



## NEWSLETTER 2 – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Applying for a Nursery place for September 2017

If your child was born between 1st Sep 2013 and 31 Aug 2014 you need to apply for a nursery place for them to start from Sep 2017. This is the case even if your child is currently in our Pre-School class or Nursery Green afternoon group with Petra.

Applications open 6th February 2017 and close 17th March 2017. We are having four sessions where you will have the opportunity to come and see the Nursery class in action if you would like to:

**Tuesday 7th February - 10am**  
**Monday 20th February - 2pm**  
**Thursday 9th March - 10am**  
**Wednesday 15th March - 2pm**

Please phone the office if you would like to reserve a place.

### School contribution

We ask every free funded child to contribute £2 a week, (or £12 for the first half of the Spring Term) to our special treats fund. Please put your money in a **named and sealed envelope** in the post box outside the school office or Pre-School room. Thank you. *This contribution pays for the daily fruit, cooking ingredients, playdough ingredients and lots of other treats for the children! At the moment we are not collecting enough contributions to cover the Tesco weekly shopping bill.*

### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Our local residents are extremely frustrated at the moment with the inconsiderate parking outside school on a regular basis **by a few parents and carers**. You should NOT block their driveways where there is a drop curve - even if someone is waiting in the car. I am receiving numerous phone calls about parking. You must NEVER break the law and park on the 'School Keep Clear' signs.

**Thank you to all the parents and carers who do park a short distant from school and have walk - great for reinforcing those road safety messages!**

Our local residents have always been extremely supportive of our school. I know they keep an eye on the school during the evenings, weekends and school holiday periods. It is important that we maintain this relationship.

**I feel very sad to hear that there have been messages on the Kingswood facebook page saying negative things about the school.**

### Save our Nursery Schools Campaign

There was a very exciting 'All Party Parliamentary Group' (APPG) meeting last week in the Houses of Parliament. I was fortunate enough to attend with 3 of our committed governors. It was very well attended, with 16 MPs in attendance. There are only 400 Maintained Nursery Schools left in the country. 47 think they may have to shut at the end of this year and 67% do not feel that they are sustainable with their current budgets.

Our campaigning is making a difference and we are delighted that it has been announced that there is going to be a House of Commons Debate 'Funding for Maintained Nursery Schools' on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 9:30-11am in Westminster Hall.

<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/offices/commons/speakers-office/wadjourns/>

You can attend the debate if you are able, or you can watch the Debate live via <http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Commons>.

**Please continue to support us in any way you can for the future generations of children!**



**Staff have requested that all children come to school with velcro shoes please.**  
**A great deal of time is being wasted tying shoelaces and is stopping your child being independent when they want to put welly boots or dressing up clothes on.**

We hope that lots of Nursery parents will be able to attend a Writing Workshop on Thursday 2nd Feb.

Sessions are at 10.30 and 12.30 in the staffroom.

If you misplaced your letter please use the form attached at the bottom.



**The Writing Workshop**

**You will leave the meeting have lots of good ideas about ways you can support your child to become a writer!**

### **Come and see the curriculum in action!**

All parents and carers are invited to Nursery and Pre-School on  
**Friday 10th February 8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm.**

This is an exciting opportunity to see all that your child does at school and to go home with ideas to support their learning further.

We will be continuing the theme of developing the skills needed to become a writer and there will be lots of exciting activities to take part in!

**Please make every effort to join us as your child loves to see you in school!**



**Don't forget it is half term for one week from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February.**

Our local Children's Centre have some great courses and events on for parents. There is often a creche available. Do have a look on their website to see all that is available:

<http://www.hertsmere-children.co.uk/childrenscentres/leavesden-childrens-centre/>



Information session 'Becoming a Writer' Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am and 12.30pm

I will be attending the writing session at 10.30am or 12.30pm

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of parent who is attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPRING TERM 2017 Forthcoming diary dates:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
Thursday 2nd February	10.30 and 12.30	Writing workshop information session for Nursery parents	Staffroom
Tuesday 7th February	10am	Nursery showarounds for potential entrants from September 2017	Nursery classroom and outside
Friday 10th February	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - theme of 'Becoming a Writer'	Children in own classrooms
<b>Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM</b>			
Monday 20th February	2pm	Nursery showarounds for potential entrants from September 2017	Nursery classroom and outside
w/b Monday 27th February	To be arranged	Parents/carers invited in to read to children	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Thursday 2nd March	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY - come dressed as a character</b>		
Friday 3rd March	5.30 to 6.30	Bedtime story session - come in pyjamas and bring your teddy!	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Thursday 9th March	10am	Nursery showarounds for potential entrants from September 2017	Nursery classroom and outside
Friday 10th March	8.30-10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents - theme of 'Mathematics'	Children in own classrooms
Wednesday 15th March	2pm	Nursery showarounds for potential entrants from September 2017	Nursery classroom and outside
Friday 17th March	<b>Deadline to apply for a maintained school Nursery place to start in September 2017</b>		
w/b Monday 20th March	By appointment	Parent/staff consultations for those Nursery children who joined in Sep 2016	Staffroom
Friday 24th March	11am and 12.30pm	Mother's Day celebration	Nursery classroom
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring Term. School open 10-12 noon. Theatre production of 'The Gruffalo'		
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED from Monday 3rd April until we re-open on Tuesday 18th April 2017</b>			

## SPRING TERM 2017

January 2017	
Thursday 5th January	TERM STARTS
February 2017	
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
March 2017	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
EASTER BREAK MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	

## SUMMER TERM 2017

April 2017	
Tuesday 18 <sup>TH</sup> April	TERM STARTS - children back
May 2017	
Monday 1st May	May Day - school closed
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
June 2017	
Friday 30th June	STAFF TRAINING DAY - school closed
July 2017	
Thursday 20th July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - school closed
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - school closed