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**NEWSLETTER 3 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Open sessions for parents -  
theme of 'Becoming a Writer'.  
Come and join in and play with  
your child. **Thursday 8th February**  
**8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm****



**Date for your diary.**

We will be having an event to celebrate the official opening of the 'Wildwood Den' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. This will follow on from our 'Mother's Day' stay and play sessions.

**Join us if you can!**

**MORE PARKING PROBLEMS**

The double yellow lines on the corner of Briar Road and Greenwood drive **SHOULD NOT** be parked on! This is illegal, makes turning into Briar Road very dangerous and could cause an accident.

**PLEASE** help to keep all our children safe by parking away from school and having a short walk.

I have contacted Watford Borough Council who will be sending traffic wardens up to the school intermittently from this week.

There have been a great many occasions already this term where parents and staff have noticed that the top latch has not been put over the gate.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS BOLT AND USE THE TOP LATCH ON THE GATE.**

Even if you see another parent approaching – it only takes a second for a child to slip out straight onto the road.

**Please help us to keep all of our children safe.**

**STAFF CHANGES**

We are very sorry to be losing Helen Macaulay in Pre-School who has decided to pursue a career outside of education. We would like to extend our thanks to Helen for all her hard work and commitment to the children and send her best wishes for the future. Helen's last day will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We are currently advertising for a Key Person to replace Helen.

I am also delighted to inform you that Kerri Dark is now working in Pre-School in the afternoons and after half term Sarah Moreton will be joining Kingswood, working in the nursery. Some of you may recall Sarah, she is the lady who plays the guitar and keeps us all entertained! We are thrilled Sarah is joining!

# Measles update



Public Health  
England

The number of cases of measles has been rising in some areas so we'd be very grateful if you could support prevention of the spread of the disease by raising awareness within your communities using the **posters and leaflets available.**

Anyone who is not sure if they are fully vaccinated should check with their GP practice. The vaccine is available to all adults and children who are not up to date with their two doses.

People who have recently travelled, or are planning to travel to Romania, Italy and Germany and have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine are particularly at risk.

The best protection is 2 doses of the safe, effective MMR vaccine at 1 year of age, and 3 years, 4 months



If you have not had two doses, you can get them free from your GP surgery



Know the symptoms! Keep people with symptoms away from others



Call ahead before going to A&E or your GP



### Symptoms

Rash



Temperature



Runny Nose



Red Eyes



Cough



## Admissions into Kingswood Nursery class – September 2018

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

- 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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**HCC are asking parents to take part in a survey to understand the availability of childcare places across Hertfordshire. The report helps to:**

- Establish the sufficiency of places across Hertfordshire
- Support the sustainability of places
- Support the development of places where needed.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/6Z24L/>

**The survey will close on Friday 23rd February 2018.**

## Monthly Invoices

We shall now be sending out all monthly invoices by email followed by paper copies too. February invoices were emailed to parents last Thursday and paper copies were sent home on Friday. If you have not received your invoice by email please call the office to check we have your correct email address.

As you are aware we expect all invoices to be settled within the first week of each month (as per our terms and conditions) Hopefully this will now avoid any delays in your payments.

**SPRING TERM 2018 Forthcoming diary dates:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
Monday 29th January	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	2pm	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Thursday 8th February	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - theme of 'Becoming a Writer'. Come and play with your child.	Nursery and Pre-School classrooms
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM – Family Learning Challenge 'EXTREME WRITING'. Send us in a photo of an unusual place or position you have completed some writing!			
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	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
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 9am	Deadline to apply for a nursery place for Kingswood for September 2018 entrants.		
w/b Monday 26th February	To be arranged	Parents/carers invited in to read to children	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
<b>NEW DATE</b> Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	5.30 to 6.30	Bedtime story session - come in pyjamas and bring your teddy! <b>NEW DATE</b>	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY - come dressed as a character		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - Mother's Day celebrations. Theme of 'Creativity'. Come and play with your child.	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Official opening of the Wildwood Den	Garden area
w/b 19 <sup>th</sup> March	By appointment	Nursery parent consultations – Pre-School ongoing	Staffroom
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term. School open 10-12 noon.		
SCHOOL CLOSED from Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March until we re-open on Tuesday 17th April 2018 Family Learning Challenge 'EXTREME READING'. Send us in a photo of an unusual place or position you have completed some reading!			

## SPRING TERM 2018

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

## SUMMER TERM 2018

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

### Leavesden Children Centre

Please find a link to Leavesden Children Centre which runs many courses and activities for children.

<http://www.hertsmere-children.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Leavesden-programme-Spring2018.pdf>