



Value of the term: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what can only be described as the monsoon season! I know that we were all looking forward to our annual Sports Day however none of us fancied sitting on a soggy field for the family picnic. Let's hope that Friday 10th July will bring us more suitable weather conditions!

The final week before half term was incredibly busy and it has been lovely to welcome so many parents attending the 6.1 class assembly and the 'new to Reception' parents for their 'stay and play' sessions. The highlight of the week was the visit from Sean Rose our double winter Paralympian (2006 and 2010). The children really pushed themselves in their sponsored event and in advance of Sean's inspirational assembly, in true 'Howe Dell' style we sung him in to 'Roar'. Sean was incredibly impressed by our singing talents and the school community was transfixed by Sean's life story. I would like to say 'thank you' for your sponsorships and we are looking forward to finding out how much we have raised for sports equipment and sport resources for our school.



We were also very excited about the arrival of our new laptops. We have thirty-two brand new laptops all set up with all the applications required for us to effectively deliver our Computing Curriculum. I know that they were quickly put to use and the feedback from staff and children has been incredibly positive.



The final day of the half term was full of frivolity with the PSA 'yes' day. It was great to see you all in your football kits with multi-coloured hair and beautifully manicured nails. Thank you so much for supporting the PSA with their fund-raising event. The PSA are currently raising funds to purchase 'Little Wandle' reading books for children in Key Stage 1.



Over half term we were all bathed in sunshine and excessively high temperatures. Mrs Worsley and her team were ready and raring to lead another successful playscheme with a plethora of exciting activities. The facilities team took the opportunity to prepare the grounds for Summer 2 sporting activities.

As I finalise this newsletter, Year 3 are about to welcome County Councillor Mark Watkin to come and talk with them. Councillor Watkin is the Executive Member for Education, SEND and Inclusion. Councillor Watkin is coming to talk to the children about democracy, our local council and his role which is part of their PSHE curriculum.

Looking ahead for next week, there is lots planned including World Ocean Day and the Early Years sports morning with family picnic. The Year 1 children have their Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 have their Multiplication Tables Check so the weekend is a great opportunity to practise those tables that are a little trickier. I always found 6x7 a challenge however with practise I'm right up to speed!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, main doors open from 8.30am.

Kind Regards

Tracy Prickett

ATTENDANCE UPDATE:

I just wanted to let you all know that for the whole of Summer 1, the attendance statistic was above 96%. This is an amazing achievement and we have seen the impact of improved attainment outcomes through high levels of attendance. Thank you. We are looking forward to sustaining these high levels across Summer 2.

HOWE DELL'S FAMILY IS GROWING...

I'm pleased to inform you that Mrs Griffiths has commenced her maternity leave to prepare for her bundle of joy to come into the world later this month.

I am also delighted to share with you that Miss Wood's baby has made it safely into the world. Her baby boy was a little later than expected however mummy and baby are doing well and Miss Wood and her partner are loving life as a family of three.

SMARTPHONE-FREE CHILDHOOD

Some of you may have heard of the growing movement 'smartphone-free childhood'. There has been a lot of press recently about the detrimental impact that smart phones and social media can have on our children.

As a Mum of a child about to head off to secondary school, I have seen the increasing pressures to join various WhatsApp groups and having to navigate the 'banter' that is involved in them. The attached flyer caught my attention as it landed in my inbox and I thought I would share it wider as it may be of interest to you.

<https://www.howedell.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=5th+June+Newsletter+attachments&pid=196>

Although only our lone walker pupils bring their phones to school, which they hand to the teacher for safekeeping in the day, we are aware that there are a number of children who have access to phones before this stage and, as such, are sharing this information wider. Mrs Ritchie

GREAT ATHLETES EVENT

We were delighted to welcome athlete Sean Rose to school for a fantastic fitness circuit event involving all children from Reception through to Year 6. Throughout the day, pupils took part enthusiastically in a range of fun and challenging activities, demonstrating excellent determination, resilience, and teamwork.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and positive attitudes towards sport. Sean inspired the children with his energy and encouragement, helping everyone to challenge themselves and achieve their personal best.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your incredible support. Thanks to your generosity and sponsorship, we raised an amazing **£2,220** for the school. This money will be used to purchase new sports equipment, helping us to continue providing high-quality sporting opportunities and experiences for all our pupils.

Thank you once again for helping to make this event such a great success!



