



HOW WOOD PRIMARY
SCHOOL
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EYFS Autumn Term Newsletter

Firstly, we would like to welcome all of our parents and children to a new year at How Wood. Over the year we will keep you up to date with everything that is happening in Early Years, however if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to see a member of staff at drop off or pick up.

Early Years Pupil Premium

The early years pupil premium (EYPP) gives providers of early years education extra funding to support 3- and 4-year-olds. These providers are any organisation that offers education for children aged under 5, including nurseries and childminders. For more information and to find out if you are eligible for this extra funding please read the attached letter. If you feel you are eligible, complete the form and return it to school.

Learning Journals

At How Wood we create Learning Journals to capture your child's experiences and learning during their time in Nursery and Reception. Most of the evidence we gather is through photos which often shows children playing and learning together. If for any reason you would prefer for your child NOT to appear in another child's Learning Journal, please let us know as soon as possible.

EYFS 'Magic Moments' email system

It is very important that the Learning Journal reflects the whole child including their interests inside and out of school. Therefore we encourage children and parents to contribute to this process. In order to make it easier for you to share these 'Magic Moments' with us we have an email address that will allow you to send us photos, information and notes that we can add to their journal.

The email address is eyfs@howwood.herts.sch.uk

Please note that we will not be replying to emails that are sent to us. If you need to contact us for any reason please do not hesitate to speak to us in the morning, at the end of the day or via an appointment made at the office.

You can also download a 'Magic Moments' form from the school website via the Nursery or Reception page.

We look forward to receiving lots of Magic Moments very soon!

Snack

The children receive a free snack each day, however we often like to provide the children with a variety of different snack options e.g. breadsticks/raisins/rice cakes. In order to do this we would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £1.50 per child. If you would like to contribute, please pay your money directly to the class teacher, thank you.

Pencil cases

As you will be aware Mrs Rowe has asked for all children to bring in a pencil case with pencils and glue stick. In EYFS however this is not necessary as the children have access to pencils and art resources as part of our Early Years curriculum and environment.

Autumn Term Theme: Senses

This half term we will be getting to know each other, and how we use our senses to explore the world around us. We will also be following the children's interests on a daily/weekly basis, so this theme could change.

Finally, although the weather is fine at the moment it could change at any time. To allow your child to fully access our outside environment in all weathers it would be helpful if you could provide a pair of named wellies for your child to keep in school.

Nursery News

Show and Tell - This term we would like the children to bring in some photos of their family so they can share these with the class. Please make sure all photos are named as we don't want to lose any! If you would like to add any additional notes/prompts for us to use when your child is talking then please feel free to do this.

PE - Up until half term the Nursery class will only be taking shoes and socks off when we go into the hall for PE. After half term we will be getting changed into our PE kit. Please can you make sure your child has their PE Kit and a pair of plimsolls in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Parkins and Mrs Reed
Reception and Nursery Teachers