



## HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 3

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

This morning, Year 6 presented their Parent Assembly and gave us a snap shot of their learning so far this term. It was lovely to hear the excellent descriptive writing of Jayden, Bella, Gracii and Tommy as well as see the imaginative artwork inspired by Picasso. Thank you Year 6 - another great assembly.

### 'Wow' Days

To inspire the children and to create a 'buzz' around our topics, teachers plan 'Wow' Days each term where the class are immersed in their topic in a fun, engaging and creative way. This week, Year 1 and Reception both enjoyed 'Wow' Days. The theme in EYFS this term is Marvellous Me. They have been thinking about how they are similar and different and also how we celebrate special occasions with our friends and family. To enhance this theme, the children in Reception and Nursery have been busy preparing for Basil the Bear's 5th birthday all week. They have made decorations for the classroom, invitations, a cake and other party food. The exciting day finally arrived and the children celebrated Basil's birthday with a party. They sang songs, danced and helped Basil to open his presents before tucking in to their party food. What an exciting morning for everyone!



### Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held at **10.00am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** in the School Hall. Can all non-perishable donations be brought into school by Tuesday please. Thank you to families who have already sent in food items.

### Praise Postcards



Ellie Stuart and Adam Whittaker in Year 4 received Praise Postcards this week for excellent learning. Well done!

### PTA News

Tea Towels made for How Wood's 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations will be on sale, at a reduced price, during the Parent/Teacher consultations later this month.

## Voluntary Contributions to the School Fund

Thank you to parents who have made a voluntary contribution to our School Fund. Your contributions are helping the school to provide key essentials such as stationery; art and craft supplies; technology soft and hardware; books for classrooms and much more. Please be assured that I am seeking many ways to increase the school's income during this difficult time. Thank you once again for your support.

## Lettings

The school hall and dining room are available for private hire. Please contact Jo de Fransz if you, or anyone you know, is interested in hiring the hall.

## Clubs

Due to lack of demand, Apex has cancelled all morning clubs and Archery, Fencing & Golf Club. Please contact Apex directly for a refund. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Clubs						
Day	8-8.45am	Lunchtime	Run By	After school	Time	Run by
Mon	Apex Multisport 17/9 - 20/12 Nick <b>CANCELLED</b>	Home Learning Club + Library/ Computer	Mrs Osborne 12.40 - 1.10	Netball	3.20 - 4.20	Mrs Croucher
		Dance	Mrs Croucher 12.40 - 1.10			
Tues	Apex Gymnastics 18/9 - 11/12 Nick <b>CANCELLED</b>	Choir	Mrs Reed 12.30 - 1.10pm	Girl's Football	3.20 - 4.20	Mr Grace
		Chess Y5/6	Mrs Goodfellow 12.40	Football	3.20 - 4.20	Julius Illori
				Apex Street Dance 18/9 - 11/12	3.20 - 4.20	Amy
Wed	No Club	No Club		Home Learning Club	3.20 - 4.20	Mrs Wright & Mrs Shadbolt
				Cheer leading KS1/2	3.20 - 4.20	XLR8
Thurs	Apex Musical Theatre 20/9 - 13/12 Amy <b>CANCELLED</b>	Library + Computer school	Ms Nixon 12.40 - 1.10	Y5/6 Boys Football	3.20 - 4.20	Mr Grace & Mr Illori
		Lego Club Year 1/2/3	Mrs Warner/ Mrs Barnes 12.40 - 1.10			
Fri	No Club	Apex Dodgeball 12.15 - 1pm 21/9 - 14/12	Nick	Apex, Archery, Fencing & Golf 21/9 - 14/12 <b>CANCELLED</b>	3.20 - 4.20	Nick
			No Club	Elitefeet Football Club YR to Y6 21/9-14/12	3.20 - 4.20	Elitefeet

## **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 2018**

Half-term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Children back to school – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

### **Spring Term 2019**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day

Children back to school – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 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> July – INSET

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Occasional Day

**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.****

### **Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to the British Museum
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Visiting Planetarium – Year 5
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 10.00am	Harvest assembly (All parents welcome-subject to space in the hall)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 3.30-6pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 5-8pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Curriculum Enrichment Day – First World War Centenary
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Curriculum Enrichment Day – First World War Centenary & Red, White and Blue Day (non-school uniform)

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Jack Trelawny – Children’s Author Assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photos
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Peace Event at St Albans Cathedral
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Morning – details to follow PTA Photo Shoot
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need & Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non- School Uniform Day – PTA Event – donations of beverages and chocolate
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 12pm to 3pm	How Wood Christmas Fayre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	M&M Production present Beauty & the Beast Pantomime
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	Foundation Stage Evening Production
Week beginning Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas class parties – details to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	Key Stage 1 Evening Production
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christingle assembly (Y3 parents invited)
Friday 21 <sup>st</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 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5	Parent Assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4	Parent Assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3	Parent Assembly