



Welcome to

# Heronswood Primary School and Pre-School

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**Wednesday 9th January 2017**

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with the theme 'Be the change: Unite for a better Internet'. We, as a school, are aware of what an amazing tool the internet is and the benefits it provides. But we are also very aware that internet safety is of huge importance to children in school and also at home. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world there are risks and dangers. Children and parents need to be aware of these potential dangers and how we should all act to protect them. With this in mind we have decided to hold some parent sessions on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. This will give you the opportunity to work alongside your children looking at ways to stay safe online. Please look out for the letters which will follow shortly, but in the meantime add this date to your diary.

## Winter Wonderland Disco

KS1 3:30 – 4:15 pm which includes pre-school and reception. Please collect your child from their classroom, as normal, and bring to the front office.

KS2 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Please return the disco letter slip and money to the main office. Your child's name will be on the VIP list when they arrive at the disco.

Please note that it is non-school uniform day so children can come to school in their party clothes.



## Parent Voice

Questions? Queries? Successful events? Good news? Ideas on how you can support the school in the future?

Speak to your Parent Voice representative. Their details can be found on the notice board by the Year Reception garden area.

Next Meeting: Thursday 19th January 2017



## School Photograph Day

**Thursday 26th January 2017**

All children (including pre-school) will be photographed individually. We will ensure that all siblings throughout the school have a group/sibling photograph. At **8:15am** there is the opportunity for you to have a group photograph taken with siblings that are not currently at Heronswood. Please enter school through the main entrance.

If your child is **not** in pre-school on this date then please feel free to bring them along to this 8:15am slot for an individual or sibling photograph.

Children who are attending the Young Voices concert will have an early photograph slot before heading off to the Genting Arena.

We hope that there will be an opportunity for whole class photographs to be taken later in this academic year.

## Polite Reminder

No **Smoking or Vaping** is allowed on the school grounds. No **dogs** allowed on the school grounds. Please leave outside the gates.

## Bikes and Scooter

Please ensure that your child pushes their bike/ scooter whilst on the school property. We need to ensure everyone is safe on the school grounds.

## **Reception**

Reception have had a fantastic start to their topic, 'What I would like to be when I'm older'. The children thoroughly enjoyed coming in dressed up last Friday; it has really got them excited about their learning. This week we have a visit from a police man and we are learning all about road safety.

If you would like to do some extra learning at home this website is very good - [www.gosafewithziggy.com/ziggy-zone](http://www.gosafewithziggy.com/ziggy-zone). We look forward to telling you all about our visitors. In addition thank you to all the parents who came along to the workshop on Tuesday.

## **Year One**

In an attempt to stay warm during these cold winter months, Year One are now exploring The Great Fire of London during their topic lessons. Year one staff would like to ask parents to dress their children in outdoor clothes in preparation for Forest school on Tuesday 24th January, where they will be building houses/dens out of wood.

In mathematics, they are learning to read time to the hour and half hour by drawing the minute and hour hand on clock faces. In PE they will be developing teamwork skills through completing pair balances which will lead to simple dance routines. Please return your child's kit for Monday and Tuesday's PE session. Please can earrings be removed by parents on PE days for safety. Thank you.

## **Year Two**

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The children have all come back into school ready to learn and are very excited about our new topic – The Great Fire of London. During this topic the children will have the opportunity to find out about events at the time of the fire, draw pictures and make models of houses from 1666, create a dance thinking about what it would have been like to be in London; plus many more activities. In English our focus is on retelling traditional tales and our Maths will be based on multiplication, division and fractions. Please continue to read regularly at home, 10 minutes each night would be amazing and you will quickly see an improvement in your child's confidence and fluency. Please also complete spellings and homework with your children. Thank you as always for your continued support.

