

NEWSLETTER 1 – 7th January 2020

Happy New Year to all of you!

We hope that you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to 2020!

A big welcome to the new families who are joining us in Pre-School and Nursery – we hope you will soon feel settled, but please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything you are unsure of.

New Year Resolutions?

- Please always telephone us if your child is unwell and will not be coming to school. This helps us to keep our registers accurate. Parents of nursery children should telephone 672531, Pre-School should telephone 679500.
- Remember to send in book bags and coats every day. We go outside, even if it is cold and raining!
- Please ensure that all of your children's clothing is named – particularly coats, hats, scarves, gloves and SWEATSHIRTS. We cannot return un-named clothing! Please consider sewing gloves onto elastic attached to cuffs. This way your child will never have cold hands outside or lose their gloves.
- Please DO NOT send your child into school with lace up shoes. They cannot manage these themselves and we want your children to be as independent as possible whilst at school.
- Please make sure all money sent to the office is in a named envelope and is placed in either post box; one outside the main school office and one outside the Pre-School door. We will not accept loose cash in the office.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines outside school or across neighbour's driveways. We have to deal with numerous complaints, and it puts a strain on our relationship with them. Sadly, we have also had occasions when adults have been shouting at each other outside, which is very frightening for our children to hear.
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS BOLT AND USE THE TOP LATCH ON THE GATE. Even if you see another parent approaching – it only takes a second for a child to slip out.**



URGENT Reminder - Reception place applications by 15th January

Don't forget if you haven't already applied for a reception place for your child for September 2020 you need to do this by **15th January 2020** at the latest. **18 Kingswood families have not yet applied.**

Late applications will only be able to choose from schools that have places left, so will have a limited choice.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Information for current parents in Pre-School

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:

- **Thursday 16th January 10am**
- **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.

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Exciting events for the Spring Term 2020



We have a number of exciting events planned for the Spring Term 2020 in which you can take part in with your child. Please make every effort to join us for some of them as your child loves to see you in school! *Please refer to the guide of events sent home and in the diary dates below.*

The first one is 'The Writing Journey' workshop. Come along and find out ways you can support your child to become a writer. **Thursday 23rd January – 10.30, 12.30 or 6pm.**

School contribution

We ask every **free funded child** to contribute £2 a week, (or £12 for the first half of the Spring Term) to our special treats fund. Please pay this through 'Wisepay' under the 'School Shop Module'. Alternatively, put your money in a **named and sealed envelope** in the post box outside the school office or Pre-School room. Thank you.

This contribution pays for the daily fruit and snacks, cooking ingredients, playdough ingredients, resources for fine motor development and lots of other treats for the children!

SPRING TERM 2020 Forthcoming diary dates:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Tuesday 14 th January	10am – 10.45	Baby Rhyme Time re-starts	Staffroom
Thursday 16 th January	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Thursday 23 rd January	10.30, 12.30, 6pm	Writing workshop information session for parents. <i>This workshop will explore ways to support your child on the road to becoming a writer.</i>	Staffroom
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
<p>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!</p>			
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.		
<p>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!</p>			

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