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NEWSLETTER 3 – 10th February 2020



Open sessions

Reminder that on **Thursday 13th February (8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm)** we have 'Becoming a Writer' open sessions for parents. Your child takes immense pride in showing you around their setting so please make every effort to attend! We will finish with a singing session!



February Half-Term- family learning challenge: **'Extreme Writing'!**

Add a photo to your child's 'Tapestry' of your child completing mark making or writing in an unusual place or position! *Up a tree? Under a table? In the park?*

Wherever this is your child will be very proud to see their photo from home on Tapestry!

Find time to look through your child's Tapestry journal with them sitting next to you! We bet they will be able to tell you about every photo on there with a great sense of pride!

Remember staff are setting short term targets for you to work on at home. This is our main form of written communication with you so please look at your child's learning journal regularly. YOU are their main carer and educator. **What you do NOW between the ages of birth and five makes an enormous difference to their future.**

Admissions into Kingswood Nursery class – September 2020

Each parent/carer needs to apply directly to the setting of their choice. Kingswood Pre-School parents are **given priority in the order that the applications are received. MORNING PLACES ARE GOING FAST!**

PLEASE NOTE: Even if your child is currently in Pre-School YOU STILL NEED TO APPLY for a nursery place.

Applications can be made using the following link:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/83372485558368> Alternatively call into the office if you require a paper copy.

The following dates are still available for parents/carers to visit the Nursery class:

- Tuesday 11th February 2020 10am
- Monday 24th February 2020 2pm

Please phone the office if you would like to reserve a place.

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Applications close on Friday 28th February 2020.



Kingswood have received £500 from Tim Williams, one of our local councillors, from his locality budget. This generous amount is being put towards the cost of the mini-bus hire to take us to the care homes we visit each Friday!

Thank you, Tim for supporting Kingswood in this way!

We would also like to thank our 'Kingswood Evening Group' of ladies, who use Kingswood once a month for their evening meeting.

This charming group of ladies have donated £64 from their tea and coffee donations. We are very grateful and will be using the money to purchase a hammock for the garden! Thank you ladies!



School is closed from Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 24th February.



Department for Education

Coronavirus – Advice from the DfE

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Latest information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

Parents and settings should promote basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

SPRING TERM 2020 Forthcoming diary dates:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Tuesday 11 th February	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Thursday 13 th February	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - theme of 'Becoming a Writer'. Come and play with your child and join in with their learning. They love to see you! We will finish with a singing session at the end.	Nursery and Pre-School classrooms
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM HALF TERM FAMILY CHALLENGE 'Extreme Writing' Tell us about an unusual place your child has taken part in some early writing! Be adventurous and share your photos on Tapestry!			
Monday 24 th February	2pm	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Friday 28 th February 9am	Deadline to apply for a nursery place for Kingswood for September 2020 entrants.		
Monday 2 nd March	10.30, 12.30, 6pm	Phonics workshop information session for NURSERY parents. <i>Ways to support your child with phonics, to support with reading.</i>	Staffroom
Thursday 5 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY - Come to school dressed as a character from a book!		
w/b Monday 9 th March	Times to be arranged	Parents/carers invited in to read to children	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Thursday 12 th March	5.30 to 6.30	Bedtime story session - come in your pyjamas and bring your teddy!	Nursery classroom
Friday 20 th March	8.30-9.40am or 12.30-1.40pm <i>Please note new times</i>	'MAGic' open sessions for Mother's, Aunts, Grans and other important carers. Mother's Day celebrations. Theme of 'Creativity'. Come and play with your child and join in with their learning.	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Tuesday 31 st March	10 – 10.45	Last Baby Rhyme Time for this term (R/S Tuesday 28 th April)	Staffroom
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of Spring Term. School open 10-12 noon.		
SCHOOL CLOSED from Monday 6th April until we re-open on Tuesday 21st April 2020. Family Learning Challenge: 'EXTREME READING'. Send us in a photo of an unusual place or position you have completed some reading!			

SPRING TERM 2020

January 2020	
Monday 6 th January	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
February 2020	
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
April 2020	
Friday 3 rd April	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
EASTER BREAK - MONDAY 6 th APRIL – FRIDAY 17 th APRIL	

SUMMER TERM 2020

April 2020	
Monday 20 th April	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 21 st April	TERM STARTS
May 2020	
Friday 8 th May	School closed – 75 th VE day celebrations
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
July 2020	
Friday 17 th July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
Monday 20 th July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 21 st July	OCCASIONAL DAY - closed