



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 14

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

18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another busy and productive half-term and we still have lots more to look forward to! Year 6 have completed their SATs and every child in Year 6 class received a Head Teacher's Award for all their hard work and dedication. We are all very proud of them.

### **Year 4 & Year 3 Parent Assemblies**

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> May, Year 4 treated the whole school and their parents and families to a wonderful assembly. The children had prepared the assembly themselves and I know that Mrs Osborne was really proud to see the children confidently share their learning. I particularly enjoyed the Winnie the Pooh artwork and performance poetry of 'Half way up the Stair'.

Year 3 delighted us all with their impressive creative writing as well as performing a very tricky song 'My Fantasy Football Team' perfectly. They gave the audience a snap-shot of their learning so far this term and it was obvious to all how much they have enjoyed their topics this term.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4!

### **Knex Challenge**

On Wednesday last week, Year 5 & 6 took part in the Knex Challenge. Working in pairs, the children had to design and build a working crane in two hours. Congratulations to Alicia and Tamsin in Year 6 and Georgia and Anais in Year 5 who won the challenge. A great win for the girls – our future engineers perhaps?

### **How Wood School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball**

The May Ball was a huge success and a truly great night was had by all. The auction and raffle made over £1000 which will support us with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. I would like to extend a special 'Thank you' to Mrs Oliver who organised the whole event and made the night so very memorable.

The answers to the quiz will be on the website soon and details on how to purchase your photographs will be coming soon!

## Children's Day celebrating How Wood School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Everyone is looking forward to Children's Day next Thursday and we are sure that it will be a really memorable day for the children. We have decided to make the day 'non-school uniform' and please remember to send your letter for their Time Capsules into school by Wednesday!

### How Wood's Annual Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> June during Sports Week. Mrs Gooch will be sending out sponsor forms early next half-term so please check your child's book bag!



### Chicks in Early Years Foundation Stage

The children in EYFS have been delighted by the arrival of four eggs this week. At the time of writing this newsletter, two eggs have hatched and we have welcomed Bertie and Squidgems into the world.



The incubator



Bertie

### Praise Postcards



Archie Clarke in Reception; Hanithra Rajhman in Year 1; Adyan Chowdhury, Joe Garman, Lydia Karpus and Sophie Rowland in Year 2 and Annie Constable in Year 4 have received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!

### E-safety

As part of #WakeUpWednesday campaign and Mental Health Awareness Week, the National Online Safety Team have created a FREE guide for your school to share to its community about 'Screen Addiction' – an issue which is affecting young people across the globe.

The guide informs parents about the issues associated with smartphone and screen addiction amongst children and how they can help to control the associated risks. The free guide for parents can be found here: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/996772687132446721>

## House Points Scores

	<b>Courage</b>	<b>Determination</b>	<b>Friendship</b>	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Total to date</b>	366	288	281	319

## School Uniform

- Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform.
- Jewellery is not allowed, with the exception of small stud-type earrings that children will be asked to remove or cover for PE Lessons.
- Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Thank you.

## Attendance

<b>Winners of the Attendance and Punctuality Cup</b>	
<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>Class</b>
1/1/18	Reception
8/1/18	Year 6
15/1/18	Year 2
22/1/18	Year 2
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
30/4/18	Year 1
8/5/18	Year 3

## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 22nd May @ 3pm	Dance Assembly – Year 1 and Year 6 parents invited
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May @ 9am	Year 6 Hockey Festival @ Oaklands
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b><i>Non-school uniform</i></b>	<b>Children's Day celebrating How Wood School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School begins</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 trip to Hudnell Park
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School photographs
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip to Southend (after photographs)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June – all week	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June @ 9am to 10am	Parent meeting for new Reception children

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June @ 9.45am to 10.45am	Parent meeting for new Nursery children
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School photo celebrating How Wood School's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	District Sports
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week begins
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Morning
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June @ 1pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	How Wood 'Picnic Lunch' & Village Afternoon
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Sponsored Walk
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fayre
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 Road Safety Week
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 visit to St Albans Cathedral
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports to parents
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Maths Fair/Open Evening 3.30 to 5pm – details to follow
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Evening Performance @ 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 9am
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School ends @ 1.30pm</b>
<b>Parent Assemblies</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 1
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception

### **Summer Term 2018**

Children back to school – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

May Bank Holiday – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day

Half-term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

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

### **Term dates for next year 2018 -19**

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Days

Children start new school year – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Half-term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Children back to school – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

## **Spring Term 2019**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day

Children back to school – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Half-term – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Children back to school – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## **Summer Term 2018**

Children back to school – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half-term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Children back to school – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Occasional Day