

NEWSLETTER 7 – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## 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**



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Wear your Christmas**  
**jumper for £1**

### STAFF CHANGES

Sadly, we will be losing 3 members of staff in the coming weeks.

Jodie's last day is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December; Jodie has decided to take a job outside of education.

Zuzana's last day is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December; Zuzana has found a childcare job nearer to where she lives.

Denise, one of our lunchtime assistants, will be finishing at the end of term.

We wish them all our best wishes for the future and thank them for all their hard work at Kingswood.

We are currently advertising and interviewing for these new positions.

### 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.  
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 and the letter that went home regarding the arrangements made for Christmas. The Christmas plays will be performed by all children on both Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**If you would like your child to come to the Christmas party on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (10-12 noon) please support us by sending in a £5 donation to pay for the entertainer, gifts and party food.**

Please return the form below to school with your voluntary contribution by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Please send in a raffle prize – prizes will be drawn during the performances! Chocolates, biscuits, wine, bubbles – all donations greatly received!**

### Fuzzy Duzzy Entertainer & Christmas Party – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 10 – 12 NOON ONLY

Childs Name:

I would like my child to attend the Christmas Party and enclose my £5 contribution

My child will not be in school on the last day of term.

*Please be advised that the party food offered to your child will match any dietary requirements that you have informed us about.*

**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 <sup>st</sup> December	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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**

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

**SUMMER TERM 2018**

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

