

NEWSLETTER 2 – 28th September 2018

Settling well!

It has been lovely to walk around and see that so many of the children have settled well after a very short time.



We have all enjoyed the glorious weather this week which has enabled the children to play outside. Autumn is a wonderful time to have a family walk and we are always grateful to receive bags of conkers and other Autumn finds!

A big 'thank you' to all the staff for providing all of the cakes for the MacMillan get together!

Only a few people were able to join us, but we still managed to raise £181.78.

The cake that we raffled was won by Ellie's parents!



We must also thank them both for donating an additional £265!

This was collected at a recent wedding the family attended.

Well done you two!

Have you all signed up for our new 'Twitter' account? This will be a great way to keep up with all that is going on at school!

Follow us @SchoolKingswood www.twitter.com Search Kingswood Nursery School



PARENT WORKSHOP

'Right from the Beginning'

These workshops will address ways to support your child to be an effective learner.

Wednesday 3rd October at 10.30, 12.30 and 6pm – one hour workshops

- ❖ How does emotional well-being link to learning?
- ❖ How can you support your child to develop a love of learning?
- ❖ In what ways can you support your child at home?
- ❖ How can you work in partnership with school to enable your child to reach their potential?

PHONE UP TO BOOK YOUR PLACE – 01923 672531



No mobile phones

Please can we remind parents and carers that in the 'Home/School agreement' you all signed up to it says:

- Parents/carers will support Kingswood and their child by not using mobile phones in the school building or grounds without permission from the Headteacher/staff.

Please could you also ask grandparents, visitors and any other adult who is dropping off/collecting your child from either Pre-School or Nursery NOT to use their mobile phone on school premises.

This is a safeguarding issue and is to protect our children, staff and yourselves.

Thank you for your understanding.

Packed lunches at Kingswood

As you are aware we have **always** asked you NOT to send in any products containing nuts, to protect children with allergies and not to send in any sweets.

We are now also asking you not to send in crisps. A bag of crisps is taking far too long for the children to eat.



As you can imagine, when your child opens up their lunch box they can be VERY distracted by the crisps and sweet items in front of them and then do not want to eat the savoury items you have provided.

Some of the lunch boxes are also jammed pack with too much food, which can be very overwhelming for them.

From Monday 1st October please send in a healthy packed lunch, **with no nuts, sweets or crisps** and make sure that you do not send in too much food for them.

Please look on our website for leaflets regarding healthy packed lunches under the 'Parent Information' section. <http://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/publication/view/healthy-packed-lunch-information/>

Thank you for your support with this.

Date for your diary:

Singing and Story sessions with your child - Thursday 11th October 11am and 12.30

Come along and hear story time and join in with some singing!

Nursery and Pre-School classrooms

Date for your diary:

One World Week

We will be celebrating 'One World Week' just before half term and all parents and carers are invited to open sessions, to take part in activities with your child, on

Wednesday 24th October between 8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm.



BABY RHYME TIME

Every Tuesday 10am until 10.45 with Tina

If you have a younger child and would like to come along, sing some songs, meet other mums and dads then do join us! No charge!

Let your friends know!

Yours sincerely, Mrs. B. Jackson Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM 2018 Forthcoming events for parents and families:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Wednesday 3 rd October	10.30, 12.30 and 6pm	'Right from the Beginning'. Ways to engage your children as successful learners.	Staffroom
Thursday 11 th October	11am and 12.30pm	Singing and Story sessions with your child. Come along and hear story time and join in with some singing!	Pre-School and Nursery classrooms
w/b Monday 15 th October	Individual appointments	Nursery Parent/Staff consultations. (Pre-School ongoing)	Venue varies
Wednesday 17 th October	11am and 12.30	Talk about sponsored school via the 'Rope' charity	Nursery classroom
Wednesday 24 th October	8.30 - 10am 12.30 - 2pm	'One World Week' open sessions for parents and carers. Come along and join your child in their play.	Inside and outside classrooms
Wednesday 17 th and Thursday 18 th October	PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHERS in school – photos back in time for Christmas		
29 th October – 2 nd November HALF TERM	Half Term Family Learning Challenge – 'I Can Do It'! Tell us about an activity your child/family has done for the first time!		
Thursday 15 th November	10.30, 12.30 and 6pm	'Reading Workshops – ways to develop a love of reading with your child' Workshops for parents	Staffroom
Monday 19 th November	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 13 th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents of Blue, Green and Purple groups	Nursery classroom <i>Please note the children do the performances on both days</i>
Friday 14 th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents of Red, Yellow and Orange groups	Nursery classroom
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome.		
24 th December – Tuesday 7 th 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 to someone else.....</i>		

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.