



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done.

Bo Bennett (Author)

This is my first newsletter this half term so please accept my apologies for the delay. School has been very busy and time has just flown by! This newsletter is full of information about what your children have been doing over the past three weeks but please pay particular attention to my E-safety message. Thank you.

Year 1 trip to St Albans Abbey



Year 1 had a fantastic trip to St Albans Abbey to discover how St Albans got its name. The day started off with the children enjoying a short train ride, followed by a 'not so short' walk up the steep hill!

Once in the Abbey the children were taken around the Cathedral looking at the memorial monument for Alban and acting out the story of Alban. They learned and discovered how an ordinary man named Alban gave his life and name to the city we know now.

During the afternoon session the children enjoyed looking at the stained glass windows in the Abbey and then had the chance to make their own stained glass windows which are now proudly displayed on Year 1's door.

Year 4 Roman 'Wow' Day By Demi Hall and Ellie Stuart

On Roman day the whole class came to school dressed as Romans. We drew straws to decide who would be a ruler, an oracle and slaves; everyone else became Roman citizens. We did Roman calculations using Roman numerals and we learnt lots of facts about the Romans. We also made catapults to see which one was the best and went the furthest. We even had our own tables to sit on related to Roman names. We had our own Roman names too!



*Clarice and Eva
writing Roman facts*

In the afternoon we were put into teams and had a Roman battle using the shields we made for home learning. When we were starting the war we had to march. The day ended with a Roman Banquet; we ate grapes, cheese, pancakes and lots more. We also drank grape juice. It was an amazing day.

World Book Day

World Book Day was a great success and the children really enjoyed coming to school dressed as one of their favourite Roald Dahl characters. The day began with a wonderful assembly from Year 5 who have been reading the book 'A Boy in the Tower' which was the inspiration for their assembly. I held a 'Jackanory' Storytime in the morning and there was a book swap at lunchtime. The day finished with a traditional How Wood Catwalk show and the children paraded their wonderful costumes. The most original and creative costumes from each class won a prize of a £5.00 book token. The winners were:

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| Nursery | Ayana Ali & Jack Joyce-Smith |
| Reception | Toby & Oliver Bone |
| Year 1 | Lottie Barrow-Winn & Benjamin Edwards |
| Year 2 | Harvey Tofts & Ruqayyah Ali |
| Year 3 | Lexi Van Heerden & Alex Drussell |
| Year 4 | Clarice Sykes & Parker Boswell |
| Year 5 | Yasmine Ibrahim & Neo Afilaka |
| Year 6 | Georgia McKenna & Sam Stewart |



Miss Trunchball & Matilda

'Need a Little Help' Performance & Workshops

On Monday, EYFS & KS1 were treated to a performance called 'Need a Little Help' presented by The Tangled Feet Company. Based on the experiences of young carers, with themes of kindness, care, responsibility and emotional wellbeing, the performance and workshops explored what it means to look after someone else when you are young.

Year 3 visit to Hendon Aircraft Museum Alex and Adam B

Yesterday, Year 3 went to the RAF Museum because we were learning about Handley Page but we only saw one Handley Page aircraft. When we got there we dropped off our bags and we went to another building called Hanger 2 to find some Handley Page aircrafts but we had no luck. In that hanger we saw a half of a plane that we could walk into and everything was painted black and the glass was bullet proof. Then we went into hanger 3,4 and 5 and we saw the Handley Page Halifax and there was a massive display of planes. We got to play in the aircraft themed playground before having our lunch. After that, we had our workshop; we loved the workshop because we made aeroplanes.

PTA News

This year's class winners for the Smarties Challenge were Year 1 collecting a massive £185.60.

Thanks to everyone that participated and collected vital school funds through this PTA event. This year we will be contributing towards wigwams for KS2 as well as help with purchasing computer equipment.

Results for the years were as follows:

Nursery £47.80

Reception £159.20

Y1 £185.60

Y2 £103.30

Y3 £132.60

Y4 £68.40

Y5 £78.20

Y6 £31

The children had a fabulous time at the disco last Friday and the event raised £853.25! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work and time organising these events.

Phase 2 of Improving the Outdoor Space

Following the success of Tesco Bags of Help programme, How Wood has received an award of £2,000. The PTA have added another £2,000 to this amount so that phase 2 of 'Improving the Outdoor Space' can be completed. After Easter, two wigwams, including playturf artificial grass, will be erected in the Key Stage 2 playground; these are a fun addition to the playground where the children can have some 'quiet time' or sit and chat with friends.



Home Learning

The teachers and I have looked carefully at the feedback from the Home Learning questionnaires completed by many parents during the parent/teacher consultations. Having considered all the comments made, both key stage 1 & 2 have revised their Home Learning and this will be shared with parents before the Easter break. Thank you again for taking the time to complete the questionnaires so that we can continue to improve the provision for your children.

Voluntary Contributions to the School Fund

Thank you to parents who have made a voluntary contribution to our School Fund. Contributions can still be made via the School Gateway.

Sporting News

Netball match By Georgia & Isla

On Monday 25th February, How Wood Netball Team played a match against St Peters. It was a home match and we won 10-2. The player of the match was Sophie. Isla scored 6, Bella scored 3, Katie scored 1.

