



Welcome to

Heronswood Primary School and Pre-School

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Developing Speech and Language At Heronswood

Are you good at listening?

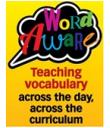
Miss McCone has worked with the whole school, including pre-school, helping everyone to improve their listening skills. During the sessions, children have been enjoying activities that develop the essential skills needed to be a good listener. These skills are also reinforced by other adults at all times in the school day.

- * Look at the person who is talking
- * Sitting still
- * Hear every word that is spoken
- * Being quiet so that you can hear what is said

It would be fantastic if you could encourage your child to use these skills at home too.

Are you 'Word Aware'?

In school this term we are working on vocabulary (words), we will be following the Word Aware Approach. Vocabulary is important for school success. On average an adult has 30,000 words they can use, for children to achieve this they must learn approximately **6-8 words per day** during their school years. Over the coming weeks, your child/ren will be coming home with 'Ask me about ...' stickers. Each week your child/ren will be learning a new word linked to their curriculum. Please spend some time discussing the new words at home.



Important points:

- Vocabulary is important as it supports reading and writing.
- If vocabulary is supported at home it makes a difference.
- In order for children to understand new words they need to hear it, see it, feel it and act it.
- Have fun with words.
- When talking about words tell them information about the word rather than ask them questions.

Further information, about our Word Aware Project, will be shared at parents' evening.

School Uniform—Bows

We politely ask children not to wear large bows in their hair. They are not part of our school uniform.

Polite Notices

Parking Outside of School

Please ensure that you are parking your car responsibly and in line with the Highway Code. Our children's safety is of upmost importance.

Keeping Entrance Area onto Playground Free (By Year Reception Garden)

Parents have requested that we remind all parents to stand back from the YR fencing to reduce blockages to the main school playground.

Disco

A huge thank you to Mr Webster for being our DJ. A very successful Disco which has raised additional money for our new vegetable patches. £550 was raised in total!

Parents' Evening

Letters will be sent home shortly for Parents' Evening. Please ensure that a time and date is booked in for your child/ren.

It is expected that **ALL** parents/carers attend a meeting with their child's class teacher. Thank you for supporting your child's education.

Half Term Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken for our Half Term holiday club. If you would like a booking form please ask at the main school office.

Pre-School

This week, as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic, we are looking at the roles of Doctors and Nurses. We have turned our role play area into a hospital and the children are busy looking after each other. Next week we will create a Dentist Surgery! We will be investigating how we look after our teeth, including what we should or shouldn't eat. We will also include talking about Chinese New Year and tasting various foods for snack.

Could we please ask that water bottles, lunch boxes and all clothes, that may be removed in pre-school, are named. We are still short of spare girls clothes including pants and socks. If you have any spares you no longer need, we would gratefully receive them.

Tuesday 31st Jan and Thursday 2nd Feb are our 'Stay and Play' sessions. These will run from 8.35am to 9.15am. Please stay and take a look at what you child does in Pre-School.

A letter will be coming out shortly about parents' evenings. Please watch out for these in book bags.

Reception

Reception children have been learning all about road safety. Thank you to the school crossing patrol lady and the policeman for their visits last week.

This week we have learnt about working in a dental practice and how to keep our teeth healthy. Children had the opportunity to meet a dental nurse, sort different foods and drinks and identify how some food choices might cause cavities.

We are still looking for more adults to share their jobs with the Year Reception children. If you have an interesting job and would like to come in and talk to Year Reception then please let us know.

We are currently planning a school trip for our Reception children which will take place in the summer term. More details to follow!

Thank you to all those parents who continue to ensure their child reads at least 3 times a week. If you would like to be a parent helper, and listen to children read in school, please let us know.

Year One

Year one are revisiting place value by developing their knowledge of number bonds to ten, and challenging themselves with number bonds to 20. The children thoroughly enjoy our number bond quizzes every Wednesday and Thursday.

In English the children are becoming authors! Each child will be writing their own version of the book 'Peace at Last' Get your thinking caps on- where else could Mr Bear have gone to try and go to sleep? What did he hear?

Our first forest school trip was a great success! Using their knowledge of the Great fire of London the children were able to recreate miniature housing. Safely, using the fire pit, Mr Campbell recreated the burning of the houses.

Due to popular demand we will continue to visit the forest on Tuesday afternoons for this half term. Further details will be in the home-school diaries later this week.

