



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 13

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

4th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to apologise for the long interval between Newsletters. I'm not sure where the time has gone but it has certainly flown by! Spring seems to have arrived and the whole school is busy preparing to celebrate How Wood's 50th Anniversary during the summer term.

Staffing

Year 5 said goodbye to Miss Berry in a special assembly on Tuesday last week and she officially left to begin her maternity leave on Friday 27th April. We will of course let you know when her baby has arrived.

EYFS Trip to Leighton Buzzard Railway

All the children in Nursery and Reception had the most enjoyable visit to Leighton Buzzard Railway which linked to this term's theme 'Off We Go!' They experienced travelling on a steam train and learnt how steam trains work. After having a picnic lunch the children had time to play on some old engines.



PGL

Year 5 trip to PGL by Bentley and Tiana



We arrived at school and waited for half an hour. After that we went on the coach. We did this challenge where we had to keep the fruit pastel in our mouth for the longest. Finally we arrived at PGL then we had lunch. After lunch we played and got into 3 groups: 2 groups did quad biking and Jacobs ladder. Group 3 did giant swing and quad biking. Next, we went to are dormitories. We packed away our belongings and then went to dinner. After dinner we played ambush at night in the dark!

We enjoyed these activities in this order of favourites: Giant swing, Quad biking, Ambush, Jacob's ladder, Rifle shooting, Abseiling, Raft

building. Our least favourite activity was: Disco

Everybody was sad to leave PGL. We thank Mrs Rowe and Mrs Oliver for coming along with us And Mrs Rowe was brilliant at abseiling! We look forward to The Isle of Wight!



Advance notice of the Happy Children Wellbeing Conference - October 6th 2018

The Happy Children Wellbeing Conference will take place on October 6th 2018. The day will consist of 11 professional speakers in the field of child mental health and wellbeing as well as additional workshops and exhibitors who will offer advice, support and help on every subject of child wellbeing – from diet to anxiety, sleep to resilience, Happy Children Wellbeing Conference aims to cover it all!

Currently, there is an early bird offer on for parents, and the usually £54 tickets can be purchased for £38. This will only run until the end of this month. Ticket sales link is as follows:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-children-wellbeing-conference-tickets-43744353539>

Mrs Oliver, our Pastoral Support Worker will be attending the conference.



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HAPPY CHILDREN - THE WELLBEING CONFERENCE
Saturday 6th October 2018, 10am-5pm
 Brookmans Park School, Bradmore Way, Brookmans Park, AL9 7QY

A day of advice and information brought to you by professionals and leading practitioners in child health and wellbeing

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE

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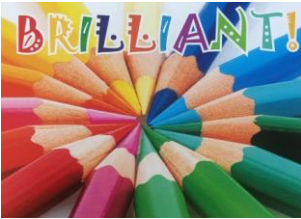
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Saturday 6th October 2018, 10am-5pm
 Brookmans Park Primary School, Bradmore Way, Brookmans Park, AL9 7QY

9.15 – 10.00	Arrive – Grab a tea or coffee and take a look at our amazing exhibitor stalls!	
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome	
10.10 – 10.35	"Mindfulness – More than Meditation"	Kat Shaw, Brilliantly Imperfect
10.40 – 11.05	"How to be the kind of parent you really want to be"	Dr. Mog Hepworth
11.10 – 11.25	BREAK	
11.30 – 11.55	"My Child is anxious – how can we all understand it?"	Emma Hossack, Transforming Young Minds
12.00 – 12.25	"Connection, not perfection - coaching strategies to enhance communication with your child"	Sarah Bramall, Sarah Bramall Coaching
12.30 – 12.55	"We all need sleep"	Kate Cohen, Sleep Time Kids
12.55 – 1.00	REPHAEL HOUSE	
1.00 – 2.00	LUNCH	
1.00 – 1.20	Optional yoga workshop	Collette Bruce, Little Lotus Baby
1.20 – 1.40	Optional Krav Maga workshop	Sanjeev Mehta / Danielle Kaal, KMDT
1.40 – 2.00	Optional EFT workshop	Tamara Donn, Transformation for Women
2.00 – 2.30	"ANGER – it's OK not to be OK"	Sharon Lawton, Natura Flair Coaching Ltd
2.35 – 3.05	"Is your child like a swan – how to manage daily stresses?"	Nicola Weisfeld, Valuing Minds
3.10 – 3.40	"Social Media, Internet safety ... and does your child really need a phone?!"	Jenny Smith, DigitalJen
3.45 – 4.00:	BREAK and raffle draw	
4.05 – 4.30:	"How to promote healthy resilience"	Dr Laura Gosling, The Psychology Nest
4.30 – 4.50	"Increasing self-belief and confidence"	Emma Gosling,
4.50 – 5.00	CLOSE	
Timetable is subject to change		

Praise Postcards



Michael Brown in Year 1; Lois Van Oosterhout in Year 2; Parker Boswell, Elijah Dalmedo, Jack Dingwall, Cody King, Marta Lupu, Caua Martins Rey, Paige Mercer, Juliette Paice, Siena Sahota, and Clarice Sykes in Year 3; Tiana Dalmedo, and Scarlett Hammond in Year 5 have received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!



How Wood School's 50th Anniversary Ball

We are all set for the May Ball on Friday 11th May and have over 130 staff, parents and friends of How Wood School attending. I look forward to greeting our guests and having a memorable night of dancing, fun and laughter!

Parking – I have had complaints from some very upset residents recently about parents continuing to pull up 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.

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
26/3/18	Year 3
16/4/18	Year 3
23/4/18	Year 2

Key Dates for the Summer Term 2018

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

Tuesday 22nd May @ 3pm	Dance Assembly – Year 1 and Year 6 parents invited
Thursday 24 th May	Children's Day celebrating How Wood School's 50 th Anniversary
Friday 25 th May	INSET DAY
Monday 4 th June	School begins
Monday 4 th June	Year 4 trip to Hudnell Park
Friday 8 th June	School photographs
Friday 8 th June	Year 2 trip to Southend (after photographs)
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 18 th June	Whole School photo celebrating How Wood School's 50 th 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	Reception, KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 28 th June	How Wood 'Picnic Lunch' & Village Afternoon Y2 parents only
Friday 29 th June	Annual Sponsored Walk – note date change
Saturday 30 th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 2 nd July to Friday 6 th	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Monday 2 nd July	Year 4 Road Safety Week
Wednesday 4 th July	Year 1 visit to St Albans Cathedral
Friday 6 th July	School Reports to parents
Monday 9 th July	Year 3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Tuesday 10 th July	Maths Fair/Open Evening 3.30 to 5pm – 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 20 th July	School ends @ 1.30pm
Parent Assemblies	
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 2019

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