



# HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of the autumn term and have the festive Christmas break to look forward to. The governors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication and to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

## **Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Christmas Productions**



The Nursery and Reception children did an amazing job performing the Nativity last week. They learnt all their lines and sang beautifully. I know all the parents and staff were really proud of each and every one of them.

*Lights, Camel, Action* provided an evening of fun and laughter and there were some stunning performances from many of the children. The dancing was incredible and the singing almost brought the house down!

Well done children and thank you to all the EYFS and Key Stage 1 staff.

The collection for Mind raised £200 – Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

## **Christmas Lunch**



The whole school came together in the hall yesterday and enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch. The children pulled crackers and generally had fun whilst eating their dinner, served by the staff team. Thank you to the cooks who worked very hard to prepare and serve over 200 turkey dinners!

Santa's little helpers prepared the hall for Christmas Lunch



### Santa's Visit

Father Christmas visited the children today and they each received a present. Here he is with Mrs Gooch.

### Christingle

Year 3 led our Christingle service this morning, gracefully carrying their precious candle-lit Christingles into the hall to form the centre display. Children from Year 6, 5 and 4 shared stories and readings and the singing was peaceful and meaningful - a lovely service as always.

### House Points Scores



Congratulations to **Friendship** who scored the most house points this term! As a reward they were treated to a film, popcorn and an ice-cream yesterday afternoon.

	<b>Courage</b>	<b>Determination</b>	<b>Friendship</b>	<b>Respect</b>
<b>Total to date</b>	488	505	525	459

### Staff News

Mrs de Fransz is moving on to pastures new and will be leaving us this Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and commitment over the two and a half years we have worked together.

### Praise Postcards



Harshayan Rajhman in Year 2 received a Praise Postcard for excellent learning. Well done!

### Head Teacher's Award

Sasha Hood in Year 2 received my Head Teacher's Award for showing excellent perseverance and determination to learn a whole new part in the play at the last minute. Well done and thank you!

### Changes to the Office Hours

Please note the new office hours from January: **8.30am to 4.30pm**

### 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

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> & 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 Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 visit Pizza Express
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 9am	EYFS Phonics and Reading Workshop
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Key Stage 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30 to 6pm	Parents Consultations
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 4pm to 7pm	Parents Consultations – please note change of time
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of half term
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
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
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6	Parent Assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2	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