Year Two

We have been busy working on our multiplication and division skills in Maths. The children have been learning to use arrays to support their multiplication and grouping to support division. Please could you also continue to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home to support with this.

In English we have been developing our retelling skills using a range of familiar tales. The children have been learning how to include a range of features to enhance their writing. Please continue to support with spellings at home and remember, if your child is finding the spellings easy then they can practise writing them in sentences to further their understanding.

Thank you for your continued support with reading, it is wonderful to see so many children reading 5 times a week.

Year Three/ Four

It has been another busy couple of weeks for Year 3 / 4 and we are settling into our new topic, A Step Back in Time. We have looked at the chronology of events and compared dwellings during the three stages of the Stone Age. Ask your children how Stone Age housing changed during this period of history. Over the coming weeks, your child/ren will be coming home with 'Ask me about ...' stickers. Each week we will be learning a new word linked to our topic. Please spend some time discussing the topic words at home.

On Tuesday 10th January, 3/4 LC went to King Charles High School to take part in a circuit of activities led by some of the older students. Miss Knowles, who is a teacher at King Charles, is now coming into school on Tuesday mornings to develop a Stone Age dance in PE with 3/4LC.

Finally, a reminder that a fruit snack at break time is not provided from Year 3 upwards. Key Stage 2 lunch time begins at 12:30 pm and quite often the children are feeling peckish by morning break. If you would like your child to have a snack, please send in a healthy snack. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Year Five/Six

The children have enjoyed investigating more aspects of Victorian life. They have used an Atlas to identify countries that had been part of the British Empire and record those onto a map of the world. We have also continued to read our class text, 'Street child' discovering how difficult life was for children who were forced to live in the Workhouse. Soon we will be learning more about the amazing work of Dr. Barnardo, who made it his mission in life to improve conditions for poor Victorian children. We have also experimented with making a Victorian style product-toothpaste! It included some very interesting ingredients and the children agreed that they would not have wanted to use it!

Reminder: Please can children bring their P.E. kits to school. The kit will need to be in school every day and include warm jogging bottoms and sweatshirts. We do have a very limited supply of spare kit, so any donations of shorts, sweatshirts and trainers would be gratefully received. No jewellery is to be worn during sports sessions, so if earrings cannot be removed, please provide your child with tape to cover them appropriately.

House Points: **Winner this week:** Stour with 207 house points

Totals so far this year....

Severn:

Teme:

Avon:

Stour:

Reader of the Week



Congratulations to our fantastic Readers:

Week beginning : 9th January 2017 - Vinnie, Hallie, Kobe, Artjoms, Finley, Daniel, Charna, Jess, Nellie, Will and Dylan.

Week beginning : 16th January 2017 - Patricia, Daniel, Ethan, Charlie, Oliver, Quinn, Rhys, Alfie, Frankie, Finley and Dylan.

Star Writer

Congratulations to our fantastic Writers:
Week beginning : 9th January 2017 - Kharee, Riley, Hollie, Jessica, Thea, Luca D, Lewis, Bradley, Michal and Luca T.



Week beginning: 16th January 2017 - Harley, Theo, Summer, Oliver, Archie, Thea, Maia, Jacob, Harry, Chloe, Morgan and Harry.

Class of the Week: Class of the Week is awarded for outstanding in our **STARS** values. Our STARS values are - Safety, Trust, Achieve, Respect and Sharing. **Y5/6 TM have the award for the week ending 20th January -well done.**

Attendance and Lates: Week beginning Monday 16th January 2017-Well Done to 2CB

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
RRR	99.09	0	2AL	97.2		5TP	96.3	0
RMM	99.09	0	3WS	97.88		5/6 TM	95.65	0
1SC	97.5	0	3/4 LC	96.92		6BK	95.16	0
2CB	100	0	4HG	96.43				

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 26th January	Individual/ Sibling 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 and 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—see letter	
Wednesday 8th February	KS2 Singing Assembly— Y3& 4 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	KS2 Singing Assembly— Y5& 6parents welcome	
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
Wednesday 1st March	Maths—Back to School—Parents Invited- All Year 3 &4	9.00-9.45
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day—further details to follow	
Monday 6th March	Bags2School— deadline	
Tuesday 7th March	SPAG/Phonics—Back to School—Parents Invited—Y1 &	9:00-9:45
Thursday 9th march	Open Day for New Parents/pupils	13:00-18:30
Saturday 11th March	Open Day for New Parents/pupils	09:30-12:30
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.)