

Parent Voice Newsletter



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Heronswood Primary School

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Tuesday 11th June 2019

Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held in the new academic year 2019-20.

Discussion Points

RSE Policy	Updated RSE policy shared.	Updated RSE policy agreed by parent.
Children waiting outside gate in the mornings	Parents have fed back that the path (outside the school gate) is busy due to the number of children and families waiting on the pathway.	Staff to speak to older children, walking independently to school, about coming straight onto the playground. Parents please could you keep the path clear for passing pedestrian traffic.
Phone Box	Parents have reported that younger children (Year 3 and under) have been playing with the phone box (outside of school) prior to school. Children, on occasions, have been witnessed calling 999, whilst under their parents' supervision. Parents to remind children about emergency services and when appropriate to call.	Parents can be fined by the Police for hoax calls.

STAR Awards	Parents have fed back that children are concerned that they have not received a STARS award yet.	School to up STARS awards to two children per week from next year.
Educational Visits	<p>Parents are concerned about the number of Educational Visits in the Summer Term and the cost to parents.</p> <p>Parents would like more notice of upcoming costs so that they can save throughout the year.</p>	<p>Now that Heronswood is a two-form entry school it is much easier to repeat trips on a yearly basis – rather than bi-yearly.</p> <p>We aim to send out a yearly overview which contains information of planned educational visits to support parents.</p> <p>Summer term generally guarantees better weather. Classes are well settled at this time of year and therefore potential risks of taking unknown children out of school are reduced.</p> <p>There are always many last minute opportunities that are presented to schools throughout the year. School would like to continue taking up these opportunities. However, these opportunities may have an additional cost which is not mapped out in the original plan.</p>
Bikes	<p>Parents shared their frustration about children, and on occasions parents, riding their bikes on the playground and in the busy areas around school.</p> <p>Reminder: bikes and scooters should not be used on the school premises.</p>	<p>Staff to speak to older children, arriving independently, about dismounting from their bikes.</p> <p>Parents to ensure that all children are not riding bikes or scooters on the school grounds. It is not safe.</p>
Year 5 and 6 Choice Curriculum	A parent email was received, which asked parent voice to discuss the Friday afternoon Y5/6 Choice Curriculum.	Parents were in agreement that children need to get High School ready. Parents felt that it was fair that children were in control of their own outcome - in terms of whether they earn the additional time or not. They felt it was fairer than the whole cohort missing out.

Actions for next meeting: Please share your ideas prior to the next meeting with your representative or e-mail parentsheronswood@gmail.com.