



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 9

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

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents,

We are coming towards the end of another busy half-term and spring seems just around the corner. I have had the pleasure of teaching in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 so far this term and it has delighted me to see the progress that our children are making in their learning. Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying their geography topic about volcanoes and Year 5 have immersed themselves in the Anglo Saxons, building model settlements and reading and writing about the warrior Beowulf and his exploits with the monster Grendel.

### **Parent View**

How Wood School are currently in the 'Ofsted window' so I would like to encourage all parents to visit the Ofsted website and complete the Parent View questionnaire. Parent View is an online questionnaire that allows parents and carers to give their views about their child's school at any time. It is also the main mechanism for parents to give their views about their child's school to inspectors at the time of a school inspection.

The questionnaire can be accessed directly from the Parent View site at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> or from the home page of Ofsted website at [www.gov.uk/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/ofsted).

Some of our governors will be attending the Parent Consultations next week and will be asking parents to complete the Parent View questionnaire on an iPad while they wait to see the teachers.

Thank you.

### **Praise Postcards**

I have posted 8 Praise Post Cards this week celebrating some fantastic learning - look out for the postman in the coming days!

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will be taking place in the hall. Please visit your child's class, before or after your consultation, as their books will be ready for you to look at.

Each parent has a 10 minute appointment with their child's teacher. If, for any reason, you feel that you need more time please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at a date convenient to you both.

### **School Shoes**

Please may I remind parents that children should wear black, plain style, low heeled shoes. Fashion boots are not permitted

### **Lunchtime Clubs**

In response to parents' views, we are increasing the clubs offered to our children at lunch time beginning after half-term.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Run By</b>
Monday	Home Learning Club + Library/Computer Club – All children	Mrs Osborne
Tuesday	Basketball Club – KS2	Sam Mardle
Tuesday	Drawing Club 12.30 to 1- Reception	Year 6
Tuesday	Choir – KS2	Mrs Reed/Mrs Rowe
Wednesday	Library/Computer Club – All children	Teachers on a rota
Thursday	Ball skills/netball for Year 3 and 4	Miss Herbert
Friday	Dance Club Year 1 and 2	Mrs Croucher

### **Books Donations**

Mrs Osborne has asked for copies of new/barely used fiction or non-fiction children's books to add to our library. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

### **PTA**

The PTA has a full calendar of events planned for the Spring and Summer terms. Please look out for their newsletter and put those all important dates in your diary.

The turn-out for the junior school disco was very disappointing last Saturday. Any feedback on how we can attract more children to these events would be much appreciated.

### **Sausage Sizzle**

Mrs Osborne, the PTA and I will be running the **Sausage Sizzle** on Saturday 11th February at the newly opened Bunnings store in St. Albans (Griffiths Way, AL12RJ by Matalan, Argos & Sainsburys). This is a fundraising event, as Bunnings donate all the profits made to the school, so please come and support us – every sausage sold will benefit the school.

### **Attendance and Punctuality Cup**

The winners of the cup are;

**9<sup>th</sup> January**            **Year R/Year 1**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January**        **Year 3**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> January**        **Year 2**

### **Safety and Parking**

May I remind all parents to be considerate when parking their cars in Spooners Drive and the surrounding roads. Please do not block the driveways of our neighbours, some of whom are elderly. I appreciate your support in this.

### Early Years Foundation Stage Refurbishment

During half-term, the EYFS unit will be refurbished so that the Nursery and Reception classes will have more space and be separate rooms, improving the provision we offer for our children. The work should only take a week and the classrooms will be ready for use after half-term.

### Key Dates for Spring 2017

Here is a list of events going on throughout the Spring term. Please be aware that there will be additional events and it is therefore important to read newsletters regularly.

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
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 4 visit to Welwyn Roman Baths
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	EYFS Walk to shops
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Nursery Tour
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery Tour
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 & 6 visit Frogmore Church – Life Expo
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day African Story-telling Workshops
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Tour
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 visit to Windsor Castle
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball Tournament
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	EYFS visit to Heartwood Forest
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School Nurse visit</b> <u>Reception:</u> height, weight, vision and hearing <u>Year 6:</u> Height and weight screening
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal – 10.30am
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School Choir performing at the Alban Arena Concert @ 7pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 Evening Performance – 6pm
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

## **Assemblies**

Parents are invited to their child's class assembly at 9am. Year 3 and Year 4 will not be sharing an assembly as they will be performing an end of term production.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 5	Parent
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February - <b>change of date</b>	Year 1	Parent
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - <b>change of date</b>	Year 6	Parent
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2	Parent
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Years Foundation Stage – Nursery & Reception	Parent

## **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

