

NEWSLETTER 5 - 10th November 2017

Family Challenge – ‘My First Time’

**Please don't forget to send us in your examples of an activity you have completed for the first time. We have only had 4!
The entrance notice board is looking very empty!**

Examples so far have included; making bread for the first time, stroking a guinea pig for the first time, picking pumpkins for the first time. Well done to these children!

Wildwood update!

So many parents have peeped through the window and been really excited about the Wildwood Den! The mulch bond has now been laid, we are now waiting for a 'ROSPA safety check' and then the children will be allowed to play!
The staff will support the children in small groups to start with and get the children to talk about how to play safely.

Parents have an important role to play in helping us to keep your children safe by ensuring that they are wearing sensible footwear with **NO LACES**. Laces frequently come undone and cause trips and accidents. Please send them to school in shoes with good grips on the soles appropriate for climbing and playing.



Now the weather is getting colder the children will need a warm coat, hat and ideally gloves attached to the sleeves of their coats please. **ALL NAMED please!**



BBC
Children
in Need



Friday 17th November.

Come to school dressed up, or in something spotty, or a hat or a badge to support this worthwhile charity! Please bring a £1 donation!

PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHS have arrived back in school today! There are some lovely photos! Orders need to be placed by 22nd November to get free postage back to school. There are only 4 photos shown on the card but don't forget to look online to view more proofs.

Admissions into Kingswood Nursery class – September 2018

Admission into a Nursery class will 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 available for parents/carers to visit the Nursery class:

- Thursday 16th November 2pm
- Friday 1st December 10am
- 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

From Monday 6th November: children in nursery need to apply for a **reception place**.

Applications open from this day if your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. You will receive an application pack from Herts County Council with details.

We would strongly recommend that you look on primary school's websites to find out when they are holding open days for you to have a look around. Do not miss this important opportunity.

Please see below in the diary dates arrangements made for Christmas. The Christmas plays will be performed by all children on both Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December, but parents will only come to one of them due to numbers and space.

Our plays are very informal, with very little rehearsal and each one is very unique!

AUTUMN TERM 2017 Forthcoming events for parents and families:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Thursday 16 th November	2pm	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Tuesday 28 th November	10.30 and 12.30	'Road Safety workshops for parents and children' (Nursery children only)	Nursery classroom
Friday 1 st December	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Monday 4 th December	9.30am onwards	Susan Bayliss – appointments can be made to discuss your child	HT office
Friday 8 th December	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
Wednesday 13 th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents Blue, Green and Purple groups	Nursery classroom
Thursday 14 th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents Red and Yellow groups	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome. There will be a Christmas party for the children with Fuzzy Duzzy, the entertainer, and there will be a visit from a man in a red suit!		
20 th December – Tuesday 2 nd January	Holiday Family Learning challenge – 'Giving'. 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</i>		

SPRING TERM 2018

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

SUMMER TERM 2018

April 2018	
Monday 16 th April	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 17 th April	TERM STARTS
May 2018	
Monday 7 th May	School closed – May Day
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM
July 2018	
Friday 20 th July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
Monday 23 rd July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 24 th July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed

