



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 6

17th January 2020

“Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.”

Anonymous



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays. The term has started well and we have much planned for the children to enhance their learning over the coming weeks. Early Years have already enjoyed their Super Heroes Wow Day (photos below) and will celebrate the Chinese New Year next week. The choir has started rehearsing for the Royal Albert Hall Gala in March, Phonics Workshops for parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will take place on the 28th & 29th of January and Year 2 are looking forward to their Florence Nightingale workshop & Wow Day in February. We are also taking part in the Hertfordshire-wide event, Feeling Good Week from the 10th to the 16th of February. Watch this space for more details.



Scholastic's Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported our Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide juniors with much-needed dictionaries and thesauruses. Next time we will spend our commission on the younger children in Key Stage 1 & EYFS.

Pen License



Congratulations to Dexter Lindsey, who was the first child in Year 3 to receive his Pen License in December. Well done!

Children in EYFS strike a pose on Super Hero Wow

Staff Appreciation Board

The following staff have been recognised since the last newsletter:

- ❖ Both Mrs Reed and Mrs Thompson have proved exceptional teachers who have created a vibrant, safe and educational environment ... Thank you to Mrs Rowe, the Nursery team and all the other How Wood teaching and non-teaching staff. Your work is very much appreciated. *Recognised by Mrs Waterton*

Please send comments to head@howwood.herts.sch.uk or post in the **Suggestion Box** in reception. Thank you.

The Dining Room

We have been considering ways to enhance the lunchtime experience for the children and have made a start by putting lovely bright, new tablecloths in the dining room. We plan to paint the walls in a spring-yellow colour and hang the bunting made by the children on Anti-bullying Day, creating a more pleasant environment for our children.



Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all parents who have contributed to the School Fund so far this term.

Local Offer Website

Have you heard of the Local Offer website? The Local Offer lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services (SEND) are available in Hertfordshire and who can access them. There will be an event to launch the brand-new website! Come along and chat with professionals, community groups and services featured on the Local Offer. You can also attend workshops that are aimed at helping you to support yourself and your family.

#SENDLOlaunch

<https://www.facebook.com/events/893411541056685/>

Date: Tuesday 21 January

Time: 12pm – 7pm

Where: The Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Watford WD25 9JL

SEND
0-25 years
Hertfordshire's Local Offer

Join us at the official launch of the new SEND Local Offer website

- chat to professionals and groups to get help and advice
- meet other parents and carers
- join free sessions and workshops
- children and young people welcome

Tuesday 21 January, 12 pm - 7pm
Stanborough Centre, Watford, WD23 9JL

Key dates for the Spring term - Term 2020

Children back to school – Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February 2020

Half-term – Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Children back to school – Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Children back to school – Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May 2020

May Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May 2020

Half-term – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020

Children back to school – Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July – INSET

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.**

Friday 24 th January	Chinese New Year Wow Day EYFS
Tuesday 28 th January 9am	EYFS Phonics and Reading Workshop
Wednesday 29 th January 9am	Key Stage 1 Phonics and Reading Workshop
Monday 3 rd February	Florence Nightingale Workshop Year 2
Monday 10 th February to Friday 14 th February	Feeling Good Week – details to follow
Friday 14 th February	Last day of half term
Sunday 8 th March	Choir to the Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 10 th March 9.30 to 10.30am	Mental Health & Well-being/SEND Coffee morning with visiting speaker, Tania Sutherland: Managing Anxiety in Children
Thursday 19 th March	Year 4 to Hudnall Park overnight residential
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
Tuesday 24 th March 3.30 to 6pm	Parents Consultations
Wednesday 25 th March 4pm to 7pm	Parents Consultations
Friday 29 th March	The Wizard of Oz production
Tuesday 31 st March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 1 st April 6pm	Year 3/4 Evening Production
Friday 3 rd 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 24 th January	Year 6	Parent Assembly
Friday 7 th February	Year 5	Parent Assembly
Friday 13 th March	Year 2	Parent Assembly
Friday 20 th March	Year 1	Parent Assembly
Thursday 2 nd April	Reception	Parent Assembly

How Wood School Term and Holiday Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term

INSET Wednesday 2nd September

Children back to school: Thursday 3rd September to Thursday 22nd October 2020 (7 weeks and 2 days)

Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

INSET Friday 23rd October

Children back to school: Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December 2020 (7 weeks)

Occasional Day Friday 27th November

Spring Term

INSET Monday 4th January 2021

Children back to school: Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February 2021 (5 weeks & 4 days)

Half term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Children back to school: Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March 2021 (6 weeks)

Summer Term

INSET Monday 12th April

Children back to school: Tuesday 13th April to Friday 28th May 2021 (6 weeks and 4 days)

May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Children back to school: Monday 7th June to Wednesday 21st July 2021 (6 weeks and 3 days)

INSET Thursday 22nd July