



# HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 1



18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

*Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever.*

*Roy T. Bennett (Author)*



This is my first newsletter for many months and it certainly feels like a small step towards more normal times at How Wood. Most children have been back at school for two weeks and as I walk around the school, it is wonderful to see them engaged in their learning, chatting to friends and reconnecting with one another, their teachers and support staff.

I would like to keep my newsletters free of COVID related issues therefore all things COVID will be communicated by email.

## Website

Our new website is fully functional and looking wonderful. I would encourage parents to visit the class pages to see the weekly Announcements and Half Term Highlights. We hope that you can find everything you need to know on the website but please let us know if something is missing.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing Logo

Mr Reed (Mrs Reed's husband) has graphically designed How Wood School's Mental Health and Wellbeing logo. The drawing is the design of Lyla Peck in Year 5 and the words surrounding the drawing are the collective work of Thomas Barr (Year 3), Oliver Myers (Year 4) & Toby Bone (Year 2). The logo will appear on our website and on all correspondence from the school.



wonderful  
fantastic  
awesome  
positive  
wonderful  
welcoming  
incredible  
care  
thoughtful  
amazing

## Staff Appreciation Board

Thank you for all the lovely messages I have received over the past two weeks. I have shared these on the board for all to see.

Please continue to send your 'appreciative comments' to [head@howwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@howwood.herts.sch.uk)

## Happiness Boxes



If you have not already done so, please remember to help your child choose some items to bring to school to put in their Happiness Box; they will all be finished by the end of next week. Thank you.

## Parent / Teacher Consultations

Due to the majority of children returning to their teacher from last year, we have decided to hold parent teacher consultations in early December – date tbc. The plan is to hold online consultations using Google Meet as face-to-face meetings are unlikely to be safe or practicable. Parents will be able to choose a time slot for consultations and further information and details will follow nearer the time.

## Clubs

Some parents have been enquiring about clubs. At the moment, we are only running Football and Netball clubs for Year 5 & Year 6. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer the full range of clubs again in the near future.

## Swimming

Westminster Lodge have not resumed swimming lessons yet. However, Mrs Barnes (PE Subject Lead) is in communication with the pool manager and once she has details of start dates I will let the relevant parents know.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely weekend and take time to enjoy the autumn sunshine.

Kindest regards,

Cynthia Rowe

## Dates for your diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Black History Months begins
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October during the morning	Harvest assembly
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Finish at 1.30pm</b>	Last day of term

# How Wood Primary School

## Term 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

**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

**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

**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

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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

**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

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