



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break; it appears we are about to experience a cold spell so please make sure that your child brings a warm coat to school. Hopefully spring is just around the corner.

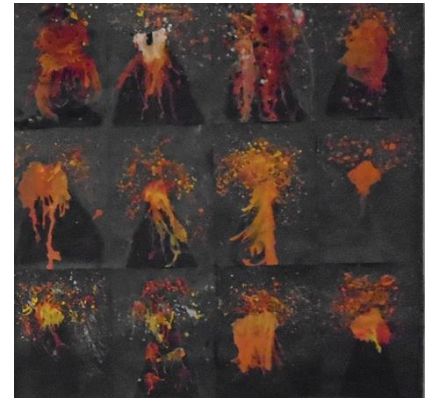
This is our first week back and the children have already had an exciting week starting on Monday in EYFS who celebrated the Chinese New Year in style. Year 3 has also had a 'Wow' Day; Year 1 visited Aspley Paper Mill; our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides came to school in their uniforms to celebrate World Thinking Day; the Book Fair arrived on Wednesday in preparation for our exciting two days celebrating World Book Day next week and the whole school took part in Perform Dance and Drama Workshops!

Year 3 'Wow' Day

Elijah and Kaviyuha in Year 3 told me all about their Extreme Earth 'Wow' Day:



"In the morning there were three activities to do: sorting out rocks; painting a volcano then using a straw to blow the paint to make the lather flow down the sides of the volcano and making Papier-mâché volcanoes. In the afternoon we made geodes (crystals). We also made tornadoes



using washing up liquid, jam jars, food colouring and water."

Elijah's favourite activity was making the volcanoes because he worked with someone new and they both enjoyed creating their volcano together. Kaviyuha's favourite activity was making the geodes because she helped her group and they loved choosing the colours to make their crystals.

EYFS 'Wow' Day

EYFS celebrated the Chinese New Year on Monday. All the children wore something red and they spent the day immersed in Chinese culture. They made lanterns and dragons, ate Chinese food using chop sticks; learnt a dragon dance and wrote the animal name of the year of their birth in Chinese.

STOP PRESS!

The Book Fair will continue to take place in the School Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The children will be able to redeem their World Book Day token against the cost of any book sold at the Book Fair. As you may be aware, a proportion of the monies raised at the Book Fair is given to the school, enabling us to buy even more lovely resources for your children.

Girl Guiding Thinking Day



Thursday the 22nd February was World Thinking Day and all Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides were invited to come to school in their uniforms. The children wore their uniforms with pride and happily showed their favourite badges to the whole school during assembly.

Playground improvements

I am very excited to announce that the first stage of our project to enhance the outdoor environment in all key stages has begun! The PTA tireless efforts to raise funds means that Key Stage 1 will have a trim trail installed on their playground on March 12th. I'm sure you will agree that our children will really benefit from this additional play equipment and I would like to thank the PTA for their hard work and our parents and families for your generosity and continued support.



Praise Postcards



Kaira Griffin, Paige Moody, Megan Quickenden, Evie Russell and Maxwell Stevens in Year 3; Sophie Holliss and Georgia McKenna in Year 5 and Giulia Martins Rey and Cristina Afonso-Trindade in Year 6 received a Praise Postcard for excellent learning. Well done!

SAVE THE DATE - How Wood School's 50th Anniversary Ball

We have had many requests to reserve tickets for our celebratory May Ball. Tickets will go on sale very soon so 'watch this space!' and contact Mrs Oliver in Year 5 to reserve your ticket office2@howwood.herts.sch.uk

Netball News by Megan Adams, Tamsin Ali and Anjum Hussain

On Thursday 22nd February, we played against Bernards Heath School and had a fair and enjoyable game. Both teams played excellently and it was a tough game. The players were Mya, Katja, Jessica, Lucas, Daisy Saunders, Castor and Megan from Year 6 and Sophie from Year 5. The overall score was 8:3 to How Wood with Lucas and Megan scoring. Lucas was Player of the Match.

Reminders

Dressing up on FRIDAY 2ND MARCH – This year we are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be prizes for the most original costume in each year group. We also have dance workshops and visiting authors so we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards the costs. Thank you.

School uniform – Please can children refrain from wearing large bows in their hair. Thank you.

Parking – Some parents continue to pull-up on the yellow zig-zag lines or in front of our neighbours' drives at drop off and pick up. Please can I ask that all parents respect the parking regulations and our neighbours property and park/pull-up in an appropriate place. Thank you.

Absence – Please let the office staff know of any absence before 9 am to save Mrs Gooch or Mrs Clarke from having to make a call. As part of our new Attendance Policy all pupil absences must be followed up by a written note or letter.

Attendance

| Winners of the Attendance and Punctuality Cup | |
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| Week Beginning | Class |
| 1/1/18 | Reception |
| 8/1/18 | Year 6 |
| 15/1/18 | Year 2 |
| 22/1/18 | Year 6 |
| 29/1/18 | Year 3 |
| 5/2/18 | Year 6 |

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2018

| Date | Event |
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| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day – Curriculum Enrichment Day |
| Friday 2 nd March | World Book Day – Curriculum Enrichment Day – Children come to school dressed as their favourite character. |
| Tuesday 6 th March | Saltmine Theatre visit + Drama Workshops for Year 5 & 6 |
| Thursday 8 th March | Reception trip to Boxmoor Trust |
| Friday 9 th March | PTA Event – Disco |
| Saturday 10 th March | Netball Tournament |
| Sunday 11 th March | How Wood Choir perform at the Royal Albert Hall |
| Wednesday 14 th March @9.30am | SESCO Coffee Morning |
| Friday 16 th March @ 12.45pm | Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit @ St Albans Fire Station |
| Friday 16 th March | E-Safety Day |
| Saturday 17 th March | St Albans Schools Swimming Gala |
| Monday 19 th March | Alban Arena Choir Performance 7pm |
| Friday 23 rd March | <i>The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> M&M Productions |
| Monday 26 th March | Year 6 trip to Gunpowder Mills |
| Monday 26 th March @ 9am | PGL meeting for Year 5 parents |
| Tuesday 27 th March | PTA Event – Easter themed Bake-off |
| Tuesday 27 th March @ 9.30am | Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 28 th March | Holy Trinity Church Easter Egg Hunt |
| Wednesdays 28 th March @ 6pm | Year 3/4 Evening production |
| Thursday 29 th March | Last day of term - <u>Finish at 1.30pm</u> |
| Monday 16 th 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.

| Date | Class | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Friday 9 th March | Year 1 | Parent |
| Friday 16 th March | Year 2 | Parent |
| Thursday 22 nd March | Reception | Parent |

Spring Term 2018

Children back to school – Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Children back to school – Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May 2018

May Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May

Friday 25th May – INSET Day

Half-term – Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

Children back to school – Monday 4th June to Friday 20th July 2018

Monday 23rd July – INSET- Tuesday 24th July – INSET - Wednesday 25th July – INSET

Term dates for next year 2018 -19

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September – INSET Days

Children start new school year – Wednesday 5th September to Friday 26th October 2018

Half-term – Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

Children back to school – Monday 5th November to Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January – INSET Day

Children back to school – Tuesday 8th January to Friday 15th February 2019

Half-term – Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Children back to school – Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Children back to school – Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May 2019

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Half-term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Children back to school – Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2019

Monday 22nd July – INSET

Tuesday 23rd July – INSET

Wednesday 24th July – Occasional Day