



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe
Newsletter 11



2nd July 2021

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.”

Anthony J. D’Angelo (Author)

Dear Parents & Carers,

Enrichment Activities at How Wood

The children have enjoyed many enrichment activities over the past few weeks with more to come before the end of the school year.

A Splish Splash Slosh! ‘Wow’ afternoon in Reception class saw the children using recycled materials to make boats and test their bouyancy. Healthy Eating Week raised the profile of healthy lifestyles; Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Windsor Castle. They discovered what it was like to live in the Castle when Queen Victoria was a little girl and had a VIP behind the scenes tour. The whole school celebrated World Music Day and had a go at performing body percussion; Year 6 visited Hendon RAF Museum and Year 3 had a wonderful day out exploring Capel Manor. Today, Year 4 went on a trip to Hatfield House to enrich their understanding of life during the Tudor era.



Year 1 outside Windsor Castle.
The flag flying tells everyone
the Queen was actually home!

Still to come:

- Reception class will visit Capel Manor.
- Year 6 are having an adventurous day out at H2O Rampage Aqua Park and have a trip to Lincolnsfield where they will be transported back to war-time England in the 1940’s to experience life as a child evacuee as part of a fun, exciting visit.
- Year 6 children have been invited to attend a Club Author Day, at Watford Stadium in partnership with the Premier League.
- Year 2 are going to the seaside – Southend.

The Year 6 Production and Sports Day are planned for the very last week of term. We are hopeful that current restrictions will be eased allowing parents/carers to attend. I will keep you up-dated.

Village Day

Year 2 had a wonderful time showing the school their maypole dancing at Village Day. Our flower queen was Nina Dodd, our king was Numayr Miah and our flower girl was Lilly-May Robins. The children thoroughly enjoyed skipping and performing the country-dances. The maypole was left with a beautiful double plait weave for all the school to admire. Well done Year 2! Please see the Year 2 class page for more photos and videos from this celebration.



Praise Postcards

Josiah Fisher in Year 1; Archie Clarke in Year 3; Lyla Peck & Henry Barr in Year 5; Ashley Burgess, Caua Martins Rey, Adam Whittaker, Ellie Stuart, Sophia Creanga, Demi Hall, Juliette Paice & Parker Boswell received Praise Postcards for excellent learning. Well done!



Staff Appreciation Board

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

Head Teacher's Award

I was delighted to present a Head Teacher's Awards to Jude Bourne for a wonderfully written & moving poem 'The Promise' inspired by the book of the same name. Inspirational!

THE PROMISE BY JUDE BOURNE

INSPIRED BY THE BOOK, 'THE PROMISE' BY NICOLA DAVIES

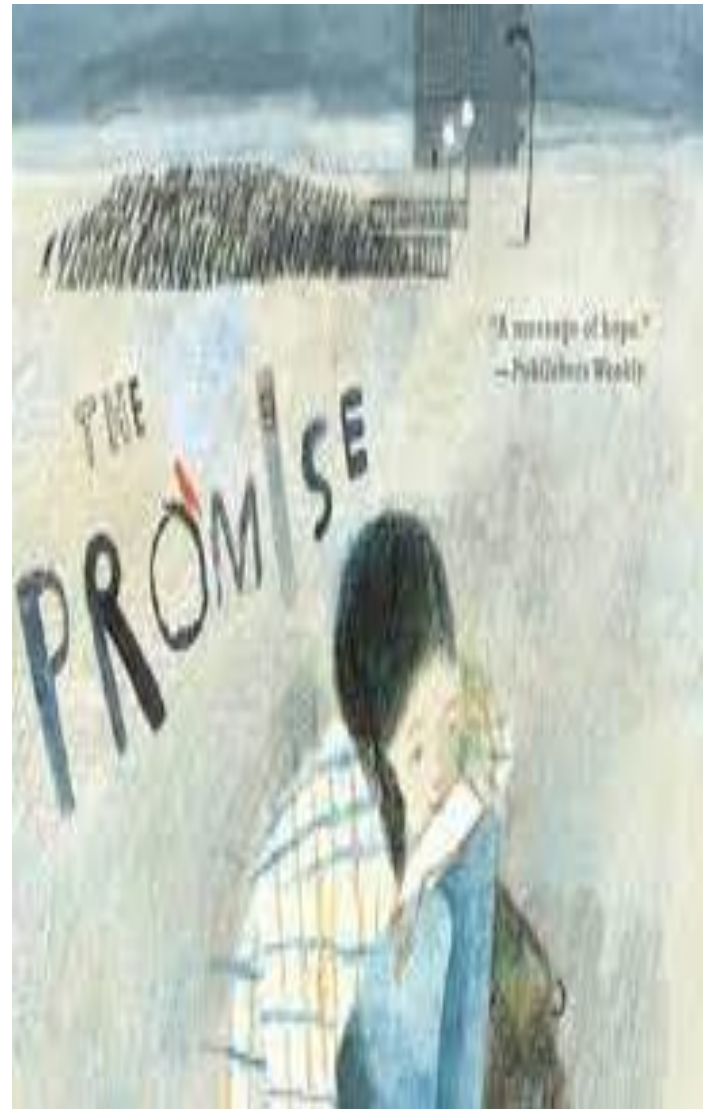
**I ONCE LIVED IN A CITY,
EVERYTHING WAS BROKEN,
NOTHING EVER GREW,
NO-ONE EVER SMILED,
SO I STOLE, STOLE, STOLE.**