## **Year Three/ Four**

Happy New Year from all of us in Year 3 and 4! We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term as we take 'A Step Back in Time'. As always, the children have impressed us with how quickly they have settled into the new term. They have returned from the Christmas break refreshed and eager to learn. We have managed to fit a lot into the first few days of our new History based topic. Out in Forest School, we recreated a Stone Age settlement. The children worked in teams to build shelters using only natural materials. We will be further developing our Stone Age skills when we visit Bishops Wood Centre later on in the term. A letter with full details will be sent out shortly. Inside the classroom, we will be using a range of texts to inspire our writing this half term. We have begun with 'Stone Age Boy' and our class text and Guided Reading novel will be 'Stig of the Dump'. In English, we will be applying our grammar skills to narrative writing and story settings in particular. On the 16<sup>th</sup> February at 11am, children from 4HG will be performing in a concert where they will show you everything they have learnt in their Dood lessons. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Year Five**

The start of this term has been revealing, to say the least, for our children who have been astounded to see how strict and difficult life at school could have been during the Victorian times. Year 5 have immersed themselves in the Victorian Topic and have learnt what it was like to sit behind the desk of a Victorian school child. The children have greatly enjoyed role-playing and learning what life was like during the 1800's. We look forward to the rest of the term where we will be looking further into Victorian ways and culture.

## Year Six

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday. On our return, the children enjoyed three immersion days about their new history topic, which is based on the Victorian era. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and experienced a little of what a school day would have been like. Thank you for your support. We all agreed that the use of a cane was not a good way of helping children to learn!

This term, we would like the children to ensure that they have their games kit in school every day. Please remember to put some warm jogging bottoms and an extra sweater into the kit bag and earrings must not be worn for games or P.E. For year 6 children, the morning and after school groups will begin again this week, if your Y6 child is invited to one of these groups, it is very important for them to attend. Homework will continue as normal.

## Governor Report

The Heronswood Local Governing Body hopes you have had a lovely Christmas. We have had some changes to the Governing Body over the Christmas period and would like to welcome Mrs Culloty and Mr Watson, who both have children at the school, to our team. We also welcome Mrs Freeman as a new staff governor.

We have a busy term planned and governors are in school this week looking at the most recent data capture. Further information on the governors are located on the website and I can be contacted directly on [lgregg@riverscofe.co.uk](mailto:lgregg@riverscofe.co.uk).

## Dates for your diary...

Thursday 19th January	Parent Voice Meeting	8:45am
Thursday 19th January	5TP Learning Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 20th January	Non-uniform £1 - For School Sound System	
Friday 20th January	Winter wonderland Disco KS1/ Early Years	3:30-4:15pm
Friday 20th January	Winter wonderland Disco KS2	4:30-5:15pm
Tuesday 24th January	Y1 forest school - Outdoor clothes required	
Thursday 26th January	Individual Photos	8:15
Thursday 26th January	KS2 Young Voices	
Tuesday 31st January	Pre School Stay and Play	8:35-9:15
Tuesday 31st January	Year Reception Stay and Play	2:15- 3:00
Thursday 2nd February	Pre-School <b>and</b> Year Reception Stay and Play	8:35-9:15
Thursday 2nd February	2CB Learning Assembly	2:30pm
Monday 6th February	WHP Drop in Session	8:30- 9:00
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day—Parent Workshops—info to follow	
Wednesday 8th February	KS2 Singing Assembly—parents welcome	2:40- 3:10
Monday 13th February	No clubs this week due to Parents Evenings	
Monday 13th February	4HG and 3WS—Trip to Bishops Wood	8:30—3:15
Wednesday 15th February	3/4 LC—Trip to Bishops Wood	
Wednesday 15th February	Parents Evenings	3:30pm-6:00pm
Thursday 16th February	Dood Concert—4HG—Parents Welcome	11:00-11:30
Thursday 16th February	Parents Evenings	4:00pm-7:00pm
Friday 17th February	School closes for half term	
Monday 27th February	School opens—8:35 am	
Monday 27th February	WHP Drop in Session	8:30- 9:00
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day—further details to follow	
Monday 6th March	Bags2School— deadline	
Monday 13th March	WHP Drop in Session	8:30- 9:00
Monday 27th March	WHP Drop in Session	8:30- 9:00
Tuesday 4th April	Year 3 & 4 Performance to parents - all 3 classes	further details to follow
Friday 7th April	School closes for half term	
Monday 24th April	School opens	

**(Please check dates and times each newsletter, as dates/ times may be amended.)**