Positions:

Isla - GA

Sophie - C

Sofia - GK & GD

Georgia - WD

Bella - GS & GA

Katie - GS sub

Annie - WA

Lily - GD

Niamh - GK

Umayah - WD sub

We were very happy that we won and were very proud of ourselves. We worked really hard and finally thank you Mrs Croucher for training us.

Girls football match by Katie Coleman and Bella Prazer (year 6)

On Wednesday 13th March 2019 the girl's football team played a game against Killigrew. In the first half, they scored 5 excellent goals while we scored 1 good goal by Bella which was an amazing set up by Sophie Hollis. In the whole match we all stayed strong even though we were losing. Mr Grace was an impressive coach without him we wouldn't of been as strong as we were.

The second half they scored another 3 goals. Sophie went in goal for the last 10 minutes and did some amazing saves but let in 1 powerful shot. The game was equal and it finished 8-1 to Killigrew. Sophie Hollis got player of the match because of excellent playing.

Thank you Mr Grace for all the effort you put in and making us as good as we are.

Match Report (Boys) By Ethan and Ollie

On the 14th of March we played Camp School at home. The match started well as How Woods' midfielders were very strong. Our defence could've been stronger. Blessings and Ethan were injured during play meaning they subbed off to recover. Camp were winning in

the first half, and although our spirits were still high, we knew we had to work harder. Camp won a couple more goals but we were the stronger team. Mr Grace was keeping us strong so our mind-sets were focused as well as him giving us worthwhile advice.

The second half was played well by our team the referee was fair and equal when corners were played as Ethan nearly scored. At the end of both halves it was a loss but we played well.

Over all it was a good strong match.

E- Safety

It appears that a number of children are using WhatsApp. Over the past few weeks I have had to deal with several issues arising from group 'chats'. Not only has this wasted valuable learning time but it has also taken up a great deal of my time.

I am increasingly concerned that parents are allowing their children to access age inappropriate apps with an expectation that school will deal with the repercussions. I must stress that it is the responsibility of parents to monitor their child's phone use and access to internet technologies.

WhatsApp is not meant for children under the age of 16 so, if you know that your child has the app on their phone, I ask that you remove it immediately and regularly check their chats and communications.

As of May 2018, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, or a country that has adopted the GDPR, as the UK has. It was previously 13 and WhatsApp has not yet said what will happen to users between 13 and 16 who already held accounts under the old terms and conditions.



[WhatsApp: a guide for parents and carers | ParentInfo](https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers)

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I would also like to draw parents' attention to the Home School Agreement that you have all signed which states that Parents/Carers will:

- Abide by the school's policies and guidelines regarding e-safety and not allow my child to have access to age-inappropriate internet technologies including: Websites; apps; instant messaging; chat rooms; social media, including Instagram, Facebook & Twitter. (e-Safety & Acceptable Use Policy)
- Take full responsibility if my child accesses age-inappropriate internet technologies outside of school.

Thank you to those parents who are already following these guidelines to ensure that their children use these technologies responsibly.

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

Children back to school – Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Children back to school – Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May 2019

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Half-term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Children back to school – Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2019

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July – INSET; Wednesday 24th 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.**

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| Saturday 16 th March | Netball Tournament |
| Monday 18 th March | Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit |
| Thursday 21 st March | Maths Curriculum Enrichment Day |
| Thursday 21 st March 3.15 to 4pm | Maths Fair – All welcome |
| Friday 22 nd March 9 to 9.45am | Maths Open Morning – Parents invited to join their children and share in their maths activities and learning |
| Friday 22 nd March | Year 6 Life Expo @ Holy Trinity Church |
| Wednesday 27 th March | Choir at Alban Arena |
| Friday 29 th March | The Railway Children Production |
| Tuesday 2 nd April 9.30am | Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 3 rd April 6pm | Year 3/4 Evening Production |
| Thursday 4 th April | Winning House 'Treat' |
| Friday 5 th April - Finish at 1.30pm | Last day of term |
| Summer Term Dates | |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | Bikeability –Year 6 |
| Friday 10th May | PTA event – QUIZ NIGHT |
| Monday 13 th May | SATs Week – Year 6 |
| Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th May | Year 5 to PGL |
| Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th May | Walk to School Week All classes will walk to the local park at some point during this week. |
| Monday 20 th May | Skipping Workshop |
| Tuesday 21 st May | KNEX Challenge Year 5 & 6 |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Sponsored Walk |
| Friday 24 th May | Bling-up my bike/scooter |

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| Monday 3 rd June to Friday 7 th June | Year 6 to the Isle of Wight |
| Friday 7 th June 9.15 to 11.15 | New Nursery Parent Meeting |
| Monday 10th June | PTA CAKE Sale for Queen's Birthday |
| Tuesday 11 th June 1pm start | Science CE Day |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Science CE Day |
| Thursday 13 th June | Mental Health & Well-Being Day |
| Friday 14 th June | Children's Day |
| Friday 21 st June | Nursery Sports Day in the morning Whole School Sports Day in the afternoon |
| Thursday 27 th June | Village Afternoon – Year 2 parents invited for picnic lunch with their children |
| Saturday 13th July | Summer Fayre |
| Thursday 18 th July | Winning House 'Treat' |

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 | |
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| Thursday 28 th March | Reception | Parent Assembly |