



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 12

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

29th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you a very happy Easter and I hope you all have a lovely two-week break. Hopefully the sun will shine and we will come back refreshed and ready for the summer term.

Stage 1 of 'Improving Our Outdoor Environment'- Key Stage 1 Trim Trail



Mrs Lennox and Mrs Garman officially opened the Key Stage 1 Trim Trail on Monday afternoon. The children are thrilled with their new play equipment which has already greatly enhanced the playground. Thank you to the PTA and all our parents and children for your continued support in raising funds for this long-term project.

Stage 2 will be a new climbing frame for Key Stage 2!



Year 3 & 4 Production of Super Stanley

Last night the children in Year 3 and 4 treated their families to an amazing performance of Super Stanley. During the one and a half hour extravaganza, the children sang, acted and proved themselves to be comic geniuses in this very funny show. This production gave our children the opportunity to shine and we witnessed some stunning performances from actors & actresses in Year 4. The Year 3 singing was truly resounding and ensured that the story of Stanley was told through song in the most memorable way.

I know that all the parents and family members in the audience, as well as the whole staff team are very proud of our talented children. A HUGE WELL DONE!

I would also like to say a special 'Thank you' to Mrs Osborne, Miss Nixon, Mrs Goodfellow, Ms Taylor Pugh and Mrs Stewart. The show couldn't have happened without you.

The collection for Keech Cottage raised £226. Thank you for your kind and generous donations to this very worthwhile charity.

Trip to the Royal Gun Powder Mills by Sophie and Jayden - Year 5

When we arrived, we went into our first activity room which gave us information of the life of a Viking slave. We learnt that all the boy slaves had to go hunting for food. The girls had to stay home and sweep and cook.

Our next activity was about weapons and armour. We learnt that all woman stayed at home (looking after children) while the men went training for war. After that, two of us (Octavius and Vanessa) got to wear armour such as: an axe, a leather helmet, tunics, a chainmail helmet, swords and shields.

Then we made brooches. We made them by using two pieces of card stuck together with glue. We made a simple design on the card before putting string on. Then we covered it with tin foil.

Our last activity was learning about King Alfred. After a short Power point we went outside to do a hunt for Viking letters (runes)

Royal Gunpowder Mills trip by Katja Belmont and Mya Levick - Year 6

On the 26th of March, year 6 went to the Royal Gunpowder Mills on their class trip. They were learning about world war two which lasted from 1939-1945.

The day started with a short coach ride to their chosen destination and when they arrived, they were greeted by Mrs Smith. She taught them about women in the war and how to discern the different types of planes and jets. Next, they moved round to a world war two warden who informed them about dangers and what she did as her job. Then, they had lunch and moved on to Myrtle and Mrs Jones who spoke to year 6 about home life and running a business during the war. In the end, it was a very entertaining and informative trip which everyone who attended, enjoyed.

Alban Arena Concert

Our choir took part in the St Albans Primary Schools' Music Association's amazing show, 'Space' at the Alban Arena on Monday 19th March. The children sang alongside six other schools and each child sang beautifully and were, as always, wonderful ambassadors for How Wood School. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Reed who prepared the children so well for this event and to the choir – you were truly wonderful!



Bake Off

Many of the children brought in creatively designed cakes for the Bake Off which was judged by Mrs Rowe, Mrs Parkins, Mrs Reed and Mrs de Fransz. Cakes were entered into four categories: Most Unique; Best Cup Cake; Best Tray Bake and Best Biscuit.



Most Unique Winner
Georgia Year 5



Best Tray Bake Winner
Zach Year 2



Best Biscuit Winners
Ben and Lydia
Reception & Year 3



Best Cup Cakes Winner
Lottie Reception

The Cake Bake raised an amazing £390! Thank you.

Staffing

Miss Berry will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 27th April. Mrs Goodfellow and Mrs Saunders will be teaching Year 5 for the summer term.

Tickets on sale - How Wood School's 50th Anniversary Ball

Please support this exciting event and buy tickets for the May Ball on Friday 11th May. Mrs Oliver and I will be the Master of Ceremonies on the night and we will do our very best to keep you entertained! Please contact Mrs Oliver in Year 5 to buy your tickets office2@howwood.herts.sch.uk

Attendance

Winners of the Attendance and Punctuality Cup	
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
19/2/18	Year 2
26/2/18	Year 2
5/3/18	Reception
12/3/18	Reception
19/3/18	Reception

Key Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April	Summer term begins - children return to school
Wednesday 25 th April	EYFS Trip to Leighton Buzzard Railway
Wednesday 25 th April to Friday 27 th April	Year 5 Residential to PGL
Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
Wednesday 9 th May	Knex Challenge Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 11th May	How Wood School's 50th Anniversary Ball
Monday 14 th May	SATs Week
Thursday 24th May	Children's Day celebrating How Wood School's 50th Anniversary
Friday 25th May	INSET DAY
Monday 4th June	School begins
Thursday 7 th June	Annual Sponsored Walk
Monday 11 th June – all week	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Tuesday 12 th June @ 9am to 10am	Parent meeting for new Reception children
Friday 15 th June @ 9.45am to 10.45am	Parent meeting for new Nursery children
Monday 18th June	Whole School photo celebrating How Wood School's 50th Anniversary
Tuesday 19 th June & Thursday 21 st June	District Sports
Monday 25 th June	Sports Week begins
Wednesday 27 th June	Nursery Sports Morning
Wednesday 27 th June @ 1pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 28 th June	How Wood 'Picnic Lunch' & Village Afternoon
Friday 29 th June	Year 6 'Moving up Day' Workshop
Saturday 30 th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 2 nd July to Friday 6 th	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Friday 6 th July	School Reports to parents
Tuesday 10 th July	Open Evening 5pm to 6.30pm – details to follow
Thursday 12 th July	Secondary Transfer Day

Tuesday 17 th July	Year 5/6 Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 5/6 Evening Performance @ 6pm
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
Friday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 9am
Friday 21st July	School ends @ 1.30pm
Parent Assemblies	
Friday 4 th May	Year 4
Friday 11 th May	Year 3
Friday 15 th June	Year 2
Friday 22 nd June	Year 1
Friday 6 th July	Reception

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 2018

Children back to school – Monday 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