

**NEWSLETTER – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Reception allocations for September**

We will be asking which reception class your child has been allocated so that we can start the transition process and prepare your child for their next school. This is a very exciting time for the children!

We want all the children to be enthusiastic about moving on and we will be doing lots of work about this in class. Initial advice we would give you is NOT to talk about 'BIG SCHOOL'. For many children the word 'big' is associated with scary/enormous/frightening – please say your **NEXT** or **NEW** school instead.

**Other top tips for a successful transition will be covered in our 'Getting Ready for Primary School' meetings at Kingswood on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30-11.15am, 12.30-1.15pm or 6.00 – 6.45pm.**



**Please phone up to reserve a place 01923 672531**

If your child is moving up to reception class in September, we would strongly advise you to start to allow them to be as independent as possible when bringing them to nursery. There should be no need for parents to go up to the coat area with children and we suggest that you settle them VERY quickly at 'Busy Fingers'. It is important that you are not late to nursery so that your child is aware that all children act in this grown up way. *Allowing your child to be as independent as possible may seem harsh, but you will not regret giving them these skills ready for September!*

Please let all adults who drop off children know how important it is to allow this independence.

**There is document on our website to support your child with transition, which we hope you find useful:**

<http://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/publication/view/top-tips-to-prepare-your-child-for-starting-school/>



From the Summer Term we will be introducing 'Walk or Roll to School Wednesdays'. Each child who has walked, rode or scooted to school will get a stamp at the gate!

**Hopefully the children will encourage their parents to walk - at least part of the way!**  
**Go on, you know it is good for you!**

**Voluntary Contribution – First half termly payments for Summer Term** (Easter to May half term)

We ask every free funded child to contribute £2 a week, (£12 for the first half of the Summer Term or £24 for the whole summer term) to our voluntary contribution fund. *This donation pays for the fruit and snack the children have each day, cooking ingredients, playdough ingredients and many other treats for the children.* Please put your donation in a **named and sealed envelope** in the post box outside the school office or outside Pre-School or make your payment via Wisepay under the "school shop" module. **Thank you – this donation helps us so much!**

## Admissions into Kingswood Nursery class – September 2019

We have some places available in our Nursery and Pre-School for September 2019. Please ask any friends to give us a call if they are still looking for a place!

### Extreme Reading Challenge over Easter

Don't forget to send in your 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. We look forward to receiving some great examples and displaying them in the entrance hall!

## Do you know about Update Me?

Herts Family Services Commissioning publishes an e-newsletter – information for parents and families.

This e-newsletter is delivered by email fortnightly to those who have subscribed. There are lots of different topics that you can subscribe to, including libraries, highways and the information for parents and families.

You can subscribe on the [Hertfordshire County Council website](#).

### SUMMER TERM 2019 Forthcoming diary dates:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30, 12.30, 6pm	'Getting Ready for Primary School' workshops for parents	Staffroom
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10-10.45	Baby Rhyme Time re-starts	Staffroom
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	11am and 12.30pm	Singing and Story sessions with your child	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	2-3pm 5-6pm	New Parents meetings for Nursery September new entrants	Nursery classroom
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30, 12.30, 6pm	'Maths – more than just number' workshops for parents	Staffroom
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	6-7pm	New Parents meeting for Nursery September new entrants	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	8.30-9.40am or 12.30-1.40pm <i>Please note new times</i>	Open sessions for parents – Maths and Science open sessions. Come and play with your child and join in with their learning.	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms and garden areas.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	September new entrant's paperwork back by today		

**May Half-Term** W/B 28th May: 'Maths is all around us' family learning challenge.

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11am and 12.30pm</b>	Singing and Story sessions with your child	<b>Nursery/Pre-School classrooms</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30-10.30 1.30-2.30</b>	September new entrant's open sessions. Come and see the nursery class in action.	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm</b>	<b>FUDGE (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and every other male carer) open sessions.</b> Come and play with your child and join in with their learning.	<b>Nursery/Pre-School classrooms and garden areas.</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30-10.30 1.30-2.30</b>	September new entrant's open sessions. Come and see the nursery class in action.	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30-10.30 1.30-2.30</b>	September new entrant's open sessions. Come and see the nursery class in action.	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30-11.30am 2.30-3.30pm</b>	<b>Grandparents 'Tea and Cake' invitation.</b> <i>To celebrate the wonderful contribution Grandparent's make!</i>	<b>Weather permitting in the playground.</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10-10.45</b>	<b>Last</b> Baby Rhyme Time for this term	<b>Staffroom</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>11.15-12.45</b>	<b>Family Picnic</b> Enjoy a picnic with your child – all family members welcome.	<b>Weather permitting in the garden.</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of Summer Term. School open 10-12 noon. Fuzzy Duzzy booked!</b>		

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<b>April 2019</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>TERM STARTS</b>
<b>May 2019</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed – May Day</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>July 2019</b>	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>END OF TERM open 10-12pm</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY - closed</b>

**AUTUMN TERM 2019**

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**September 2019**

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

**SPRING TERM 2020**

**January 2020**

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

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