

Parent Voice Newsletter

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Heronswood Primary School

 The Rivers
C of E. Academy Trust
Live, Love, Learn



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If you are a parent/guardian of a child at Heronswood, it is important to **please read** the notes below.

Heronswood wants to hear the parents' voice.

Please join in by e-mailing to the above address or speaking to a year group representative with your opinions/suggestions. Any input is very welcome and remains anonymous. Please consider making your voice heard. You do not attend the meeting, this is the job of your representative.

Success Stories

- Class photograph for **every** child on Wednesday 26th April.

Note to parents/guardians: Please give written confirmation to school if you do **not** want your child to be included in the photograph.

- New forest school development is underway!

Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017 at 8:45 am.

Discussion Points

Class photos	Every child will be in a class (not year group) photograph on 26 th April. It is very important that you inform school if you do not wish your child to be included.	Action: Parents please inform school if you do not wish your child to be included.
Christmas cards	Every child to create a Christmas card/item that parents/guardians will be available to buy as a pack.	Action: Miss Whelan still investigating
Christmas stamps	Heronswood will be taking part in the Royal Mail Christmas Stamp competition where the winner can win up to £1000 for their family and their school.	
Communication	Heronswood wants to reach everyone.	Action: Parents/guardians please read all letters and visit the website regularly to check you have not missed anything. It is also a good idea to look at the Facebook notifications.
Renovations	It was confirmed by parents that historic fundraising is finally making a difference and changes are taking place. The outcome of the grant for additional KS1 area should be known by the middle of April. This will include 4 new classrooms and a refurbishment of the current Year R/Pre-school area.	
Collection point for Reception and Year 1	It was suggested that parents/carers of Reception and Year 1 children be encouraged to stand back and allow others easier access to the top playground.	Action: Parents please stand back.
Spellings	It was requested that any incorrect spellings were clearly marked, with a pink dot, in the homework diary.	Action: Teachers to remind KS2 children to mark their diaries.
Homework	Concern that the homework is being marked by class peers was expressed. It was confirmed that this is a powerful way to enable pupils to understand their homework and correct any errors made by working with a peer.	
Uniform	V-necked jumpers or larger holed round necked jumpers.	Action: Miss Whelan still investigating.
Dinnertime	Children now have longer to play and eat. The older children eat first to enable the younger children to play/eat/play. This improvement was welcomed.	
Home School Agreement	This document, once finalised, will need to be signed by all.	Action: Miss Whelan to bring copy to next meeting.

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Pre-school handover	Changes to pre-school handover to be considered. Parents reported it is a small space and quite congested.	Action: Miss Whelan to speak to pre-school.
Dog mess	It was reported that dog mess around school is prolific. Perhaps school could consider advertising the council's number asking parents to call that if they are concerned about dog mess.	Action: PV rep to speak to council.

Agenda for next meeting

Actions from previous meeting – updates on:

Christmas cards

Communication

Collection point for Reception and Year 1

Spellings

Uniform

Parking outside school

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Dog mess

Any new business: Please speak to your representative or e-mail parentsheronswood@gmail.com to add a new item to the agenda.