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How Wood Newsletter 2 Autumn 1

DEAR PARENTS & CARERS



*"Like what you do and then you will do
your best."*

*Katherine Johnson
Mathematician*

WELCOME BACK

I would extend a warm welcome to our new parents & carers and welcome our existing parents/carers back to How Wood School.

The term has started very well and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their new classes and showing positive learning behaviours. The staff team and I are looking forward to an exciting new academic year filled with new & extended learning opportunities.

Parent View

Thank you to those parents & carers who have completed the Ofsted Parent View survey. Here is the link for the survey <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> where you will also find a simple registration process.

HOW WOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Each year, the governors, staff and I, strive to make improvements in the educational provision that we provide for all the children at How Wood School. We want to ensure that your children have the best education possible coupled with enrichment opportunities to prepare them for their future lives. Below are the priorities for the coming year.

Quality of Education Priority 1: Develop Maths Fluency; **Priority 1.1:** To broaden writing experiences across the curriculum ensuring that high-quality writing is more prominent in every subject

Behaviour and Attitudes Priority 2: To review the school's approach to behaviour management to reflect the current climate post COVID

Leadership & Management Priority 3: To embed the anti-racist, racially literate ethos and to ensure all school practices promote equality for all; **Priority 3.1:** Governance -Staff wellbeing -Improving standards -

GOVERNORS

Mrs Niki Rowlands is our new Chair of Governors following the resignation of Philip Warner. We have also appointed four new governors:

Mrs Claire Garman - Co-opted Governor
Mrs Dawn Helfgott - Co-opted Governor
Mrs Jennifer Law - Parent Governor
Mrs Michele Stokes - Parent Governor

I know parents & carers will join me in welcoming them to the Board of Governors.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 11th October.

This year, due to the current cost of living situation, we would like to create a How Wood Community Food Bank to support some of our families at How Wood School as well as our neighbours.

Please send in any non-perishable donations as soon as possible and leave them in the box in the front reception area.

APPRECIATION BOARD

Our appreciation messages include parents & carers as well as the How Wood staff team. Please send your appreciation message to: head@howwood.herts.sch.uk

PRAISE POSTCARDS



Archie Soussou in Year 6 received a Praise Postcard for excellent learning. Well done!

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

The NSPCC website has some helpful advice and parenting tips on a range of different issues that parents & carers might encounter. Here is the link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

REMINDERS

Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the last week of half term. Appointments will be available to book from the evening of Friday 7th October. Details will follow.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including black shoes. Earrings should be small studs or stud-like and hair that is shoulder length must be tied back.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES (NEW DATES IN RED)

Thursday 29th September - Y4 fieldtrip to Gravel Pits

Friday 30th September - Fire Fighters & Fire Engine in Y2

Thursday 1st October - Black History Month begins

Monday 3rd October - Reception Phonics Meeting

Wednesday 5th October - Y3 Trip to Waltham Abbey Gardens

Monday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 11th October - Harvest Festival @11am

Monday 17th October - Y2 Trip to Whipnade Zoo

Tuesday 18th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 6pm

Wednesday 19th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 19th October - Diya Painting Workshops

Thursday 20th October - Indian Dance Workshops

Friday 21st October - **Show Racism the Red Card**

Monday 14th November to Friday 18th - Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 15th November - Y6 Trip to Cadbury World

Friday 25th November - Occasional Day

Saturday 10th December - Xmas Fayre 10am to 1pm

Wednesday 14th December - KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.30am

Thursday 15th December - Alban Arena Pantomime Trip - Jack and the Beanstalk

Thursday 15th December - KS1 Evening Performance @ 5pm

Friday 16th December - EYFS Nativity Singing Assembly

Wednesday 21st December - Christingle @ 10.30am

Term Ends - Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm

Parent Assemblies	
Friday 7 th October	Y6
Friday 21 st October	Y5
Thursday 24 th November	Y4
Friday 2 nd December	Y3

Have a lovely weekend!

