

NEWSLETTER 1 – Tuesday 17th April 2018

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term! It is always an exciting term and we look forward to warmer weather and being able to complete lots of activities outside!

Please join us for all the exciting events we have planned!



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 excited 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 Wednesday 2nd May at 10.30-11.15am, 12.30-1.15pm or 6.00 – 6.45pm.

All nursery parents will be sent an individual letter about this.



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 this is!

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/>

Nursery admissions for September 2018

What happens next?

- ❖ Everyone who applied has been sent an acceptance letter
- ❖ Don't forget to attend one of the New Parent meetings on Wednesday 9th May at 2-3pm or Wednesday 9th May 5-6pm or Monday 14th May at 6-7pm.

During this meeting we will explain the induction process, give you a 'Welcome Pack' with lots of paperwork to complete and generally inform you about the nursery class.

- ❖ Don't forget to attend 2 of the 'open sessions' which gives you and your child a chance to experience the nursery classroom in action on 2 of the available dates:

Thursday 7th June - 9.30am-10.30am or 1.30pm-2.30pm

Monday 11th June – 9.30am-10.30am or 1.30pm-2.30pm

Wednesday 20th June 9.30-10.30am or 1.30pm-2.30pm

Peekaboo photos

Debbie and Lucie are booked to come into school on **Tuesday 12th June (Pre-School) and Wednesday 13th June (Nursery)** to take photographs of the children in very natural poses. They are really talented photographers and always take delightful photos of the children!

If your child does not normally attend on one of these days please speak to Sam in the office who will book you in.

The photos should then be with you shortly afterwards. Peekaboo also do private sessions for children of all ages, or for those special family shots. If you would like to contact them email:

info@peekaboonurseryphotography.co.uk



Kingsway Infant School is holding their Summer Fair on Saturday 30th June 12-3pm.

All are welcome, but if your child is moving on to Kingsway Infants this would be an ideal time to visit!

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, (or £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.**



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!**

Extreme Reading Challenge for 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!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 10th May 5-6pm
Enjoy a Bedtime Story – dress in your pyjamas
and bring your teddy!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:



Thursday 24th May
8.30-10am and 12.30-
2pm

Maths and Science

open sessions for parents and carers



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

'Father's Day' celebrations - Nursery and Pre-School

Friday 15th June will be 'F.U.D.G.E' open sessions (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and every male carer). **8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm.**

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for lots of fun inside and outside!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Grandparents 'Tea Party'.

Grandparents are very welcome to join the children on Tuesday 26th June at 8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm.
We will be serving tea and cakes!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We will be holding our annual 'Family Picnic' on

Wednesday 18th July 11.15-12.45.

We look forward to seeing you then!



SUMMER TERM 2018

April 2018

Monday 16th April

STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed

Tuesday 17th April

TERM STARTS

May 2018

Monday 7th May

School closed – May Day

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

HALF TERM

July 2018

Friday 20th July

END OF TERM open 10-12pm

SUMMER TERM 2018 Forthcoming events for parents and families:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Monday 23rd April	11am and 12.30pm	Singing and Story sessions with your child	Pre-School and Nursery classrooms
Wednesday 2nd May	10.30am 12.30pm 6pm	'Getting ready for Primary School' workshops for parents	Staffroom
Wednesday 9th May	2-3pm and 5-6pm	'New Parents Meeting' for September entrants to Nursery	Nursery classroom
Thursday 10th May	5pm	Enjoy a Bedtime Story – dress in your pyjamas and bring your teddy	Nursery classroom
Monday 14th May	6 - 7pm	'New Parents Meeting' for September entrants to Nursery	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 15th May	10.30am 12.30pm 6pm	'Making Maths Real' workshops for parents - Letter to follow	Staffroom
Thursday 24th May	8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm	Maths and Science open sessions for parents and carers	Inside and outside classrooms
HALF TERM – Maths & Science Home Learning Challenge			
Tuesday 5th June	11am and 12.30pm	Singing and Story sessions with your child	Pre-School and Nursery classrooms
Thursday 7th June	9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm	Open sessions for parents and child who are joining Nursery in Sep 2018	Nursery classroom
Monday 11th June	9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm	Open sessions for parents and child who are joining Nursery in Sep 2018	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 12th June (P/S) and Wednesday 13th June (Nursery)	All day	'Peekaboo' photographs of children	Outdoor photos
Friday 15th June	8.30-10am 12.30-2pm	'FUDGE' open sessions (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and Every male carer)	Inside and outside classrooms
Wednesday 20th June	9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm	Open sessions for parents and child who are joining Nursery in Sep 2018	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 26th June	8.30-10am 12.30-2pm	Grandparents 'Tea and Cake' open sessions	Inside and outside classrooms
Tuesday 18th July	11.15-12.45	Family Picnic	Outside – garden area
Friday 20th July	Open 10-12	End of term party	Pre-School and Nursery classrooms

Kingswood Nursery School - Academic dates 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

September 2018	
Monday 3 rd September	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 4 th September	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Wednesday 5 th September	TERM STARTS
October 2018	
Monday 29 th October – Fri 2 nd November	HALF TERM – School closed
December 2018	
Friday 21 st December	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
CHRISTMAS BREAK - MONDAY 24 th DECEMBER FRIDAY 4 th JANUARY	

SPRING TERM 2019

January 2019	
Monday 7 th January	TERM STARTS
February 2019	
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February	HALF TERM
April 2019	
Friday 5 th April	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
EASTER BREAK - MONDAY 8 th APRIL – MONDAY 22 nd APRIL	

SUMMER TERM 2019

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

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