**THE BAG WAS FAT AND FULL,
BUT WHEN I TRIED TO STEAL IT,
SHE HELD ON,
WE PULLED AND PULLED AND PULLED,
AND A PROMISE WAS MADE.**

**BAG FULL OR ACORNS,
THE BEST SIGHT EVER,
I REALISED THE PROMISE,
SO I RUSHED TO THE CITY,
LIKE A CHEETAH, CHEETAH, CHEETAH.**

**EVERYTHING WAS QUIET,
SADNESS FILLED THE AIR,
EVERYTHING WAS DYING,
AND NO-ONE WAS HAPPY,
SO I PLANTED, PLANTED, PLANTED.**

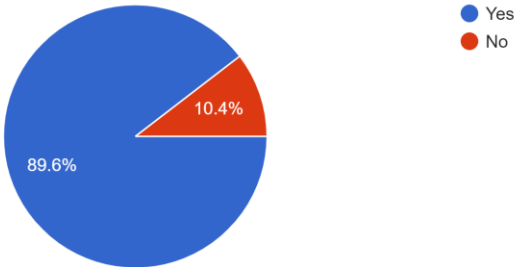
**TREES BEGIN TO GROW,
TIME REPEATS ITSELF,
SHE MAKES THE OLD BARGAIN,
KNOWING HOW A HEART CAN CHANGE,
KNOWING PLANTING WILL GO ON, ON, ON.**



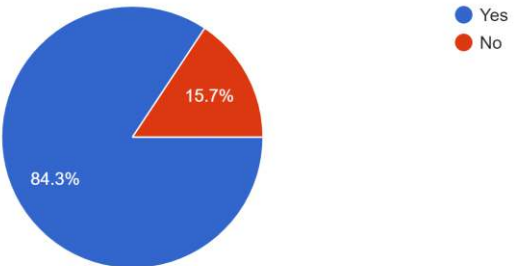
Healthy Eating

Thank you for to those parents who took the time to respond to the Google Survey on sweets and snacks. We had 115 response and the results are below:

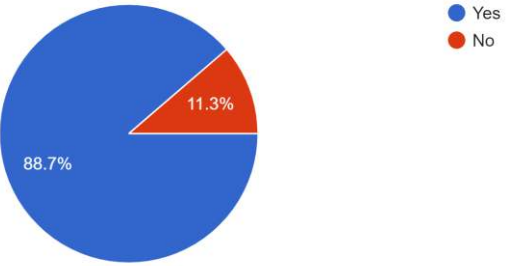
Would you be happy if adults in school gave out sweets as gifts at Easter/ Christmas/ end of year?
115 responses



Should sweets and snacks be allowed to be given as gifts, from other children, on birthdays in school?
115 responses

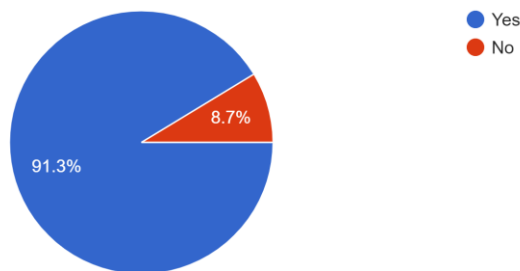


Should sweets and snacks be available at fund-raising events hosted by the school or PTA?
115 responses



Should sweets and snacks be available at parties (Christmas etc) organised by school?

115 responses



Parents & Carers provided over 70 comments, which were very helpful and insightful. I have not published these, as I do not have the consent of those who shared their thoughts however, should any parent/carer like further details, please contact me and I will happily share some of the comments verbally.

Taking the results of the survey and parent/carer comments into consideration, I would ask parents to consider the following:

- How Wood School promotes healthy eating and healthy lifestyles therefore the snacks that children bring to school should be healthy: bread sticks, seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added sugar or fat). EYFS & KS1 children are provided with fruit and vegetable snacks by HCC.
- Consider affordable alternatives to sweet birthday treats especially if you are aware of several birthdays in your child's class over a short period: balloons – pencils – rubbers – gel pens all make children smile 😊
- Please consider alternatives to sweets containing gelatine i.e. chocolate.
- I would politely request that cones of sweets are not given as birthday treats.

Mrs Reed will be our Healthy Eating Lead from September and will be taking active steps to raise the profile of healthy lifestyles with the children and How Wood School community. She will also be re-writing our Healthy Eating Policy and this will be shared with parents in the Autumn Term.

Kindest regards

Cynthia Rowe

Dairy Dates

IMPORTANT NOTE: Events will only go ahead if safe to do so. Parents will be invited to events if it is safe to do so. Government guidelines will be followed in order to ensure the safety of the How Wood School community.

Thursday 8 th July	Transition Day @ How Wood
Thursday 8 th July	Year 6 H2O Rampage Aqua Park
Friday 9 th July	Year 2 trip to Southend
Friday 9 th July	Year 6 to Club Author Day, at Watford Stadium in partnership with the Premier League.
Wednesday 14 th July	Reports to parents/carers
Thursday 15 th July	Year 6 trip to Lincolnsfield
Monday 19 th July	Reception Screening –vision & hearing
Monday 19 th July 10am & 6pm	Y6 Performance
Tuesday 20 th July 10am	Y6 Performance
Tuesday 20 th July 1pm	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th July - Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of term - Dress Down Friday

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

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