

4th February 2022

How Wood Newsletter 2 Spring 1

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS

"A child's life is like a
piece of paper on which every
person leaves a mark"

- Chinese Proverb -

Next week we will be focusing on wellbeing and good mental health during **Feeling Good Week**. Mrs Saunders and Mrs Oliver have planned a selection of thoughtful activities centred on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. At How Wood School, we consider the children's wellbeing at all times and this week is a great way to reinforce these messages and keep the profile of good mental health high on all our agendas.

Our PTA Needs New Members **Please read - Important!**

The Chair and secretary will both be stepping down this term and members are needed to fill these roles. Without an active PTA, the children at How Wood will miss out on many events including discos, summer and Xmas fayres plus subsidised trips. Please contact Mrs Barnes (Year 1 teacher) if you are interested in supporting the school and saving our PTA.
Thank you.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



This week marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, and runs from Tuesday, February 1st to February 15th.

The children were treated to Chinese storytelling

workshops to celebrate this important date and we would like to thank Ms Sun, mum to Jayla in Y3, for giving every child in the school a fortune cookie.

STAFF CHANGES

Our lovely Mrs Stewart, Y3 Teaching & Admin Assistant, will be leaving us at the end of half term. We are all very sorry to see her go but wish her happiness in all that she does.

I would like to welcome Mrs Decourcey and Mr Barrow who will be joining the staff team and will be supporting in Y3 & Y5 respectively.

PRAISE POSTCARD



Florina Creanga, Oscar Kemp, Rowan Mumford, Emily Whittaker and Phoebe Winch in Year 3, have all received Praise Postcards this half term

for excellent learning. Well done!

Next Week at How Wood

FEELING GOOD WEEK

**Tuesday - HOW WOOD V OAKWOOD
FOOTBALL MATCH AWAY - YEAR 6**

**Thursday - YEAR 3 TRIP TO ST
ALBANS CATHEDRAL**

DRESS DOWN FRIDAY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 10th February - Y3 Visit to St Albans Cathedral

Friday 11th February - Dress Down Friday

Tuesday 1st March - Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 3rd March - Parent/Teacher Consultations 4pm to 7pm

Thursday 11th March - Space Virtual Reality Workshops KS2

Monday 14th March - Neuro Diversity Celebration Week

Tuesday 15th March - Saltmine Theatre Company Visit

Thursday 17th March - Electric Umbrella Show

Thursday 24th March - Y4 Hudnall Park 1-night residential

Friday 25th March - Jungle Book Pantomime

Tuesday 29th March - Y6 Trip to Mile Stones Victorian Village

Thursday 31st March - Y5 Trip to the British Museum

Friday 1st April - End of term 1.30pm finish

ROAD SAFETY

We have had some complaints from local residents about speeding and parking around drop off and pick up times. The police will be carrying out focused patrols over the next few weeks so I am hopeful that things will improve.

Please may I politely remind parents to respect our neighbours when parking and not block/park on drives. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE - LATENESS

A few children are regularly arriving to school late. Lateness can disrupt learning and negatively affect your child's day. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8.50am. Gates are open for both playgrounds at 8.40am.

REMINDERS

Half-term Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February

Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the second week after half term. Appointments will be available to book from the evening of Friday 11th February. Details will follow.

STAFF APPRECIATION BOARD

"I would like to thank my whole staff team for their dedication and commitment. They make How Wood School such a wonderful place for our children to learn and even through difficult times, they do this with a smile and genuine kindness.

Thank you all."

Mrs Rowe

Please send your appreciation message to:
head@howwood.herts.sch.uk
Thank you

