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NEWSLETTER 6 – 21st November 2017



Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause.
We collected £133.52

PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHS

Orders need to be placed by 22nd November to get free postage back to school.

Time to Talk

Susan Bayliss, a specialist Community Nursery Nurse, is coming to Kingswood on Monday 4th December to talk to parents in confidence about your child. This service is free and confidential.

There is only ONE SPACE LEFT between 10.15-11am. Please phone up urgently to reserve this space.

Pedestrian Skills for Nursery children

We have organised a road safety talk for nursery children on **Tuesday 28th November 2017**. The session will last approximately 45 minutes and you are invited to attend either the morning session at 10.30 or afternoon session at 12.30.



Please come along to our road safety session and participate with your child. As a parent or carer, you play the major role in helping your child to learn how to stay safe as a pedestrian. This is the perfect age to establish excellent road safety habits, which will stand them in good stead as they grow up.

I hope that you will be able to join us. Samantha Parfitt, **Road Safety in Schools Team, HCC**

Children accessing 30 hours – Please see this important message from HCC

All parents who are currently receiving 30 hours free childcare must reconfirm their eligibility before the deadline of **31 December 2017** to ensure funding from **January 2018 onwards**.

If a parent has applied for 30 hours free childcare and received an eligibility code online, they will need to reconfirm their eligibility online by logging back into their [childcare service account](#).

For all new parents who may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare from January 2018, they also have a deadline of **31 December 2017** to apply for an eligibility code on the [childcare choices website](#).

Voluntary contributions

We ask every free funded parent to support us with a donation of £12 each half term to pay for the fruit and snacks the children have each day, cooking ingredients, gardening projects, additional resources we purchase for open sessions etc. **This money is less than £2 a week but makes a vast difference to our budget and enables us to buy many extras for the children.** *Please could we ask you not to pay £2 a week. Online transactions costs school 45p each time.*

The voluntary contributions are £12 every half term (or £72 for the year) and can be paid through 'Wise Pay' (via the website) look in the 'Shop Module'.

Sadly only 32% of parents have made a contribution this year, so our weekly shopping bill is far exceeding the amount we collect in.

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:

- 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.

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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 and the letter that is going home today regarding the 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
Tuesday 28th 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 8th 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 13th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents Blue, Green and Purple groups	Nursery classroom
Thursday 14th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents Red and Yellow groups	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 19th 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!		
20th December – Tuesday 2nd January	Holiday Family Learning challenge – 'Giving'. Tell us about an activity your child/family has done linked to the theme of giving! Maybe a gift, your time, help you have given		

SPRING TERM 2018

January 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd January	TERM STARTS – children in school
February 2018	
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	HALF TERM
March 2018	
Thursday 29 th March	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
April 2018	
EASTER BREAK FRIDAY 30 th MARCH – FRIDAY 13 th 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 20th July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
Monday 23 rd July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 24 th July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed