



## HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 4

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents,

Half-term is upon us and I know that many of our children are looking forward to a week off school. The past two weeks have been busy as usual. We have enjoyed a Harvest Festival with a poetry theme; a wonderful assembly by Year 5 who treated us to Mama Mia by Abba a capella; Year 2's visit to Whipsnade Zoo where the sun shone especially for them; Parents' Evening and two days of learning about Black History (not forgetting 'Show Racism the Red Card Day')!

### Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your generous donations this year which were very much appreciated by our neighbours in the local community. The thank you letters are on display in the reception area.

We were also able to give to the Watford Foodbank and supported their cause by donating over 50 kilos of food.



### Applying for a School Place Deadline

Year 6 Parents – Please be advised that the **deadline** for applying for your child's school place is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Thank you.

### Head Teacher Award

Harry Brazier, in Year 5, is the first child to receive the award this year. Harry's Home Learning this week was outstanding, imaginatively using Minecraft to build a Greek House and including a virtual tour. Very well done!

### Praise Postcards



Mason McDonald, Joshua Drussel & Freddy Wiltshire in Year 6; Gautham Vishnu in Year 2 & Niamh Patrick, Madeline Phillips, Mya McDonald and Emily Constable in Year 4 received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!

## Online Awareness Sessions

Two Online Awareness meetings have taken place this term. Both sessions were well attended and the feedback has been 100% positive. The last session is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm. All welcome.

## Whipsnade Zoo

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Whipsnade Zoo where they saw many animals and enjoyed a workshop where they were able to stroke a snake! They all came back to school full of joy and excitement about their day.

## Black History Curriculum Enrichment Days



Over the two days, the children learnt about the important 'Freedom Fighters' Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Ghandi through drama workshops and in class. The children in Year 1 and Reception made African masks and all the children shared their learning in an assembly at the end of the day.

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

2018 is the year of How Wood School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I feel very privileged to be leading the school during this time. We are busy planning events to celebrate this special time and I would like to give all our parents early notice of **How Wood School's Summer Ball** to be held at The Noke Hotel on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. I am really hoping that as many teachers & parents (past and present), governors and friends of the school will join us. There will be a live band and some fun to be had PLUS we get to really dress up and look glamorous!

There will be an Auction of Promises so if parents know anyone who has something they can Promise, please let me know.

Please 'save the date' and look out for more information about this event over the coming weeks.

## Half-term Fun in St Albans & a Call for Volunteers

**Shop Oddity**  
21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
This Autumn, strange & wonderful objects will be appearing in shop windows across St Albans

**FOR KIDS!** **WIN PRIZES!**

Spot the odd objects for your chance to win prizes from Odyssey Cinema - Aylets - White Mint - The Secret Garden Organized by Community Central (formerly CV8) to raise funds for local charities. Tickets available from the Volunteer Centre or online at [www.cv8stalbans.org.uk/shop-oddity](http://www.cv8stalbans.org.uk/shop-oddity)

Adult: £3.50 Child: £2.50 Family Tickets: £10  
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volunteer@cv8stalbans.org.uk Phone: 01763 814544' and the 'Community Central ST ALBANS' logo."/>

**Can you help?**

Our community needs more volunteers  
Many local charities in St Albans rely on volunteers to help them deliver their services. These charities do vital work such as preventing loneliness, supporting people with disabilities and mental health issues, developing & supporting young people and making our community a better place.

**Volunteers Needed**

If you'd like to meet new people, learn new skills and create a stepping stone into your next work while supporting a local charity, we'd love to speak to you!

**What will I do?**  
Refresh an elderly person, drive someone to hospital, help with social media, fundraising, administration, gardening...the list is endless.

**How often do I need to volunteer?**  
Up to you! You can give 30 hours a week, or a couple of hours a month. Most charities can be contacted around school hours and holidays.

**How can I get started?**  
Come and have a chat with us and we can match you to a suitable charity.  
Email: [volunteer@cv8stalbans.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cv8stalbans.org.uk)  
Phone: 01763 814544

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## Sporting News

### The Football Matches - By Charlie, Thomas and Castor

On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> October the school football team, coached and refereed by Mr Grace, played a clean, even game but unfortunately we lost 3-2 to Abbey school. Thomas, the captain of How Wood Football team says this, "I was extremely proud of how our team played, it was an unlucky loss, and they were all respectful and considerate."

Our positions were Castor as goalie, Joshua, Archie, Katja and Jessica as Defenders, Charlie and Lucas as centre midfield, Oliver as left wing with Thomas as right wing and Mason as our lone striker.

Our first goal was scored by Thomas and set up by Oliver. The second was scored by Oliver and set up by our centre midfield Charlie. Unfortunately, Archie had two near misses that hit the top of the cross bar.

Overall it was a fair match and it was a lot of fun.

On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> October, our football team played their second match. The match was refereed by Mr Ilori. They played a very fair match against Aboyne Lodge and the overall was 4-2 to How Wood. Charlie was the captain of How Wood football team. He proudly says, "Yes! Come on guys!" The first half of the match went downhill for us; the score so far was 2-1 to Aboyne Lodge. They had scored the first 2 goals and Lucas took the third goal, it was assisted by Thomas. Once it was the second half our heads were up and we were ready to get the goals to win, then the next goal was shot by Lucas again and went flying into the back of the net assisted by Thomas. The third goal was taken by Lucas again. Aboyne Lodge took some amazing shots but Castor fortunately blocked them. When Aboyne Lodge were making runs, Charlie nearly always tackled them. Also, when Castor saved them, Charlie cleared the ball. Finally, we took the final shot and we scored again this time by Oliver and assisted by Thomas again. Our positions were Castor as goalie, Joshua, Archie, Katja and Jessica as Defenders, Lucas as centre midfield, Charlie as CDM (centre defence midfield), Oliver as left wing with Thomas as right wing and Mason as our lone striker.



Lucas Hartley took part in the East Region Biathlon Championships on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. He came 3rd in his age group and gained automatic qualification to both the British Biathlon Championships next month and the National Schools Biathlon Championships to be held next year. Well done Lucas!

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Children back to school – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Occasional Day

## **Spring Term 2018**

Children back to school – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Half-term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Children back to school – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## **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

**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 2017**

Date	Event
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 3.30 to 5.30pm	PTA Halloween Party
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 6.30pm	Online Awareness Information Session
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual school photos
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 1.15pm	Dragon's Den Year 6 Enterprise Project
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Event – Photo Shoot
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Spotacular –details to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum Enrichment Day

	Anti-Bullying
Tuesday November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Lee Valley School Trip
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Occasional Day ( School closed )</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	How Wood Choir singing at How Wood Shops – time to be confirmed
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Event - Non-school uniform day
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 12 to 3pm	How Wood Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccination – Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am	Christmas Carol Service at St Albans Cathedral
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am	Foundation Stage dress rehearsal
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	Foundation Stage evening production
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December - Time TBC	Aladdin Pantomime. Whole School Trip to The Alban Arena – St Albans
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am	Key Stage 1 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	Key Stage 1 evening production
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle assembly (Y3 parents invited)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas class parties
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>	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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4	Parent Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3	Parent Assembly