

NEWSLETTER 1 – 3rd January 2018

Happy New Year to all of you!

We hope that you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to 2018!

A big welcome to the new families who are joining us in Pre-School and Nursery – we hope you will soon feel settled, but please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything you are unsure of.



The staff have asked me to thank all of you for your kind wishes and generous presents at the end of term!

New Year Resolutions?

- Please always telephone us if your child is unwell and will not be coming to school. This helps us to keep our registers accurate. Parents of nursery children should telephone 672531, Pre-School should telephone 679500.
- Remember to send in book bags and coats every day. We go outside, even if it is cold and raining!
- Please ensure that all of your children's clothing is named – particularly coats, hats, scarves, gloves and SWEATSHIRTS. We cannot return un-named clothing! Please consider sewing gloves onto elastic attached to cuffs. This way your child will never have cold hands outside or lose their gloves.
- Please DO NOT send your child into school with lace up shoes. They cannot manage these themselves and we want your children to be as independent as possible whilst at school.
- Please make sure all money sent to the office is in a named envelope and is placed in either post box; one outside the main school office and one outside the Pre-School door. We will not accept loose cash in the office.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines outside school or across neighbour's driveways. We have to deal with numerous complaints and it puts a strain on our relationship with them.
- **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.**

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!*

URGENT Reminder - Reception place applications

Don't forget if you haven't already applied for a reception place for your child for September 2018 you need to do this by **15th January 2018** at the latest.

Late applications will only be able to choose from schools that have places left so will have a limited choice.

Apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions or come in and see us if you need further details.

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.

01923 672531

HCC have asked us to promote 'The Families First Portal' (<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst>)

For example you can find information on childcare, health and wellbeing, parenting, keeping safe, young people, parenting courses, money advice, SEND Local Offer etc.

Many of the services are free for families to access and are accessible on mobile devices.

Exciting events for the Spring Term 2018



We have a number of exciting events planned for the Spring Term 2018 in which you can take part in with your child. Please make every effort to join us for some of them as your child loves to see you in school! *Please refer to the guide of events being sent home and in the diary dates below.*

The first three are:

- Mon 15th Jan – Singing and Story sessions with your child
- Weds 24th Jan - 'The Writing Journey' workshop information session for parents
- Thursday 8th February - Open sessions for parents, to come and play with your child.

SPRING TERM 2018 Forthcoming diary dates:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Tuesday 9th January	10 – 10.45	Baby Rhyme Time re-starts	Staffroom
Monday 15th January	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 24th January	10.30, 12.30, 6pm	Writing workshop information session for parents	Staffroom
Monday 29th January	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Tuesday 6th 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 st February	10am	Nursery showaround for prospective parents	Meet at front door
Friday 23 rd 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 rd 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
Friday 1 st March	WORLD BOOK DAY - come dressed as a character		
Friday 2nd March	5.30 to 6.30	Bedtime story session - come in pyjamas and bring your teddy!	Nursery/Pre-School classrooms
Friday 9 th 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
w/b 19 th March	By appointment	Nursery parent consultations – Pre-School ongoing	Staffroom
29 th March	Last day of Spring Term. School open 10-12 noon.		
SCHOOL CLOSED from Friday 30 th 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 rd January	TERM STARTS – children in school
February 2018	
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	HALF TERM
March 2018	
Thursday 29 th March	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
April 2018	
EASTER BREAK FRIDAY 30 th MARCH – FRIDAY 13 TH APRIL	

SUMMER TERM 2018

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

