



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ESTABLISHED 1968

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Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents,

This is my penultimate newsletter for this term and it is hard to believe that Christmas is upon us already! The school is looking very festive as the doors have been decorated and our lovely Christmas hoops adorn the hall.



Our Christmas doors

The Christmas Fayre

The PTA organised a hugely successful fayre this year raising over £3000! Children, parents, grandparents, family friends and neighbours came to support our school and there was a 'buzz' throughout the afternoon making for a very enjoyable day. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the school and a special 'Thank you' to the PTA and volunteers who worked so hard to make this annual event such a success.

Year 6 Enterprise Project

This was the second year for the Year 6 Enterprise Project and once again the children surpassed themselves making a selection of interesting and tasty items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. I have to say, I was very impressed at the imagination and genuine entrepreneurship shown by the children who altogether raised £212.16 - an amazing achievement! The overall winners, making £42.18 profit, were the 'Fruit Kebabs' group. Well done to Isla Tustain, Millie Tustain, Sophie Hollis, Isobel Garman and Katie Coleman.

Christmas Tree

This year we would like to thank Burstons Garden Centre for once again donating a Christmas tree to How Wood School.



How Wood School Choir

Our choir have had a very busy month and have sung at Burston Garden Centre; the How Wood shops, the Christmas Fayre and the St Albans Cathedral Christmas Service. We have a strong choir of 33 children and they have all shown wonderful commitment this year making Mrs Reed and the whole school community very proud.

Greenwood Park Carol Concert

This year, children from Year 4 presented The Nativity at Greenwood Park Carol Concert. Daniel Abbaci, Eva Azarakhsh, Mara Boghean, Alfie Collins, Ben Dell, Demi Hall, Caua Martins Rey, Juliette Paice, Megan Quickenden, Evie Russell, Clarice Sykes and Kaviyuha Thibakaran performed to an audience of over 300 people and were a credit to How Wood School. Thank you.

Praise Postcards



Ben Edwards & Lottie Barrow-Winn in Year 1, Millie Curtis in Year 3 and Kaviyuha Thibakaran in Year 4 received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!

Head Teacher's Award

Dexter Lindsey in Year 2 received my Head Teacher's Award for his 'Let's Write' independent writing- showing excellent progress.

Children in Need

The final total raised by the children was £688! Thank you!

Staff News

We have two long serving members of the How Wood team leaving us at Christmas. Karina Read, who has been with us for 10 years as SEN Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor and Jen Chown, who has volunteered in EYFS for over 14 years. Karina has an exciting new role working in a home for children with special educational needs and Jen is relocating. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Karina and Jen for the commitment and care they have shown to all the children who have been lucky enough to cross their paths. They will be greatly missed.

Caroline Green, our cook who is employed by Herts Catering, will also be leaving us at Christmas for fresh fields. She too will be missed and we wish her luck for the future.

Online Safety

'Tis the #WakeUpWednesday to be jolly! 🎄☑️🌲

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, #WakeUpWednesday campaign thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices...

They're delighted to have once again teamed up with teacher friends Dan and Sam from 'Musicalalternative' to bring this jolly online safety jingle for parents.

Please watch and feel free to share this song across your social media platforms:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

Download: Please request here > <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

We hope you enjoy the video and thank you for your continued support and for helping us to achieve a safer online world for children!

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

Children back to school – Monday 5th November to Friday 21st December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January – INSET Day

Children back to school – Tuesday 8th January to Friday 15th February 2019

Half-term – Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 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

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

Monday 10 th December 9.30am	M&M Production present Beauty & the Beast Pantomime in School
Tuesday 11 th December 9.30am	Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12 th December 6pm	Foundation Stage Evening Production
Wednesday 12th December 9am-10.30am	SENCO Coffee Morning
Friday 14 th December	Year 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Week beginning Monday 17 th December	Christmas class parties – details to follow
Monday 17 th December	Reading Challenge Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 18 th December 9.30am	Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 19 th December 6pm	Key Stage 1 Evening Production
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 21 st December 10.30am	Christingle assembly (Y3 parents invited)
Friday 21 st December - Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of term

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 15 th January	Year 4 visit to Pizza Express
Wednesday 23 rd January 9am	EYFS Phonics and Reading Workshop
Thursday 24 th January 9am	Key Stage 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop
Tuesday 12 th February 3.30 to 6pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 13 th February 4pm to 7pm	Parent Consultations – please note change of time
Friday 15 th February	Last day of half term
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
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
Friday 5 th April - Finish at 1.30pm	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.

Date	Class	
Friday 25 th January	Year 6	Parent Assembly
Friday 8 th February	Year 2	Parent Assembly
Friday 8 th March	Year 5	Parent Assembly
Friday 15 th March	Year 1	Parent Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Reception	Parent Assembly