

NEWSLETTER 2 – 31st January 2020



The 'Writing Workshops for Parents' happened last week and I would like to thank all of the parents who came – it was a great turn out!
The feedback on Tapestry telling me all about the activities you have tried has been amazing!



'Finley had a fabulous afternoon trying out Mrs. Jackson's goodie bag. Painting the patio was definitely the favourite task – he was practising his 'F'. He also enjoyed chopping up straws and using the peg to move the pom-poms. Finley has made his shopping list and a list of what he needs for his holiday. Mrs. Jackson you were right; he could tell us exactly what he had written down!

Thank you so much for holding this event, it was so informative and I will continue to use the information to support Finley in the next stages'.

All of the feedback has been great – be sure not to miss the next workshop!



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!



Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' – Shoeboxes for Liberia

This delightful email has come from Peter Wiles, who very kindly delivered all of the shoe boxes for us. This annual event is organised by the 'Rope' charity www.rope.or.uk who do so much good work around the world.

'I thought you would like to know that all of your shoe boxes were safely transported to Liberia to the joy of many young children. Thank you so much for encouraging the children to be involved'.

Best wishes Peter Wiles

[Well done to all those who took part! You have brought joy to a great many children!](#)

Please share this link with your child and let them see how gratefully their shoe boxes were received!

https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/destinations/liberia/?utm_source=OCC%2001%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Operation%20Christmas%20Child&utm_content=See%20Shoobox%20Joy%20in%20Liberia%20Button

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:

- **Friday 7th February 2020 2pm**
- **Tuesday 11th February 2020 10am**
- **Monday 24th February 2020 2pm**

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

01923 672531

Applications close on Friday 28th February 2020.

Please see this message from Herts County Council:

We Need Your Help - From October 2018, The Family Centres are one service with the Health Visiting and School Nursing Teams. As part of this new service we have to re-register all families and are asking for help from all our partners to support this. We would be really grateful if you could encourage parents to register with us.

Please use this link www.hertsfamilycentres.org



It is a pleasure to read through the observations that staff are putting on your child's Tapestry online journal. There is so much learning going on at Kingswood; your children are growing and developing at a very fast pace!

It is also wonderful to see and read how parents and carers are continuing this learning at home! 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.** *Please look at your child's journal regularly and get them to tell you all about the things they have been doing at school – great for vocabulary development too!*

**At nursery we are looking very carefully at different keys!
They come in so many different sizes, shapes and colours!
Thank you to Eliza for bringing these in for us to look at!**

I bet you have some old keys at home – please hunt through the drawers and send them in!



SPRING TERM 2020 Forthcoming diary dates:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Friday 7 th February	2pm	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
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 17 th February to Friday 21 st 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 6 th April until we re-open on Tuesday 21 st 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