



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 8

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

***“Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.”***



***J.M. Barrie (Novelist)***

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and enjoyed the sunshine today. We have had an interesting start to this half term with the Coronavirus (see below) dominating the news over the past few weeks. The children all seem happy to be back at school and we are looking forward to the term ahead.

I will be absent from school on the following dates: Thursday/Friday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Parkins will be deputising in my absence and will pick up any important/urgent emails.

### **Coronavirus**

The school receives daily advice and updates from Hertfordshire County Council and Gov.UK. I have spoken to all the children giving them a child-friendly version of the general hygiene advice I have received from the aforementioned agencies. Regular hand washing is being promoted across the school and Mr Dynes and Miss Archibald continue to disinfect all surfaces that the children frequently touch/handle.

Please see the link below for the most recent advice about effective hand hygiene from the Department of Education: <https://twitter.com/NHSuk/status/1235112744917049346>

One of our parents posted this useful link on their WhatsApp group. Although this is two weeks out of date, it might be a useful way of explaining the Coronavirus to children: <https://safeyoutube.net/w/3t61>

### **Polling Station**

With the approval of the Governors, How Wood School has agreed to be the Polling Station for the local elections, which will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. As a community school, we feel it is important to support the local community. Therefore, the school will be closed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## Florence Nightingale Wow Day

The children in Year 2 had a fantastic day when Florence Nightingale visited at the beginning of February. The children came to school dressed as soldiers and nurses, and used drama to re-enact scenes from the Crimean War & Florence Nightingale's hospital.



## FEELING GOOD WEEK!

FEELING GOOD WEEK! was a huge success and the children connected; gave; learnt; noticed and were very active! The Whole School Sing was wonderful and will be soon be uploaded onto the website. The winner of the Logo Competition will be revealed next week. Here are a few photos of the week.



## Praise Postcards



Nina Dodd, Jack Hine and Jake Barker in Year 1 & Poppy Page, Michael Brown & Maya Bourne in Year 3 will all receive Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!

## Head Teacher's Award

Last week I was pleased to present Head Teacher's Awards to: Farris Ajouid-Davis, Lily Boswell, Annie Constable, Jessica Reed and Amelia Snioch for incredibly emotive and superbly written pieces of writing inspired by The Piano. Well done!

## Staff Appreciation Board

The following staff have been recognised since the last newsletter:

- ❖ **All the teaching staff for their commitment and dedication to the children of How Wood School.** *Recognised by The School Governors*

Please send comments to [head@howwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@howwood.herts.sch.uk) or post in the **Suggestion Box** in reception. Thank you.

## Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform is on sale in the reception area.

## Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all parents who have contributed to the School Fund so far this 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 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2	Parent Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1	Parent Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Reception	Parent Assembly

## Sporting News

### Netball

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January St Peters v How Wood:– Score: 8 - 5 to How Wood**



**Well done Team How Wood!**

**Football fixtures for this term will be as follows:**

- Monday 16th March Blue team away - Skyswood
- Thursday 19th March Yellows away - Sandridge
- Thurs 26th March Yellows away - St Michael

Please use this **email address** to contact Mrs Barnes in reference to sport and PE.

The email is [peteacher@howwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:peteacher@howwood.herts.sch.uk)

Term ends: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 @ 1.30pm

### **Summer Term 2020**

Children back to school – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

School closed Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Polling Day

May Bank Holiday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Half-term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Children back to school – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.****

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir to the Royal Albert Hall
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 to 10.30am</b>	<b>Mental Health &amp; Well-being/SEND Coffee morning</b> with visiting speaker, Tania Sutherland: Managing Anxiety in Children
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 3 to Celtic Harmony</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Saltmine Productions</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS trip to Leighton Buzzard Railway
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 to Hudnall Park overnight residential
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PTA EVENT</b> – Mother's Day Crafts
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30 to 6pm	Parents Consultations
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm to 7pm	Parents Consultations
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PTA EVENT</b> – School Disco
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Wizard of Oz production
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 9.30am	Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Alban Arena Concert
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 6pm	Year 3/4 Evening Production
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>PTA EVENT</b> – Easter Egg Activity
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>	Last day of term - Dress Down Friday



## How Wood School Term and Holiday Dates 2020/2021

### Autumn Term

INSET Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

INSET Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

Occasional Day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

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### Spring Term

INSET Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

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### Summer Term

INSET Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

May Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Half term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

INSET Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July