



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are coming towards the end of another busy half-term and spring seems just around the corner. I have had the pleasure of teaching in Years Reception and Year 1 so far this term and it has delighted me to see the progress that our children are making in their learning. Reception children are immersed in their 'Super Hero' theme and had the best fun dressing up as Super Heroes for their 'Wow' Day and Year 1 are showing excellent progress in their reading and writing.

Joint Annual Review Meeting (JARV)

Yesterday we had our annual visit from our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner, Mrs Julie Kemp. During the visit, Mrs Kemp and I observed teaching; spent time in all classes and looked at children's books. Mrs Kemp also spoke with children about their learning and we met with our Chair of Governors, Mark Hardcastle.

I am very proud to be able to tell you that Mrs Kemp found the teaching at How Wood School to be outstanding and, where not outstanding, very strong. The outcomes for children in our Early Years Foundation Stage were judged as outstanding. We were also praised for the very high standard of learning in the children's books and for the quality of our classroom environment, including displays. The children who spoke with Mrs Kemp were excellent ambassadors for the school and she was very impressed with them all. Thank you to Daisy Sutherland, Mason McDonald, Abby Palmer, Sophie Godding, Alex Drussel and Lois Van Oosterhout.

The governors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their absolute commitment and dedication to ensuring that all children at How Wood School receive an excellent education.

School Council News

On Wednesday this week, four members of the School Council met with three governors, Mark Hardcastle (Chair of Governors), Doreen Vancauter (Vice Chair of Governors) and Karen Belmont (Co-opted Governor). The governors asked the School Council about their roles and the impact that they have on school life. The children shared their thoughts and ideas about their year so far and future plans that include raising money to buy science fiction, horror and thriller books for the library. Watch this space!



Bentley Warr, Isabella Argyrides Charlie Knight and Anjum Hussain

Parent Consultations

All parents should now be aware of the new online appointment booking system that we introduced this week. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments. We are confident that this will be an improvement to the previous system and we welcome any feedback

Parent consultations will be taking place in the hall. Please visit your child's class, before or after your consultation, as their books will be ready for you to look at.

Each parent has a 10 minute appointment with their child's teacher. If, for any reason, you feel that you need more time please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at a date convenient to you both.

Praise Postcards



Henry Barr and Aiden Cerri in Year 2; Mara Boghean, Marta Lupu, Jack Dingwall and Parker Boswell in Year 3 and Jayden Hood in Year 5 received a Praise Postcard for excellent learning. Well done!

Year 2 'Wow' Day



On Monday 15th January, Year 2 came to school, either dressed as nurses or soldiers and they were treated to a history workshop where they met Florence Nightingale. All the children made lamps and acted out being at the Scutori Hospital, Florence Nightingale's base during the Crimean War.



SAVE THE DATE - How Wood School's 50th Anniversary Ball

Preparations are well on the way for our celebratory ball on Friday 11th May. Look out for a letter next week with details of 'where?', 'when?' and ticket information.

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

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Date	Event
Monday 29 th January	Year 5 visit How Wood Station – Adopt a Railway Project
Wednesday 31 st January	Nursery Tour
Thursday 1 st February	Year 4 Trip to Welwyn Baths and Mill
Tuesday 6 th February	Nursery Tour
Tuesday 6 th February	SEnCo Coffee Morning 9am to 10.30am
Tuesday 6 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 7 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings 5pm to 8pm
Thursday 8 th February	Year 3 Trip to Tring Museum
Friday 9 th February	PTA Event – ‘Bag to School’ collection day
Friday 9 th February	Start of half-term – school finishes normal time
Monday 19 th February	School begins
Thursday 22 nd February	Book Fair arrives for 1 week
Friday 23 rd February	Perform dance and drama workshops
Friday 23 rd February	Y1 trip to Apsley Paper Mill
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day – Curriculum Enrichment Day
Friday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Curriculum Enrichment Day – Children come to school dressed as their favourite character. More details to follow
Tuesday 6 th March	Saltmine Theatre visit + Drama Workshops for Year 5 & 6
Thursday 8 th March	Reception trip to Boxmoor Trust
Friday 9 th March	PTA Event – Disco
Saturday 10 th March	Netball Tournament
Friday 16 th March @ 12.45pm	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit @ St Albans Fire Station
Monday 19 th March	Alban Arena Choir Performance 7pm
Friday 23 rd March	<i>The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> M&M Productions
Monday 26 th March @ 2.45pm	Dance Assembly for parents/carers of Y3/Y4
Tuesday 27 th March	PTA Event – Easter themed Bake-off
Tuesday 27 th March @ 9.30am	Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesdays 28 th March @ 6pm	Year 3/4 Evening production
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term - Finish at 1.30pm
Monday 16 th April	Summer term begins - children return to school

Assemblies

Parents are invited to their child's class assembly at 9am. Year 3 and Year 4 will not be sharing an assembly as they will be performing an end of term production.

Date	Class	
Friday 2 nd February	Year 5	Parent
Friday 9 th March	Year 1	Parent
Friday 16 th March	Year 2	Parent
Thursday 22 nd March	Reception	Parent

Spring Term 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

Mrs Rowe
Head Teacher