



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
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Dear Parents,

*Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.*

*Auguste Rodin (French sculptor)*



Half-term is upon us and spring seems just around the corner. I hope all our parents and children have a lovely break and enjoy the spring sunshine.

### **Chinese New Year 'Wow Day'**



The children in Early Years Foundation Stage had a wonderful day celebrating the Chinese New Year. They made delicious Chinese food; created lanterns and performed a traditional Chinese Dragon Dance.

### **Year 5 Trip to the Saxon Food Workshop at St Albans Cathedral by Thomas Newby and Lily Boswell**

*Year 5 took the train onto St Albans and walked up to the Abbey. We met a lady called Emma who showed us around the cathedral and told us some interesting facts e.g. the cathedral is 900 years old! Next we went to another room where we met a lady called Rachel. She taught us all about Saxon food. We made butter with chives in it and we also made a topping for pancakes – mashed up apricots, honey, apple juice and lemon juice. Once we'd made our food, we went back into the Abbey and ate in silence while Emma read a passage from the bible. This would have happened in Saxon times.*

*We had a really nice time and learnt quite a lot about the Saxons.*

### **Parent View & Home Learning Questionnaire**

Thank you to all our parents who completed the questionnaires during parent consultation. The Senior Leadership Team and I will be analysing these and I will publish the findings after half-term. Questionnaires are still available at the office.



### **Popcorn Friday**

Popcorn Friday was a huge success and raised an amazing £178! This money will be spent on two Mindfulness Art Centres for the KS1 & KS2 playgrounds. Thank you to the School Council and Miss Nixon for organising this event.

### **St Albans Cathedral Choir**

St Albans Cathedral Choir is currently looking to recruit new boy choristers from school years 3 to 5. They are looking for boys with an enthusiasm for singing, a clear sounding singing voice and potential to develop that voice. If your son is interested more information can be found at:

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/music/cathedralchoir/>.

Any interested parents wishing to obtain more information should email the Cathedral music department secretary, Lizzie Smyth, at [lizzie.smyth@stalbansecathedral.org](mailto:lizzie.smyth@stalbansecathedral.org) or ring 01727 890245 (Mon-Fri, 9-5)

### **#WakeUpWednesday**

As parents and carers, it can be challenging to determine whether or not content is appropriate for our children. That's where BBFC and PEGI age ratings come in...

#WakeUpWednesday are guiding parents through the complex world of BBFC and PEGI age ratings for films, TV, music videos and games with their FREE online safety guide.

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### **Head Teacher Award**

Archie Clarke in Year 1, Gautham Vishnu in Year 3 and Kaira Griffin in Year 4 all received a Head Teacher's Award last week. Well done for being the first children this term to achieve this award!

### **Praise Postcards**



Ellia Harmer in Reception; Olivia Johnson & Ivan Blagov in Year 1 and Isabella Argyrides in Year 6 received a Praise Postcard for excellent learning. Well done!



### **Pen Licence Awards – Year 3**

Congratulations to Harry Levick, Ruben Sahota & Oscar Leigh who all received their Pen Licence yesterday.

## **Sporting News by Ollie Sheen, Y6**

*On Thursday 7th February, How Wood School's football team played Margaret Wix, for the second time this season. We were coached by Mr Grace and refereed by Mr Illori. The game started energetically, and by half time, we were leading 1-nil thanks to a quality goal by Blessings hitting the back of the net from a cross.*

*The second half of the game started strong and we played very well. The opposition then made an equalising header into the top left corner. How Wood then played consistently well, with a further goal scored by Austin. After Austin's leading goal, Margaret Wix made it 2-2. Ethan scored our final goal of the match with a fantastic bottom right, taking us into the lead 3-2.*

*Despite our very best efforts, How Wood conceded two more goals leaving us defeated with a final result of 4-3. Our player of the match (voted by Margaret Wix) was Ollie Sheen.*

*Overall it was a good, clean and fair match and although we lost we tried our best. How Wood Players and family members were super supportive and sportsmanlike.*

## **Football Match by Jayden Hood and Ethan Mann**

On the 14th of February 2019 we played against Aboyne Lodge. We were playing very well but we weren't concentrating enough and that is why we lost 2-1.

These were the positions we played in the football match:

### **Year 6**

Jayden GK (goalkeeper)

Ethan right wing

Eddie midfielder

Ollie striker

### **Year 5**

Austin striker

Blessings midfield and defence

Charlie Left wing

Vyom Defence

Nio Defence

Louis Midfield and Defence

Leo Defence

They had a great team, their captain took such a hard shot as we had to take a penalty as Nio accidentally kicked someone whilst trying to score. It was a good loss and we didn't get too disappointed about it.

## **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.***

## **Spring Term 2019**

Half-term – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Children back to school – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## **Summer Term 2019**

Children back to school – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half-term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Children back to school – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET; Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Occasional Day

## **Key Dates for the Spring Term 2019**

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

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 visit to St Albans Abbey
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Tag Rugby Festival – Year 5/6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March – <b><u>Please note change of date</u></b>	World Book Day – Dressing-up Day with a Roald Dahl theme
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Event – Disco EYFS & KS1: 3.30 to 5pm KS2: 5.30 to 7pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	'Need a Little Help' performance and workshop – EYFS & KS1
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Trip to Hendon Aircraft Museum
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Netball Tournament
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Maths Curriculum Enrichment Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 3.15 to 4pm	Maths Fair – All welcome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 9 to 9.45am	Maths Open Morning – Parents invited to join their children and share in their maths activities and learning
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 Life Expo @ Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir at Alban Arena
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Railway Children Production
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.30am	Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 6pm	Year 3/4 Evening Production
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Winning House 'Treat'
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April - <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>	Last day of term

## **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6	Parent Assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5	Parent Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1	Parent Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception	Parent Assembly