

**NEWSLETTER 2 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

**Consultation for a 20mph Speed Zone for Kingswood area.**

Tim Williams, our local County Councillor, seeks your support on making the Kingswood Area a 20mph Speed Zone. 'Kingswood is purely a residential area with many families, elderly residents, local schools, local doctors as well as a doctors' surgery so reducing speed will reduce the chances of a serious accident occurring'. The consultation will run until Monday 23rd October - it's actually the largest 20mph Zone that has been considered by Hertfordshire County Council.

**Please follow this link and answer 'Yes' or 'No' to the proposal. It only takes a minute – but could help to save a child's life if you vote Yes!** <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/kingswood>

**The message from ROSPA is clear 'Higher speeds cause more accidents'.**

<https://www.rospace.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/drivers/inappropriate-speed.pdf>

**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.

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'.**

**Invoices**

Reminders have been sent to all parents who have not yet paid their September invoices for childcare and lunch clubs.

The staff in the office waste a great deal of time having to resend these. The 'Terms and Conditions' document that you signed states:

**'Invoices are sent out in advance on a monthly basis and should be paid in full during the first week of each month. If fees are not paid by the 12th of the month then your child may be refused care and lose their place'. PLEASE help us by paying all fees promptly or care may be refused.**



**SHUT THE GATE!**

Please help us to keep all of our children safe by ALWAYS shutting the front gate AND putting the top latch over. If everyone does this then we know that no child can get out onto the pavement.

I have noticed that the top latch is not being used by many parents/carers who are dropping off or collecting children.

**Date for your diary** 'Right from the Beginning – ways to engage children as learners'

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

**Wednesday 4th October at 10.30, 12.30 and 6pm – one hour workshops**

**Please note that the 10.30am session is now FULL**

- ❖ 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?

There are some places left. Please call into the office if you need another form.

**Date for your diary:** **Singing and Story sessions with your child.**

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 11 and 12.30 – Nursery and Pre-School classrooms**

These sessions may be particularly useful if your child does not have English as their first language or you would like to learn some of the songs and rhymes we sing.

**Date for your diary:** **Shoebox Walk to Stanborough Church**

Please collect a shoebox from school. This year's appeal is for the children living in the Kiziba refugee camp in Rwanda. We hope you will feel able to support this worthy cause. It is a lovely way for your child to feel that they are helping another child in a very personal way; 'Children helping Children'. There is something very rewarding about giving to another child they will probably never meet in this world – especially when they know that their simple act of kindness will be felt and appreciated in more ways than they can imagine.

Full details of the charity can be found on their website: [www.adra.org.uk/projects/rwanda](http://www.adra.org.uk/projects/rwanda)

**We need lots of parents to help us to walk to Stanborough on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – leaving school at 9.30am and 1.30pm.** We will put up sheets for you to sign if you can help.

**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

**Thursday 19th October between 8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm.**

Come along and see a wide selection of activities that your child takes part in!

Your child loves to see you there, even if you can only join for part of the session.

We would be thrilled if any parent or carer could come into school and tell us about customs and festivals that they follow. In the past we have had parents show us how to put on sari, tasting foods linked to celebrations, singing songs/telling stories from their culture, bringing in artefacts for us to look at. If you can help please speak to a member of staff.

**AUTUMN TERM 2017 Forthcoming events for parents and families:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>Wednesday 4th October</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am 12.30 – 1.30pm 6 – 7pm</b>	<b>'Right from the Beginning – ways to engage children as learners'</b> Workshops for parents	<b>Staffroom</b>
<b>Thursday 5th October</b>	<b>11am and 12.30pm</b>	<b>Singing and Story sessions with your child.</b> Come along and hear story time and join in with some singing!	<b>Nursery and Pre-School classrooms</b>
<b>w/b Monday 16th October</b>	<b>Individual appointments</b>	<b>Nursery Parent/Staff consultations. (Pre-School ongoing)</b>	<b>Venue varies</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th October</b>	<b>Leave school at 9.30 and 1.30</b>	<b>'Shoe-box walk'.</b> Help us walk the children down to Stanborough Church to deliver shoeboxes.	<b>Meet in classrooms</b>

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>8.30 - 10am 12.30 – 2pm</b>	'One World Week' open sessions for parents and carers. Come along and join your child in their play. Inside	<b>Inside and outside classrooms</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October HALF TERM</b>	<b>Half Term Family Learning Challenge – 'My First Time'. Tell us about an activity your child/family has done for the first time!</b>		
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>11am and 12.30pm</b>	<b>Come in and hear a talk about the Pre-School we sponsor in Ethiopia</b>	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHERS in school – photos back in time for Christmas</b>		
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30 – 11.30am 12.30 – 1.30pm 6 – 7pm</b>	<b>'Reading Workshops – ways to develop a love of reading with your child'</b> Workshops for parents	<b>Staffroom</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30 and 12.30</b>	'Road Safety workshops for parents and children' (Nursery only)	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>11am and 12.30pm</b>	<b>Singing and Story sessions with your child.</b> Come along and hear story time and join in with some singing!	<b>Nursery and Pre-School classrooms</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am and 2pm</b>	<b>Christmas performances to parents Blue, Green and Purple groups</b>	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am and 2pm</b>	<b>Christmas performances to parents Red and Yellow groups</b>	<b>Nursery classroom</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome.</b>		
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Holiday Family Learning challenge – 'Giving'. Tell us about an activity your child/family has done linked to the theme of giving!</b> <i>Maybe a gift, your time, help you have given .....</i>		

### Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

<p>➤ <b>From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November:</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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### ***SPRING TERM 2018***

#### **January 2018**

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

