening

The school has received £300 as a result of marshalling at this event in the summer. Thanks to the entire marshal group: Mr and Mrs Hardcastle, Jessica Hardcastle, Mrs Belmont, Katja and Jonty Belmont, Mrs Threader and Amy Threader.

Governor update

I would like to welcome our three new governors: Mrs Alison Brazier - mother to Harry in Year 4 and Emily in Year 1; Mrs Karen Belmont – mother to Katja in Year 5 and Jonty in Year 6 and Mr Ian Getley. All three governors are co-opted members.

Parking

I have been asked to draw your attention to a parking issue in Broomfield Close. Although there are no yellow lines or obvious restrictions in the road, parked cars are causing an obstruction due to the raised kerbs which have resulted in the narrowing of the road. I would ask that, if possible, parents find an alternative road to park in when collecting children. Thank you for your consideration over this matter.

Art Club

ArtShed! at How Wood School - Spring Term 2017

Fridays 3:15 - 4:15pm - All Years - *Class taught by Mrs Nicola Hayes*

The class will run from January 13th to March 24th 2017 inclusive (excl. Half term week)
10 sessions @ £7/session £70 payable termly in advance

Please book online using this link [BOOK NOW](#) or visit the 'Noticeboard' page of the ArtShed! website: www.shedloadsoffun.com/

Reminders of dates and events

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| 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 |
| Thursday 5 th January 2017 | School begins |

Yours sincerely
Mrs Rowe (Head Teacher)