

**NEWSLETTER 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019**



**A very warm welcome to everyone**

The start of the academic year is always a very exciting time as we welcome new families to our setting and welcome back familiar faces! We hope you all had a lovely summer!  
 We are sure that the children will soon be used to everything, but in the meantime if there is anything you are unsure about then please just ask a member of staff.

**New Staff**

**We are delighted to welcome Emma and Ludmila as new assistants, Ramona and Jozefina have increased their lunchtime supervisor hours to become assistants and Natalie is staying with us for 2 days a week and will be supporting children with nurture activities.** The staff often work in both rooms to ensure we are offering the best opportunities for all of our children, so you are bound to meet all staff at some point.

**STAFFING STRUCTURE – SEPTEMBER 2019**

Headteacher - Bernice Jackson											
<b>Nursery team</b>	<b>Pre-School team</b>										
Lisa Archer – Nursery Teacher Kayleigh Brooks - Key Person Petra Charles – Key Person Julie McLennan - Key Person Sarah Moreton – Inclusion Practitioner Natalie Lowton – Nurture Practitioner Gosia Pawlaczyk - Wraparound Key Person Tina Hollingshead - Nursery Assistant Ramona Roman - Nursery Assistant Jozefina Krupova - Nursery Assistant Emma McTavish - Nursery Assistant	Michelle Long - Room Leader/Key Person Michaela Broderick – Key Person Lisa Cooper – Key Person Vanessa Watson-Humphreys – Key Person Tracy Upton - Pre-School Assistant Ludmila Williams - Pre-School Assistant										
<b><u>Office Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Lunchtime Supervisors</u></b>										
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### Parking outside school

Please always park considerately outside school when dropping off or collecting your child. Our neighbours frequently have their drive ways blocked by a few inconsiderate parents.

Please support us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and help us to avoid inappropriate arguments outside the gates, in front of children.



**Website** [www.kingswood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.kingswood.herts.sch.uk)

Please take time to have a look at our website on a regular basis. You can find copies of newsletters, lots of photographs of the children and plenty of information for parents.

**Twitter account** @SchoolKingswood

We currently have 74 followers, but it would be great if this number increased!

This is another way to keep in touch with special events at school.

### Packed lunch clubs

Please can you ensure that you do not include any products containing nuts in the children's packed lunches. Nut allergies are increasingly common and although children are not allowed to share packed lunches we want to avoid having any nuts in any form to protect all of our children, this can include some of the chocolate spreads. Please send in a healthy packed lunch, **with no sweets or crisps** and make sure that you do not send in too much food for them. Grapes and tomatoes should be cut in half lengthways to prevent choking. Please look on our website for leaflets regarding healthy packed lunches under the 'Parent Information' section and refer to the information leaflet in your 'Welcome Pack'.

### Birthday celebrations

We do understand that your child's birthday is a very important celebration for them. We always give your child a card and the class sing 'Happy Birthday' to them and they blow out the candles on an imitation cake. A reminder that we ask you not to send in cakes, biscuits or sweets to have in class or to send home. We always have children who for medical or religious reasons cannot eat certain foods and this causes a lot of upset in the room. Instead, if you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, then we ask you to send in a book with a message written in the front that can be added to our book boxes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Money in school

Monetary payments to school should be made via Wisepay (our online banking system) – you will all be receiving your log in details shortly.

If you have no alternative than to pay by cash then this must be placed in a named sealed envelope and posted in the boxes outside the Pre-School classroom and outside the main school office.

**Please do not give envelopes to staff containing money.**

### Date for your diary

**'Right from the Beginning'** (sign up letter to follow)

These workshops will address ways to support your child's emotional well-being and how to be an effective learner.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30, 12.30 and 6pm – one hour workshops**

- ❖ How does emotional well-being link to learning?
- ❖ How can you support your child to develop a love of learning?
- ❖ In what ways can you support your child at home?
- ❖ How can you work in partnership with school to enable your child to reach their potential?

**Last year's feedback from parents said that this workshop was one not to be missed!**

*'I would like to thank you for running this important session. I found it very useful and I learned how to remain patient with my 2 year-old son, especially when he is about to launch into a tantrum'!*

*'I now always listen to her all the time. I now have longer conversations with her. I learned the value of spending time with children. I learned how to motivate children and praise them and how to support them. My daughter is having longer conversations and interacting more with everyone'.*

### Date for your diary:

**One World Week**

We will be celebrating 'One World Week' just before half term and all parents and carers are invited to open sessions, to take part in activities with your child, on

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October between 8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm.**

Yours sincerely, Mrs. B. Jackson Headteacher

**AUTUMN TERM 2019 Forthcoming events for parents and families:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10-10.45</b>	<b>Baby Rhyme Time</b> Every Tuesday – Bring along your baby or toddler, sing some songs and make friends!	<b>Staffroom</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>'All Friends Together' club re-starts.</b> Details to follow.		
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30, 12.30 and 6pm</b>	<b>'Right from the Beginning'.</b> Ways to support your child's emotional well-being and how to be an effective learner.	<b>Staffroom</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>8.30 - 10am 12.30 – 2pm</b>	<b>'One World Week'</b> open sessions for parents and carers. Come along and join your child in their play.	<b>Inside and outside classrooms</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November HALF TERM</b>	<b>Half Term Family Learning Challenge – 'Look at Me'!</b> Tell us about an activity your child is very proud of! Maybe it is something they have achieved for the first time? Maybe they have helped someone else? Maybe they are dressed up for an outing? Maybe they are caring for a pet?		
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30, 12.30 and 6pm</b>	<b>'Reading Workshops – ways to develop a love of reading with your child'</b> Workshops for parents	<b>Staffroom</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHERS in school – photos back in time for Christmas</b>		
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am and 2pm</b>	<b>Christmas performances to parents of Blue, Yellow and Green groups</b>	<b>Nursery classroom</b> <i>Please note all the children do the performances on both days</i>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am and 2pm</b>	<b>Christmas performances to parents of Red and Purple groups</b>	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 for 'Save the Children'.</b>		
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome.</b> <b>'Search for Santa' performance booked.</b>		
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Holiday Family Learning challenge – 'Giving'.</b> 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 <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	

**SUMMER TERM 2020**

**April 2020**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	TERM STARTS
<b>May 2020</b>	
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
<b>July 2020</b>	
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.*