



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 4



13th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,



The second half of term is in full swing and today the children are enjoying Children in Need Day. Although there are some restrictions on school life, we are managing to fill our children's days with positive learning experiences, keeping them active and engaged. I have seen some amazing writing and maths across the school this week and I can see that the children are relishing their learning again and producing work of a high standard. Lovely to see.

I have some news that I would like to share. Last week, I was elected as a Non-Executive Director on the Herts for Learning (HfL) Board. I feel privileged to be part of the Board, which serves to benefit the children in Hertfordshire.

Remembrance



On Sunday, I laid a wreath on the behalf of How Wood School at the War Memorial in Park Street. On Remembrance Day, I led a virtual assembly for the whole school and the children observed the two-minute silence.

St Albans Rainbow Trail

The whole school are so proud of Oscar Dalmedo whose artwork won the St Albans Rainbow Trail Creative Competition <https://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/bhm-creative-competition-winners-announced-1-6901712>

Their latest initiative is a social distanced as well as virtual, district wide Diwali celebration called '**Diwali Festival of Lights Trail**'. It involves inviting families to place a Diva (clay lamp) picture or Rangoli picture in their windows to create a trail of lights across our community. Look out for your child's Diwali picture that will be coming home today. Please join the **Festival of Lights Trail** and place their artwork in your window this weekend. It would be lovely if you could take a picture of this and send it to me:

head@howwood.herts.sch.uk





Anti-bullying Week

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'United Against Bullying'. To kick off the week, children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate what makes us all unique. Throughout next week, children will consider how best to unite against bullying and each class will create a collaborative piece of art named 'United in Kindness'. Look out for photos of these in the next newsletter.

Shoe Box Appeal - A Message from Holy Trinity Church

As you may have guessed we are not doing the shoe boxes here at Holy Trinity Church this year however the boxes are still being made and sent off. There is a very simple process to order the boxes on line if parents would still like to join in this year. I have copied the link below:

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Kind regards and all the best

Sarah

How Wood School Community Food Bank

If you would like to donate to the **How Wood School Community Foodbank** please bring non-perishable items to the school reception where there is a Food Bank container. Christmas is coming so Xmas goodies would be very welcome. Boxes of essential items will be delivered to families within our school community at the end of this half term.

We already have the following item: baked beans; spaghetti hoops; tinned soups; tins of meatballs.

List of non-perishables & toiletries

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| • Pasta | • Tomato Ketchup | • Mince pies |
| • Couscous | • Stock cubes | • Chutneys |
| • Rice | • Flour | • Biscuits for cheese |
| • Noodles | • Jam/spreads | • Biscuits |
| • Pasta sauces | • Tinned Tuna | • Selection Boxes |
| • Tinned tomatoes | • Instant coffee | • Chocolates for tree |
| • Tinned Tuna | • Toilet paper | • Candy sticks for tree |
| • Instant coffee | • Soap | • Instant coffee |
| • Tea | • Shower gel | • Toilet paper |
| • Squash | • Toothpaste | • Soap |
| • Sugar | • Washing up liquid | • Shower gel |
| • Dried fruit | • Detergent | • Toothpaste |

Parent / Teacher Consultations

Parent/teacher consultation sessions will take place on Tuesday 8th December 3.30 – 6pm & Wednesday 9th December 4 -7pm. Parents can choose to have a phone call with their child's teacher or a virtual meeting using Google Meet. The appointment system will go live from next week and parents can book a ten-minute slot via the School Gateway.

Parents of children who have additional needs are invited to Child Review Meetings, which will also be a phone call, or via Google Meet. Your child's class teacher will contact you directly to organise this.

School Photographs

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone school photographs until further notice. I am hopeful that we will be able to have the photographer in during the spring term.

E-mailing Teachers

Teachers can be contacted using the admin email address only:
admin@howwood.herts.sch.uk

It has come to my attention that some teachers' email addresses have been inadvertently shared with parents. Please be reminded that the school's policy is that teachers' email addresses are for school use only and are not to be used by parents to contact teachers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Staff Appreciation Board

The following staff have been recognised since the last newsletter:

- ❖ **Mrs Parkins, Mrs Hardcastle:** *"For everything you have done for my son during his time in Reception and for helping him settle in Year 1 and accept his new teacher."*
- ❖ **Mrs Barnes:** *"For helping my son to transition and look forward to being in her class."*
- ❖ **Mr Illori:** *"My son really enjoys the PE sessions."*

Thank you from Mr & Mrs Fisher.

Please remember to send your 'appreciative comments' to head@howwood.herts.sch.uk

Kindest regards

Cynthia Rowe

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week begins – Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 17 th November	EYFS Virtual Phonics Meeting
Friday 20 th November	Flu vaccinations
Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas begins at How Wood 
Tuesday 8 th December & Wednesday 9 th December	Parent Teacher Consultations
Friday 18 th December - Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of term

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Term Dates 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term

INSET Wednesday 2nd September

Children back to school: Thursday 3rd September to Thursday 22nd October 2020

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

Occasional Day Friday 27th November

Spring Term

INSET Monday 4th January 2021

Children back to school: Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February 2021

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

Children back to school: Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term

INSET Monday 12th April

Children back to school: Tuesday 13th April to Friday 28th May 2021

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

INSET Thursday 22nd July