



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 15

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

17th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing – September 2018

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Stone who has been a valued member of staff for four years but we wish her luck in her new job in Berkhamstead. Also, due to an ever decreasing budget, we are very reluctantly saying goodbye to Mrs Meakin, Mrs Sahota, Mrs Mesger-Schofield and Miss Doyle who have been committed members of the How Wood team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the invaluable support they have provided for the children they have worked with – they will be missed.

Today, your children were told who will be teaching them in September and I am delighted to welcome Mr Paul Carter and Mrs Freya Loftus to our team. Staffing for September is as follows:

Year Group	Teacher	Teacher Assistant/s	Additional support
Nursery	Mrs Reed	Mrs Thompson	
Reception	Mrs Parkins	Mrs Cooper (am) Mrs Thompson(pm)	Mrs Sheen
Year 1	Mrs Barnes(4 days & Mrs Saunders 1 day)	Mrs Croucher & Mrs Stewart	Mrs Hardcastle Mrs Sheen Miss Read Mrs Graham
Year 2	Miss Herbert (Mrs Warner from September)	Mrs Shadbolt	
Year 3	Ms Nixon	Mrs Stewart	Mrs Viner Mrs Begum
Year 4	Mrs Osborne	Ms Taylor-Pugh	
Year 5	Mrs Loftus(3 days) & Mrs Goodfellow (2 days)	Mrs Oliver	
Year 6	Mr Carter	Mrs Wright	Mrs Oliver Mrs Hardcastle Miss Read Miss Baldock

Mrs Saunders will be covering management time for Mrs Osborne and Mrs Parkins

Mrs Loftus will be teaching her new class on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July whilst Mrs Osborne is in the Isle of Wight with Year 6. Both Mrs Loftus and Mr Carter will be here for our Transition Day on Thursday 12th July.

Baby News

'Congratulations' to both Miss Berry on the safe arrival of her baby girl Annabelle Rose, and to Miss Doyle on the safe arrival of her baby boy Ronnie. Both mums and babies are doing well.

Children's Day celebrating How Wood School's 50th Anniversary

The children and staff had a brilliant time and the day was so successful that we have decided to make it a yearly event. The Junk Workshop gave the day a carnival feel as music made by the children pumped out throughout the whole day. Caroline, our cook, gave Mr Dynes and I clear instructions on how to barbeque the burgers and sausages perfectly and the ice-cream van provide a sweet treat for all the children.

Here are a few photographs of the day.



How Wood's Annual Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Friday the 29th June. Mrs Gooch has sent out sponsor forms today so please check your child's book bag! This year with the funds raised, we will continue to enhance the outdoor environment and purchase wet-play games and equipment.

'50 for 50'

Well done to the 19 children who have already successfully completed the challenge of reading 50 texts to celebrate our 50th year.

Reading during the Summer Holidays – The Summer Reading Challenge

Research shows that children's reading can 'dip' during the long holidays and this can cause children to lose confidence when they return back to school. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to get into libraries and helps them keep up their reading skills. It is the UK's biggest promotion of reading for children – last year, over 21,500 Hertfordshire children took part – and it's free. Children are challenged to read six library books or e-books of their choice during the holidays. For every two books they read, they are rewarded with two stickers. When they have completed the challenge, they will receive a wristband and are invited to a presentation ceremony where they will be given their certificate and medal. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to win tickets to an exclusive author event. The Summer Reading Challenge materials are suitable for visually impaired children.

Mischief Makers is inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. This year Dennis, Gnasher and friends will be helping children explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become the ultimate mischief makers. Mischief Makers packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries from Saturday 14th July while stocks last, finishing on Saturday 8th September.

E-safety

I will be writing a separate letter next week regarding E-safety. Please look out for it as there have been several issues this term that I will be bringing to your attention. Thank you.

Praise Postcards



Archie Arnold in Reception & Yasmin Ibrahim in Year 4 have received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!

House Points Scores

	Courage	Determination	Friendship	Respect
Total to date	386	318	305	337

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 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
14/5/18	Year 6
21/5/18	Year 2
4/6/18	Year 2 & Year 5

Key Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Monday 18th June	Whole School photo celebrating How Wood School's 50th Anniversary
Tuesday 19 th June & Thursday 21 st June	District Sports
Wednesday 20 th June @ 9am	Isle of Wight meeting
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	Annual Sponsored Walk
Saturday 30 th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th	Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Monday 2 nd July	Year 4 Road Safety Week
Wednesday 4th July	Year 1 visit to St Albans Cathedral
Friday 6 th July	School Reports to parents
Monday 9th 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 20th July	School ends @ 1.30pm
Parent Assemblies	
Friday 22 nd June	Year 1
Friday 13 th July	Reception

Summer Term 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

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Wednesday 24th July – Occasional Day