

**NEWSLETTER 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

We have had new children joining our setting this month which means that parking outside of school is even more restricted.

**PLEASE NEVER block resident's driveways or park on the yellow lines.** We are having to deal with numerous complaints from our residents. We are sure you wouldn't like it if someone did it to you!

**There have been a great many occasions already this term where staff have noticed that the top latch has not been put over the gate.**

**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 straight onto the road.  
**Please help us to keep all of our children safe.**

**FURTHER REMINDERS**

- **Dress your child for the cold weather** - Fortunately the last couple of days have been a bit milder but it has been very cold outside and some of the children do not seem to be dressed for this harsh weather. Some of the girls have had very thin leggings on and have shivered outside. There are many children without hats and gloves – PLEASE sew your child's gloves onto their coat sleeves so they are easy to get to. Please make sure all coats are named!
- **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.

**URGENT Reminder - Reception place applications**

Herts County Council have let us know that 15 of our Nursery children HAVE NOT applied for a reception place. You must do this by Monday **15th January 2018** at the latest.

You are highly unlikely to get a school of your choice if you do not apply on time. Apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

**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 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, cooking ingredients, playdough ingredients and lots of other treats for the children!*

**Change 4 Life campaign – cut down on sugar!**

The campaign is in response to concerns that children are consuming three times more sugar than recommended, leading to obesity and dental decay. According to PHE, half of children's sugar intake, currently around seven sugar cubes a day, comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/100-calorie-snacks#moeeuKPrwHRPbLtq.97>

## Admissions into Kingswood Nursery class – September 2018

Admission into a Nursery class is no longer be co-ordinated by Herts County Council. Each parent/carer will need to apply directly to the setting of their choice. Kingswood Pre-School parent/carers have been sent a pack with full details. **We would urge you to complete these quickly as we give priority to those currently in our Pre-School and in order that the applications are received. MORNING PLACES ARE GOING FAST!**

<http://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/publication/view/kingswood-nursery-application-for-nursery-admissions-september-2018-intake>

The following dates are still available for parents/carers to visit the Nursery class:

- Monday 29th January 10am
- Tuesday 6th February 2pm
- Wednesday 21st February 10am

Please phone the office if you would like to reserve a place.

01923 672531

### **Exciting events for the Spring Term 2018**



We have a number of exciting events planned for the Spring Term 2018 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 three are:

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Singing and Story sessions with your child

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - 'The Writing Journey' workshop information session for parents

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Open sessions for parents, to come and play with your child.

### **New date for the diary.**

We will be having an event to celebrate the official opening of the 'Wildwood Den' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

This will follow on from our 'Mother's Day' stay and play sessions.

Join us if you can!



### **CHANGE in DATE**

Due to other commitments the date for the '**Bedtime story session - come in pyjamas and bring your teddy**' has been changed to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, same time 5.30-6.30pm.

### **Leavesden Children Centre**

**Please find a link to Leavesden Children Centre which runs many courses and activities for children.**

<http://www.hertsmere-children.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Leavesden-programme-Spring2018.pdf>

**SPRING TERM 2018 Forthcoming diary dates:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	11am and 12.30pm	Singing and Story sessions with your child. Come along and hear story time and join in with some singing!	Nursery and Pre-School classrooms
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30, 12.30, 6pm	Writing workshop information session for parents	Staffroom
Monday 29th January	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	2pm	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Thursday 8th February	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - theme of 'Becoming a Writer'. Come and play with your child.	Nursery and Pre-School classrooms
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM – Family Learning Challenge 'EXTREME WRITING'. Send us in a photo of an unusual place or position you have completed some writing!			
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	11am and 12.30pm	Singing and Story sessions with your child. Come along and hear story time and join in with some singing!	Nursery and Pre-School classrooms
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 9am	Deadline to apply for a nursery place for Kingswood for September 2018 entrants.		
w/b Monday 26th February	To be arranged	Parents/carers invited in to read to children	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
<b>NEW DATE</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	5.30 to 6.30	Bedtime story session - come in pyjamas and bring your teddy! <b>NEW DATE</b>	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY - come dressed as a character		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - Mother's Day celebrations. Theme of 'Creativity'. Come and play with your child.	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Official opening of the Wildwood Den	Garden area
w/b 19 <sup>th</sup> March	By appointment	Nursery parent consultations – Pre-School ongoing	Staffroom
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term. School open 10-12 noon.		
SCHOOL CLOSED from Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March until we re-open on Tuesday 17th April 2018 Family Learning Challenge 'EXTREME READING'. Send us in a photo of an unusual place or position you have completed some reading!			

### SPRING TERM 2018

January 2018	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	TERM STARTS – children in school
February 2018	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
March 2018	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
April 2018	
EASTER BREAK FRIDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	

### SUMMER TERM 2018

April 2018	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 17 <sup>TH</sup> April	TERM STARTS
May 2018	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed – May Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	HALF TERM
July 2018	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm