



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 9



28th May 2021

“Equality is treating everyone the same. But equity is taking differences into account, so everyone has a chance to succeed.”

Jodi Picoult (Author)

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term. The sun has blessed us with its appearance and the weather is set to be lovely and warm during next week. Enjoy!

Mr & Mrs Dynes



Thank you to all the parents who so generously contributed to a present for the newlyweds – Mr & Mrs Dynes! Between the staff and parents/children, we were able to give the happy couple over £300 worth of vouchers to spend as they wish. All parents/children who contributed were named in the card.

Anti-Racist Audit

Rachel Macfarlane, Director of Education Services for Herts for Learning, visited How Wood School earlier this half term. I took Mrs Macfarlane on a tour of the school to share the good practice that we have established here and she met the staff team. I am delighted to share her words with you.

“Dear Mrs Rowe, It was wonderful to visit your school and to see for myself the fabulous work you and your staff are doing on race equality. I was impressed by the inclusivity of your learning environment and your vibrant and culturally rich displays and resources. Thank you very much for making me so welcome. It was an inspiring visit. Rachel Macfarlane.”

E-Safety

At How Wood, we ensure that e-safety remains high profile throughout the year as it is an important part of safeguarding in our curriculum. During the week beginning Monday 10th May, the whole school had an e-safety focus and all classes were reminded about the importance of staying safe online. Reception & Year 1 learnt what to do or who to tell if they feel afraid or unsafe whilst online and Year 3 considered gaming and how to stay safe online. Understanding how to create safe passwords to protect their online data was discussed in detail in Year 4. Year 6 considered internet friends and what information we should and shouldn't share & all classes had time to reflect on their online presence and safety.

Unfortunately, there have been several occasions this term where school has had to intervene with online issues that have happened at home/out of school. These issues are arising due to children having access to age-inappropriate apps and age-inappropriate social media platforms. The message from school remains the same – please do not allow your children to access any age-inappropriate apps or social media platforms. Thank you.

Smart watches – Due to the video function on Smart watches, these devices are not allowed to be worn to school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please see the following message from Terry Morris - Watch Liaison Officer

Dear Watch Member,

National online Safety have published a useful guideline to which parents and carers need to know about EMAIL Scams. Click on the following link to download the guideline or copy and paste and search on your browser.

<https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/download/16d1aba41abd5bccde1bdf5a152ccdltw0ftc2xymxbdsjm1kf8aah2gudz6rqev2moy9tobcg2b48vjspinlde8y5fo6vo9txiz4llqf5e51ccl4ox2eytds07dstocl.pdf>

For further guidance and useful information please go to www.nationalonlinesafety.com

*If you need to reply regarding this message, tap on this email address:
wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk*

*Regards,
Terry Morris
Watch Liaison Officer
Email: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk
Tel: 01707 355807*

Floella Benjamin's Virtual Event

Key Stage One and Two, were treated to a 'live' virtual event with Floella Benjamin who talked about her book, 'Coming to England' – both key stages know the book well as it was used as a whole school English unit of work in the autumn term. The event inspired many conversations around equality and how we treat each other and the children really seemed to enjoy finding out about Floella's lived experiences.



September Classes and Staffing

I would like to welcome Mrs Dawes to the How Wood Team. Mrs Dawes will be teaching in Nursery class one day a week as well as teaching a Modern Foreign Language to all classes in Key Stage Two.

I will be informing parents and carers about all other arrangements for September staffing, including the name/names of your child's new teacher/s, shortly after half term.

Staff Appreciation Board

The following staff have been recognised since the last newsletter:

- ❖ **The Year 4 Team** – “My daughter often tell us about many great activities she's being doing at school and how she enjoys going to this school :) She really appreciates what's being done for her. We think that's the best compliment a child can give to those who lead and run the place. So thank you to you and your staff for doing brilliant job:) Many thanks **Agnes and Pawel Kukulka**



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

And finally

Charity Fundraiser

We are raising money for charity in memory of our Grandma who recently passed away. My Uncle is running 250km throughout May to raise money for charity and we wanted to contribute by running by a drinks stall. We will be selling drinks such as slush puppies and smoothies.



Date: Friday 5th June

Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Location: On the corner of Homestead Close / Park Street Lane

We would really appreciate it if you could come by and support us.

Siena (Year 6) , Ruben (Year 5) , Avani (Year 2) .

How Wood School Term and Holiday Dates 2021

Summer Term

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

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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