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Dear Parents,

### Parents' Voice Group

As you'll be aware, the PVG is a forum where suggestions and queries submitted by you, the parents, are researched and discussed. After our recent meeting, I'm pleased to be able to share with you our responses to the topics that you raised.

#### **Braeside**

As parents of Year 4 children will already know, we are pleased to be able to confirm that this year's residential trip to Braeside will take place in May as usual. However, you may have read that Wiltshire Council have provisionally decided to close the facility as a cost-cutting measure. No date for this has yet been confirmed, but we will aim to keep you informed. Nevertheless, you can rest-assured that we'll certainly be looking to continue the tradition of a Year 4 residential trip - it's undoubtedly a much-cherished rite of passage through the school that the children look forward to and enjoy enormously.

#### **Recycling**

We were contacted to enquire as to whether the school could take part in a bottle top recycling initiative run by LUSH, a cosmetics company with an outlet in Bath. While we're always very keen to encourage and promote the green agenda here at Box, this is designed as a domestic scheme aimed at families and households and we just don't have the facilities and resources at the school to participate. However, thank you for bringing this initiative to our attention - we are very happy to publicise it in this forum. For full details, please see:

<https://twitter.com/lushltd/status/839158585212944384?lang=en>

Raising this matter does though give us the opportunity to re-emphasise the school's excellent green/environmental credentials. You'll be aware that the children are taught about the importance of environmentally-friendly ideas and practices, and even have the chance to take part in our very own Eco-Committee which generates and leads child-centred initiatives. You can be assured that the school itself practices what we preach and leads by example whenever we can, and recycles food waste, paper, card, plastic, tin foil, cans, glass, batteries, harvests rain water, composts break time fruit and pencil sharpenings and refills board-markers etc. On the 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be having our first reassessment of our Eco Schools Green Flag award and we'll always strive to do what we can for environmental-sustainability.



## Clock update

You may remember that the subject of our much-loved school clock (housed in what Pevsner called a "terrible, spindly tower" - how rude!) was discussed at Parents' Voice Group meeting last year. I promised to keep you updated about on-going efforts to have it repaired and while I can report some progress, as stated previously, this issue is proving to be devilishly complicated.

We've found a new horologist who has inspected the workings and he has decided that the best course of action is to source replacement, second-hand parts (if you'll forgive the pun). You may have noticed that, like Big Ben, our clock is now also silent while the replacement parts are sought. Plans for a new platform to access the tower have been drawn up and listed building consent has been applied for. So, while things are ticking along (sorry!), we are not yet in a position to give a firm answer as to when the clock will be back in full working order, but we'll keep you posted.

If you have a subject that you'd like to be considered for discussion at the next meeting of our Parents' Voice Group, please contact me ([stephen.clark@box.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:stephen.clark@box.wilts.sch.uk)) or any other member of the governing body. Our contact details can be found on the school's website -

<https://www.box.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=10>

You can also, of course, simply come for a chat at parents' evening or pop your question or query through the office post-box at school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very best wishes

**Stephen Clark**  
Chair, Parents' Voice Group

