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NEWSLETTER 6 –20th November 2019



Thank you to all of those who dressed up on Friday and made a donation!

The collection raised £87 which we know will go to good causes.

We received a delightful letter from the ROPE charity following our amazing fund raising cake sale! Thank you everyone!



Dear Mrs Jackson

Please pass on our very grateful thanks to all the wonderful staff, children and parents for the extremely generous gift of £343.45 to Rope. We really appreciate all your hard work in raising such a fantastic amount.

We note that you have requested your gift be used for El Alto school in Bolivia and of course we will honour your wish. We are so grateful to you for thinking of the children in Bolivia and looking to support this amazing work.

Thank you so much once again for your generosity in partnering with us to see change and transformation in the lives of those who have so little. With every blessing, Natasha Thomsit, Finance Manager.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box delivery

We delivered 35 shoeboxes this year, which will be received by children who may get no other present. Thank you to everyone who supported. Try and spend time looking at videos of children receiving these boxes with your child – they are very moving

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



Reception place applications for September 2020 are now open

If your child is in nursery, then you must apply for a place at your chosen Primary school by the deadline of Wednesday 15 January 2020.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Leaflets were posted on 1 November 2019 to families of reception age children in Hertfordshire applying for primary schools or academies for September 2020.

It is very important to look on the websites of the schools you are interested in to find out when they are having appointments for you to go and have a look around.

WHOOOPS! Dates of Christmas productions got muddled!

Apologies – At the end of each newsletter there have been dates when we have suggested that the parents of different Key Person groups come in to watch the Christmas productions. Last week the Christmas letter sent invited different Key Person groups on different days! Sorry for the muddle!

The only reason we suggest the dates is to help with the numbers of adults present in the room. If you are unable to come on the suggested day, then it is fine to change.

<http://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/download/christmas-arrangements-letter/>

We have not stipulated when Pre-School parents should attend as we are aware that many of them have individual patterns of attendance.

Nursery parents, if possible, please can you come and watch your child perform on:

Wednesday 11 th December 10.30am	Purple & Yellow Morning Groups in Nursery (Lisa & Julie) & any Pre School Children
Wednesday 11 th December 2pm	Yellow Afternoon Groups in Nursery (Julie) & any Pre School Children
Thursday 12 th December 10.30am	Red & Blue Morning Groups in Nursery (Kayleigh & Petra) & any Pre-School Children
Thursday 12 th December 2pm	Red & Blue Afternoon Groups in Nursery (Kayleigh & Petra) & any Pre-School Children



PLEASE SHUT THE GATE and PUT THE TOP LATCH OVER!

Our young children are very vulnerable, and it would be so easy for one of them to run out of the gate at drop off or pick up time.

Even if you see someone else coming, ALWAYS shut the gate and PUT THE TOP LATCH OVER.

Message from 'Family Services Commissioning' (FSC): 'We are conducting a parent satisfaction [survey](#) for those parents/families who have used the family centre service.'

Can you please ask your parents/families to complete this [survey](#) if they have used the family centre service in the past 12 months'.

AUTUMN 2nd HALF PAYMENT – VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION *We have received some payments!*

For those children who are free funded, we ask you for a voluntary contribution of £12 each half term.

This money is used to buy all of the foods for snack, items we buy for sensory exploration and many other resources and treats for the children.

You can pay via Wisepay under the 'School Shop' module or alternatively, this can be paid in cash – please clearly write on the envelope your child's name and that it is the voluntary contribution and place in one of the post boxes located outside Pre-School or outside the main school office.

We would like to thank all of the parents who have paid for the entire year in advance!

AUTUMN TERM 2019 Forthcoming events for parents and families:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Wednesday 11th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents of Purple and Yellow Nursery groups	Nursery classroom <i>Please note all the children do the performances on both days</i>
Thursday 12th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents of Red and Blue groups	Nursery classroom <i>Please note all the children do the performances on both days</i>
	Please note Pre-School parents may choose which Christmas performance they attend.		
Friday 13th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 for 'Save the Children'.		
Friday 20th December	Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome. 'Search for Santa' performance booked.		
23rd December – Friday 3rd January	Holiday Family Learning challenge – 'Giving'. Tell us about an activity your child/family has done linked to the theme of giving! <i>Maybe a gift, your time, help you have given to someone else.....</i>		



Kingswood Nursery School - Academic dates 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

September 2019

Monday 2 nd September	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 3 rd September	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Wednesday 4 th September	TERM STARTS
October 2019	
Monday 28 th October – Fri 1 st November	HALF TERM – School closed
December 2019	
Friday 20 th December	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
CHRISTMAS BREAK - MONDAY 23 rd DECEMBER FRIDAY 3 rd JANUARY	

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

Please note: Schools should take 5 INSET days a year and 1 occasional day a year.