ECO COMMITTEE UPDATE

On Wednesday 20th May, the Eco committee stayed after school to help build our bug hotel! Thanks to our amazing facilities team and Mr Smith, they were able to collect natural resources to prepare the bug hotel for new visitors.



YEAR 1 OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

The children got the opportunity, in between the heavy rain showers, to use the outdoor area this week!



BOYS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently enjoyed taking part in a Football Festival held at Onslow St Audrey's Secondary School. Throughout the morning, the children played a number of matches against other local schools and represented our school brilliantly. The pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of how well they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch at not only this festival, but throughout the year at the school league matches. Well done to all of our players for being such excellent ambassadors for our school!



TRAVEL PLANNING AND ROAD SAFETY

Hertfordshire County Council have asked for our assistance with its Road Safety Strategy consultation to gather the views of parents, carers and our school community.

This attached survey asks about routes used by children, traffic speeds and includes what would make journeys to school feel safer for those who chose to walk or cycle. The strategy itself has a goal to cut serious injury collisions involving children by 70%.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey to assist with helping to shape safer school journeys for children. The Consultation closing date is Monday 22nd June 2026.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/transport-and-highways/road-safety-strategy.aspx>

PSA NEWS

SCHOOL FETE - FRIDAY 19TH JUNE FROM 3.15PM - 6PM

For those new to the school - the PSA put on an after-school spectacular including games, inflatables, a visiting farm as well as stalls, food and drink and our prize draw raffle.

You can now pre-order your inflatables wristbands, spending tokens and pay for raffle tickets online at www.pta-events.co.uk/howedellpsa

Raffle Tickets

Each child should have come home with an envelope containing 2 raffle books (each with 5 tickets). Tickets are £1 each. You can collect and return cash in the envelope or pay online (until 5pm on Wednesday 17th June) at: www.pta-events.co.uk/howedellpsa

Return your envelope to the post box in the school foyer by the morning of Thursday 18th June. The raffle will be drawn at our School Fete on Friday 19th June, with tickets available to buy on the day until 5pm.

Pre-Order Wristbands & Spending Tokens

Skip the queues and save money by ordering online in advance by 11.55pm on Friday 12th June: www.pta-events.co.uk/howedellpsa

Inflatable Wristbands

Wristbands give unlimited access to 4 different inflatables at our fete on Friday 19th June. Wristbands are £7.50 for one child - we offer multibuy discounts when pre-ordered online or during playground sales.

Spending Tokens

Think of spending tokens as a cash alternative. We know fewer people carry cash nowadays so you can purchase spending tokens with a card instead. Each token has a 50p value and can be pre-ordered in denominations of £5 or more. All stalls will accept tokens (external stall holders may not), and they can be pre-ordered until 11.55pm on Friday 12th June.

Tokens and wristbands will be available on the day – but we do recommend pre-ordering to avoid the queues. Tokens and wristbands are non-refundable.

Thank you, as always, for your support – it makes such a difference!

If you have any questions, just drop us an email: psa@howedell.herts.sch.uk

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES



09.06.26	Year 3.2 class assembly – parents invited Year 5 Mayan LEGO workshop	9.15am – 9.45am
11.06.26	Sports Day – Nursery and Reception Nursery & Reception family picnic	10.00am – 11.15am 11.30am – 12.30pm
12.06.26	Year 3 Roman Britain Schools workshop	
15.06.26 – 18.06.26	Travelling Book Fair	8.30am – 8.45am & 3.15pm – 3.30pm
15.06.26 - 19.06.26	Food Festival week	
16.06.26	Reception 1 class assembly – parents invited	9.15am – 9.45am
18.06.26	Clean Air Day	
19.06.26	PSA non-uniform day for a bottle/cake donation PSA School Fete	3.30pm – 6.00pm
22.06.26	Year 1 Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo	8.40am – 3.00pm
23.06.26	Reception 2 class assembly – parents invited	9.15am – 9.45am
25.06.26	Key Stage 2 Celebration of Music – parents invited	9.15am
30.06.26	Year 6 Food and Farming Day Year 1.1 class assembly – parents invited	All day 9.15am – 9.45am
03.07.26	Author of the month assembly – parents invited	8.55am
07.07.26	Year 4 Electric Umbrella event at St Albans Abbey Year 6 production Year 6 production	9.30am – 12.30pm 1.45pm 6.00pm
09.07.26	Secondary transition (Year 6) New to Reception parent meeting Whole school transition afternoon	1.15pm 1.30pm – 3.15pm
10.07.26	Sports Day – Year 1, 2 & 3 Family Picnic Year 1 - 6 Sports Day – Year 4, 5 & 6	9.30am – 11.50am 12.00pm – 1.00pm 1.00pm – 3.15pm
14.07.26	Year 1.2 class assembly – parents invited	9.15am – 9.45am
20.07.26	Year 6 prom	Times TBC
22.07.26	Year 6 leavers assembly Last day of term – School closes at 1.30pm	Times TBC
23.07.26	INSET day	

