



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents,

Half-term is here already and I am sure that all the children are looking forward to a week off school. I hope that the weather is kind so that we can all get out and about. Have a lovely break!

**First World War Centenary - Curriculum Enrichment Days**

As I write this weeks' newsletter, the school is filled with the aroma of freshly baked rock cakes as the children prepare for our tea party this afternoon. Mrs Bone, one of our governors, visited the school yesterday afternoon to see our Curriculum Enrichment Day in action. As we walked around each class, it was lovely to see the children really enjoying learning about World War One in sensitive and inspiring lessons. The Poppies & Poetry workshops were thought-provoking and the children's performance at the end of the day was very moving.



Every child in the school made a poppy for our hall display.

## Red, White and Blue Day



Red, White and Blue Day was a great success and thanks to your generous donations we were able to raise over £100 for the charities supported by the Army Benevolent Fund.

Simon Farrier, Briefing and Liaison Officer for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, gave an assembly this morning and explained what the charity does and told the children how the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae came to be written.

## Contributions to our Newsletter

### Year 4 Wow Day by Megan and Maxwell

We had a great day making sarcophaguses and pyramids. We each had a piece of clay and we carved it into a mummy shape. Then we made our own sarcophagus and decorated them. We glued tissue paper onto our mummies to finish them. Finally, we made a pyramid with cardboard or paper.

### The British Museum by Parker Boswell & Adam Whittaker

Year 4 went on a trip to the British Museum. We began by looking at the old crumpled statues which we thought were absolutely epic! Then we saw the Egyptian Death Masks and dead bodies from the Egyptian times (we also saw the Queen's Death Mask). Next, we all went to have a run around on the grass followed by lunch. After that, we looked at the African area and this was very, very interesting. We saw lots of horns and elephant tusks from Africa. We enjoyed our trip.



### The Planetarium by Charlie Tilley

The man who visited Year 5 with the Planetarium Dome was kind of a scientist. However, when we got in the dome the man showed us foot marks from people who have been on the moon. He also showed us Neil Armstrong making history by being the first man on the moon. Whilst the man was talking he shut off the lights; we saw loads of stars and a few constellations as well as the Milky Way. We were able to ask him lots of questions about space.

### The Planetarium by Austin Bone

A man brought in a planetarium which was basically an inflated dome. When we entered it was pitch black. The man showed us Neil Armstrong making history by being the first man on the moon! One of the best bits was when everything went dark so we could have a look at the stars and the constellations in our galaxy.

### Netball News by Georgia McKenna



On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, How Wood Netball team played a match against St Adrian's Primary School. It was a tough match and St Adrian's won 8-0. All the team did extremely well and we are so proud of our efforts. A big thank you to Mrs Croucher, our coach. Sophie Hollis was Player of the Match. Well done!

## Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your generous donations this year which were very much appreciated by our neighbours in the local community. The thank you letters are on display in the reception area.

## Book Buddies



Children from all year groups enjoyed sharing their favourite books with their 'buddy' class last Friday morning. This is something which will happen each half-term as we continue to promote the joy of reading.

## Talent Assembly

On Friday afternoon we enjoyed our first 'talent show' of the year. Our House Captains proved themselves to be extremely effective comperes and it was a real treat to watch our talented children singing and dancing and to hear Tommy's jokes. Watch out for our next talent show in the Spring Term.

## Praise Postcards



Benjamin Hammond in Year 1, Chloe Sykes in Year 3 and Jessica Reed in Year 5 will be receiving Praise Postcards this week for excellent learning. Well done!

## Come and help St Albans Rocks paint a line of poppies!



St Albans Rocks and The Royal British Legion are creating a line of poppy rocks in remembrance of our town's fallen. The line will be placed on display in time for Remembrance Sunday 2018, the centenary of the Armistice.

They are inviting young and old to pop in, have cake and a cuppa, and paint a rock in remembrance on:

Wednesday 31 October  
10am to 1pm  
Marlborough Road Methodist Church  
£2 per head entry

## Applying for a School Place Deadline

Year 6 Parents – Please be advised that the **deadline** for applying for your child's school place is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Thank you.

## **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 are in red.****

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

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<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