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**NEWSLETTER 5 –4<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**REMINDER REMINDER 'Reading' workshops for Parents**

Taking place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at 10.30, 12.30 or 6pm

Come along to find out ways you can support your child to develop a love of books and reading.

You will receive a goody bag to use with your child! **We look forward to seeing lots of you there!**  
Phone up to secure your place! 01923 672531

**One World Week celebrations.**

- ❖ Thank you to everyone who came and took part in the open sessions! Your child loves to see you there. The photos should be on the website by the end of this week.
- ❖ Thank you to Peter Wiles who came into school and spoke to the children about the 'El Alto' school in Bolivia. The cake sale raised £333.45, which we will have great pleasure in forwarding to 'ROPE'. This is an incredible amount, thank you to everyone who donated cakes and then bought some back again!
- ❖ Thank you to Vishay's mum, and Hannah's mum, her assistant, who came in and told the children all about Diwali and how as a family they celebrate.



**Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box collection**

**A reminder that the shoe boxes need to be back in school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, as we are delivering them the following day.**

**We still have some shoe boxes left if you would like to collect one.**

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



### **Nursery applications for September 2020 are now open**

Secure your child's nursery place for September 2020 by getting your application in early. Applications can be made via the website by following this link:

<http://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/about-us/admissions/>

Alternatively call into the office if you require a paper copy.

### **Reception place applications for September 2020 are now open**

If your child is in nursery then you can apply for a place at your chosen Primary school from Monday 4 November 2019. (deadline to apply is Wednesday 15 January 2020).

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

Under 11s 2020 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 that you 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.**



We were all extremely proud of our Sarah, who was nominated for a 'Mayor's award' and attended the 2019 'Audentior Civic Award' ceremony.

Sarah was nominated for all the hard work she puts into organising the 'All Friends Together' club, whereby we visit care homes for the elderly each Friday.

**Well done Sarah! We are all very proud of you and know how much our children, and our 'grand-friends' benefit from these visits!**

### **PLEASE SHUT THE GATE!**

Several parents and staff came in to see me just before we broke up for half term to let me know that they had found the gate wide open.

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.**



### **PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHERS will be in school next week.**

**Parents are always delighted with the photos they receive. The ladies take a great deal of time and care to get the best shots. The photos will be back in time for Christmas – an ideal present.**

**NURSERY photos– Weds 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**PRE-SCHOOL photos Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**If your child is not in Pre-School on Thursday and you would like to have them photographed, please phone the office asap, so we can add you to the register. 01923 672531**

## AUTUMN 2<sup>nd</sup> HALF PAYMENT – VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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 6 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30, 12.30 and 6pm	'Reading Workshops – ways to develop a love of reading with your child' Workshops for parents	Staffroom
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHERS in school – photos back in time for Christmas</b> <b>NURSERY – Weds 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>PRE-SCHOOL Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>  If your child is not in Pre-School on Thursday and you would like to have them photographed, please phone the office asap, so we can add you to the register. 01923 672531		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents of Blue, Yellow and Green groups	<b>Nursery classroom</b> <i>Please note all the children do the performances on both days</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents of Red and Purple groups	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 for 'Save the Children'.</b>		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome.</b> <b>'Search for Santa' performance booked.</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Holiday Family Learning challenge – 'Giving'.</b> <b>Tell us about an activity your child/family has done linked to the theme of giving!</b> <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 <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
October 2019	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> November	HALF TERM – School closed
December 2019	
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
February 2020	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	HALF TERM
April 2020	
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	

### SUMMER TERM 2020

#### April 2020

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

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