



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 7

20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of the autumn term and it has been a very busy and eventful 4 months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my new role as Head Teacher and it has been lovely getting to know the children and parents. I have taught in every year group this term which has helped me to identify the many strengths of the children at How Wood and also provided me with an insight on how we can move forward to improve the provision that we provide for your children.

The governors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Key Stage 1 Production** 

Children and parents were treated to a superb performance of *Santa's Lost Hat* last week. The children sang, acted and danced with real finesse and professionalism. The whole production was of the highest standard and I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers in our Key Stage 1 team for their dedication and hard work.

**Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Trip** 

The whole school had a really enjoyable time at the Watford Theatre last Thursday. I was so impressed with the children's behaviour and, as always, they were fantastic ambassadors for How Wood School. During the performance, the children actively participated by singing along, cheering and laughing in all the right places. It was a pleasure to accompany them and we will consider whether this should become an annual event. Any thoughts on this are welcomed.

**Vision and Mission Statement** 

During our September Inset, I shared my vision for How Wood School with the staff and governors. We then worked together to create a Vision and Mission Statement that we felt best represented our school and what we would like to achieve.

Two weeks ago, the School Council spent their lunchtime looking through our work and they added their very valuable opinions and thoughts. I had a final meeting with a cross-section of staff and governors last week to finalise both statements. I would very much welcome any comments, thoughts or opinions from our parents before I publish our Vision and Mission Statements in school and on our website.

**Vision Statement**

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

**Mission Statement**

With our children at the heart of How Wood School, we will work together,  
nurturing and encouraging them to achieve and become resilient learners, where they strive to reach their full potential.  
We aim to create a happy, inspiring and challenging environment  
so that our children are well prepared for future opportunities.

## **Dairy Dates for Spring Term 2017**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins – children return to school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Tour @ 9.30
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA School Disco – times TBC
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	SENCo Coffee Morning group – Well-being Day 9am to 2.30pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations 5pm to 8pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of half-term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball Tournament
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Alban Arena Concert
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term - <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins - children return to school

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

### **Autumn Term 2017**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Occasional Day

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Occasional Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Occasional Day

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

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

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Occasional Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Occasional Day

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rowe (Head Teacher)