



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy week – on Tuesday they visited Lee Valley to learn more about the Stone Age. It was a fantastic day! They were able to show off everything they have learnt and they also drew cave paintings by candle light and handled a range of fossils and Stone Age weapons. They made campfires and were able to light them themselves! The Lee Valley staff were very impressed by Year 3 and as always, they were great ambassadors for How Wood School.

This morning, the whole school and Year 3 parents and family members, were treated to a wonderful display of learning in Year 3's assembly that included interesting facts about the Stone Age; model Stone Age dwellings and atmospheric art work of Stonehenge at sunset and sunrise. I particularly liked the 'Boy Soup' instructions which were both imaginative and humorous. Well done Year 3!

Coming into and leaving school – polite reminder

It is extremely important that all children and parents use the pathway and not the driveway to come into and leave school. I do appreciate this is quite a narrow pathway, however the driveway must not be used as pedestrian access. It can give mixed messages when parents use the driveway rather than the pathway at the end of the day when leaving the school. Please can all parents help keep our children safe by staying on the pathway.

Children who ride scooters and bikes should dismount by the school gate and walk their bikes and scooters down the pathway. ***It is also important that pre-school children who come into school do not use scooters or bikes in the school car park or along the path up to the office.***

The entrance to the school should not under any circumstances be used for turning cars round or dropping children off. I would like to remind all parents not to use the yellow zig zag area for parking in the interests of keeping all our children safe.

Shoe Box Appeal



Thank you for all your kind donations to the Shoe Box Appeal. We received 21 boxes donated to this worthy charity and your gifts will put a smile onto the faces of many children around the world.

Anti-bullying Day

Anti-bullying Day was a great success and the children really enjoyed designing and making their 'All Different, All Equal' badges.

Children in Need



The children looked 'Spotacular' in their outfits and enjoyed our assembly in the afternoon where the winners of the 'Best Dressed Bear' Competition paraded their bears. The overall winner was Jude in Year 2 whose silver-caped bear won the show – well done Jude!

Thank you for all the wonderful cakes that were sold after school. To date we have raised £670 although there is still money coming in.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December

Reminder – Friday 1st December - Children can wear either non-school uniform, a Christmas jumper or onesie in exchange for bringing in a beverage bottle and bags of chocolate for the chocolate pick 'n' mix stall (*chocolates must be wrapped and contain no nuts*). Thank you.

Staffing update

Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Haynes our teaching assistant in Nursery. She has taken up a position in a school much closer to her home and we wish her good luck in her new job.

I have appointed a new Teaching Assistant for EYFS and on Tuesday we welcome Mrs Mesger-Schofield, to our team. I would also like to welcome Mrs Begum, our new Mid-Day Supervisor.

Important Reminder

A reminder that on **Monday 27th November** the school will be closed for an Occasional Day. School will resume as normal on Tuesday 28th November at the normal time.

Praise Postcards



Olivia Hirst in Reception; Adam Mather in Year 2; Kaira Griffin in Y3; Surani Perera, Umayyah Ali and Frankie Clarke in Year 4; Bentley Warr and Millie Tustain in Year 5 all received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!

School Admissions Consultation 2019/20

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 5 – Nearest School' to include all schools and academies (regardless of status) unless that school or academy prioritises applications and allocates places on the basis of faith.
2. To include reference to the Shared Anti-Fraud Service in the definitions section in cases of fraudulent address verification.

3. To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Watton-at-Stone Primary School from 34 to 30. (you should only include this point if you are a school located in the relevant area of Hertford and Ware)

The consultation period runs until 5 January 2018. Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019 for more information and to respond online

Sport News



Lucas Hartley and Thomas Maher competed in the East and South East Regional school championships last Friday night representing How Wood. Thomas swam well and achieved best times in both the 50m free and 50m back. Lucas also swam well and achieved the following results in the Year 6 boys' category:

1st in the 100m Individual Medley which was an extremely close race. He won by the smallest of possible margins .01sec!

1st in the 50 breaststroke

3rd in the 50 free

3rd in the 50 back which he tied for!

All very close races – Well done Thomas and Lucas!

Netball

Our netball team are having a very successful season and have played 2 matches in the past fortnight. The team played Mount Pleasant Lane winning 3 – 0 with Lucas and Sophie scoring the goals. They also played Prae Wood drawing 2 all with Lucas scoring both goals in this match. Well done to the whole team for great play so far this term!

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Date	Event
Monday 27th November	Occasional Day (School closed)
Thursday 30 th November @ 5pm	How Wood Choir singing at How Wood Shops
Friday 1 st December	PTA Event – Non-school uniform day
Saturday 2 nd December 12 to 3pm	How Wood Christmas Fayre
Sunday 3 rd December 4 to 6pm	The Choir sing at Greenwood Park Community Carol Concert
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 11.30am	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

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 27th November 2017 - Occasional Day

End of Term - Tuesday 19th December 2017 @ 1.30pm

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.