



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Newsletter 3

6th October 2017

Dear Parents,

The autumn evenings are beginning to draw in but school life is as busy as ever! As the weather begins to change, please do remember to send your child to school with a suitable coat. Thank you for the harvest offerings received so far, we have been busy practising our harvest songs and are looking forward to sharing our offering with local senior citizens.

**WEAR
RED
DAY**

WEAR RED DAY – Friday 20th October

Each October 'Show Racism the Red Card' holds its annual **Wear Red Day!**

Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools to wear red and **donate £1** to help facilitate the delivery of anti-racism education. Here at How Wood we will be promoting this important message by 'wearing red' on Friday 20th October.

Praise Postcards



Logan Lennox in Year 1 & Suruni Perera in Year 4 received Praise Postcards this week for excellent learning. Well done!

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th November at 8pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to come along and meet the team and get involved in the many important fundraising activities.



Fair funding for schools

As you will be aware all schools are facing enormous budgetary constraints. A group of St Albans parents has recently established Fair Funding for all Schools (St Albans) to support local

schools in their bid for a fairer financial settlement. They are part of the national parent-led 'Fair Funding for all Schools' campaign.

On 16th October 2017 local head teachers will update parents on the funding crisis facing local schools at 7.30pm at the Sandpit Theatre, AL4 9NX. Parents who want to understand more about the funding realities, and to support local schools are invited to attend this free event. Please book your place by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/launch-event-fair-funding-for-all-schools-st-albans-tickets-38538373312>

Reminders

Safeguarding

I hope that all our parents and carers have now read my letter regarding the increasingly serious issues around e-safety at home.

As you are aware, I have organised an online awareness information session that I strongly advise you attend. I have invited Siobhan Reading, a Family Support Co-ordinator, who has extensive knowledge and experience in e-safety for children, to lead the sessions. I cannot emphasise how important it is that you come to one of these meetings and gain a deeper insight of the very real risks your child may face online, and learn strategies that will help you safeguard your child.

To ensure that all parents have the opportunity to attend one session, I have organised three dates. Please return the tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter to register your attendance at one of the meetings and return to the school office. Thank you.

Friday 13th October @ 9.30am
Friday 20th October @ 9.15am
Thursday 2nd November @ 6.30pm

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held at **10.30 on Wednesday 11th October** in the School Hall. If you haven't already returned the slip confirming that you would like to attend our Harvest Festival, I'm afraid we are unable to accept any more forms as space is limited in the school hall. Thank you to those of you who have kindly brought in donations. We are still collecting non-perishable donations as we provide baskets of goodies for our local senior citizens. (The collection box is by the school office).

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 12th October at 3.15pm in the school hall.

Key dates for the term

I have included a list of key dates for the term. Further information about the various forthcoming events will be sent out to relevant classes. ***It is important that all parents read newsletters regularly so that they are aware of all events and any changes that may take place.***

Autumn Term 2017

Half-term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Children back to school – Monday 30th October to Tuesday 19th December 2017

Monday 27th November 2017 - Occasional Day

Spring Term 2018

Children back to school – Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February 2018

Half-term – Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 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

Please keep handy for future reference- additional dates and changes will be shared on future newsletters. Please ensure you read all newsletters carefully.

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2015

Date	Event
Wednesday 11 th October 10.30am	Harvest assembly (All parents welcome- subject to space in the hall)
Friday 13 th October 9.30am	Online Awareness Information Session
Monday 16 th October	Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 17 th October 3.30-6pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18 th October 5-8pm – Date change	Parent Consultations
Thursday 19 th October	Black History Curriculum Enrichment Day
Friday 20 th October	Black History Curriculum Enrichment Day
Friday 20 th October 9.15am	Online Awareness Information Session
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 31 st October 3.30 to 5.30pm	PTA Halloween Party
Thursday 2 nd November 6.30pm	Online Awareness Information Session
Thursday 9 th November	Individual Photos

Friday 17 th November	Curriculum Enrichment Day Anti-Bullying
Tuesday November 21 st	Year 3 Lee Valley School Trip
Monday 27th November	Occasional Day (School closed)
Saturday 2 nd December 12 to 3pm	How Wood Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th December	Flu Vaccination – Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 5 th December 10.30am	Christmas Carol Service at St Albans Cathedral
Tuesday 5 th December 10.30am	Foundation Stage dress rehearsal
Wednesday 6 th December 6pm	Foundation Stage evening production
Friday 8 th December - Time TBC	Aladdin Pantomime. Whole School Trip to The Alban Arena – St Albans
Tuesday 12 th December 10.30am	Key Stage 1 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 13 th December 6pm	Key Stage 1 evening production
Thursday 14 th December 1pm	Christmas lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christingle assembly (Y3 parents invited)
Monday 18 th December	Christmas class parties
Tuesday 19 th December - Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of term

Assemblies

Parents are invited to their child's class assembly at 9am. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will not be sharing an assembly as they will be performing an end of year Christmas production.

Date	Class	
Friday 13 th October	Year 5	Parent Assembly
Friday 10 th November	Year 4	Parent Assembly
Friday 24 th November	Year 3	Parent Assembly

Online Awareness Information Session

Name

Year group of child/children:

I/we will be attending (please tick box/boxes):

Friday 13th October @ 9.30am

Friday 20th October @ 9.15am

Thursday 2nd November @ 6.30pm