



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 8



30th April 2021

“A kind word is like a spring day”

Russian Proverb



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have a lovely long weekend to look forward to and I hope the weather is kind so we can all enjoy the bank holiday.



Mental Health & Wellbeing

Thomas Barr, George Bone and Oliver Myers created How Wood School's Mental Health & Wellbeing strap line, 'We are important and our feelings matter – Keep talking' and Lyla Peck designed our logo. We have had badges made and they were given out today to the children and staff team. We hope the children will wear their badges to school or pin them on their book bags/pencil cases.

The Big Ask

This is a national survey for young people that has been created by The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza. She's keen to hear from young people about the things that make them happy, that worry them and that they would like to see in the future.

The Big Ask survey has been explained to the children in assembly this week. This is an important opportunity for your child's voice to be heard so please help your child complete this survey at home by following this link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

All of your child's answers will be confidential, and they don't have to answer any question if they do not want to. They will be used to inform the Government of the changes that children would like to see.

Thank you.

Trips & Clubs

The following clubs will be starting again week beginning May 10th:

Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Coach
Monday	Dance Club	Year 1 & Year 2	3.15 to 4.15	Amiee
Monday	Boys Football training	Year 5 & Year 6	3.15 to 4.30	Mr Grace & Mr Ilori
Wednesday	Girls Football training	Year 5 & Year 6	3.15 to 4.30	Mr Grace & Mr Ilori
Friday	Dance Club	Year 3 & Year 4	3.15 to 4.15	Amiee

An email has been sent today with more details and information on how to sign your child up for the clubs.

School Uniform & Packed Lunches

May I politely remind parents and carers of the following:

- Jewellery must not be worn except a watch or simple stud earrings, which must be removed or taped over for PE.
- SMART watches and those with recording devices may not be worn.
- Hair long enough to touch the collar should be tied back.
- Nail varnish, tattoos and hair dye are not appropriate for school.
- We promote and encourage healthy eating at How Wood School so please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain sweets and/or chocolate.

Staff Appreciation Board

The following staff have been recognised since the last newsletter:

- ❖ **Mr Dynes** for, "Welcoming every single child by name, saying 'good morning' to each of them. It's just so wonderful that he knows all their names and is treating each child with so much respect and with a smile. He is also the same with all the parents too." **Recognised by Miss Joyce**



- ❖ **Mrs Barnes** "Making a real difference to my daughter's learning journey and social life at school. She has formed a beautiful relationship with her and has helped her to feel included, confident and willing to try new things. Thank you **Mrs Barnes** for going the extra mile and always with a big smile and positivity. What an amazing teacher! **Recognised by Mrs Mehmet**
- ❖ **Mrs Saunders, Mrs Loftus, Mrs Shadbolt and Mrs Milne** "A massive heartfelt thanks to the Year Two teaching team who have been helping my son through a period of worry. They have spent time reassuring him, comforting him when he was upset and taken time to speak with me in detail about what they have done to help him, and how we can work together to help him." **Recognised by Mrs Barker**

Please send comments to head@howwood.herts.sch.uk Thank you.

How Wood School Term and Holiday Dates 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

How Wood School Term and Holiday Dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term

Occasional Day Wednesday 1st September

INSET Thursday 2nd September

INSET Friday 3rd September

Children back to school: Monday 6th September to Friday 22nd October 2021

Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Children back to school: Monday 1st November to Tuesday 21st December 2021

INSET Day Friday 26th November

Spring Term

INSET Wednesday 5th January 2022

Children back to school: Thursday 6th January to Friday 11th February 2022

Half term: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children back to school: Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term

Children back to school: Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May 2022

May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Children back to school: Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July 2022