Signs of the Week

Tent

Camping

REMINDERS



CLASS PHOTO ORDERS

Children should have brought home their class group photo tickets before half term. If you would like your child's class photo delivered to school, then you have until 8th June to place your order at:

<https://v6.kittleorders.com/kp/Home>

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

Please be reminded that mobile phones should not be used whilst on the school premises. Parents/carers and children seen using their phones on site will be asked to put them away. Thank you for your support in this safeguarding matter.

STAY & READ

Nursery and Reception parents/carers are invited to our 'Stay and Read' sessions every Tuesday from 8.40am - 8.55am.

LUNCH ORDERS

Please remember to order your child's lunch through school grid. If lunch has not been ordered, you will need to bring in a packed lunch which must not contain hot food.

Unless your child requires a Halal meal to due religious reasons, please do not select it. If you do select it and it is not for religious reasons your child will be given the vegetarian option.

UNIFORM & CLOTHING

Please ensure children's clothing and uniform is named. PE tops are available to order, please come to the school office to collect an order form. All children should have a pair of plimsolls kept in school for indoor use.

PARKING

Please ensure you are being considerate when parking and are not stopping on double yellow lines or by the front barrier. Spaces in our car park are very limited. We have no capacity for parents to use the school car park at drop off and pick up times.

MERITS

Well done to the following children for achieving their merit certificate this week:

Momore	1.1	Ola	2.2
Irha	1.2	Joshua	2.2
Astrid	1.2	Joshua	4.2
Dihen	2.1	Paris	4.2
Adele	2.1	Amie	4.2



FAB FRIDAY

Well done to the following children for being selected to sit at the Fab Friday lunch table:

R.1	Pranavedith	R.2	Olivia
1.1	Mia	1.2	Harley
2.1	Bethania	2.2	Albert
3.1	Mark	3.2	Zara
4.1	Manuja	4.2	Keonna
5.1	Jake	5.2	Cailin
6.1	Modesire	6.2	Tiffany

BEACON PUPILS

On the recommendation of the class teachers, we would like to celebrate our Beacon Pupils this week.

Nursery	Lily	For increased participation and contribution during phonics sessions
Year R1	Sineli	For excellent drawings of the solar system
Year R2	Keziah	Challenging herself to write a sentence independently
Year 1.1	Reuben	For a really positive return to school after half term - great job Reuben
Year 1.2	Divisha	For giving everything 'a go' and settling nicely into Howe Dell
Year 2.1	Adele	For her joyful and infectious enthusiasm for learning
Year 2.2	Razela	For her effort in Maths solving word problems
Year 3.1	Xander	For his thoughtful contributions and constantly trying his best
Year 3.2	Sanmita	For settling back into our classroom routine and showing fantastic listening skills
Year 4.1	Cinar	For working hard and contributing more of his ideas during class discussions
Year 4.2	Lakshmi	For being a positive role model
Year 5.1	Nate	For working really hard this week across all subjects. He has shown amazing sportsmanship in PE by supporting his teammates.
Year 5.2	Brodie	For being a supportive learning partner as well as his learning attitude towards all curriculum subjects
Year 6.1	Rayansh	For an improved, reflective attitude to writing
Year 6.2	Ebunoluwa	For listening to feedback and making great progress in his writing

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK 18th – 22nd May 2026	WINNERS Year 4.2
Reception 1	95.0%
Reception 2	93.0%
Year 1 Class 1	95.5%
Year 1 Class 2	98.3%
Year 2 Class 1	97.3%
Year 2 Class 2	96.7%
Year 3 Class 1	94.6%
Year 3 Class 2	90.3%
Year 4 Class 1	96.0%
Year 4 Class 2	99.3%
Year 5 Class 1	94.0%
Year 5 Class 2	98.3%
Year 6 Class 1	98.6%
Year 6 Class 2	99.0%
Weekly Attendance	96.2%