

### NEWSLETTER 3 – 5th October 2016

#### **New Governors at Kingswood**

We are very pleased to let you know that we have two new governors who are supporting the work of the school.

**Alison**



**Louise**



Alison and Louise both have children in nursery and can be found under the canopy at 8.30 and 3.30 if there is anything you would like to discuss with them. The role of a governor is voluntary and we are very grateful for their support. *Do say hello!*

#### **Emergency evacuation**

Every school needs to have a place for an emergency evacuation. If the police or fire service told us that we needed to evacuate the building then we will go to **Kingsway Junior School, Briar Road.**

#### **MacMillan - World's Biggest Coffee Sessions**

### **Kingswood raised**

**£181.70!**

Huge thanks to all of the staff and governors who sent in cakes and biscuits for this worthwhile event and thank you to the parents and staff for their generosity in buying them all.

**Good effort everyone!**



#### **Emotional Well-Being workshops**

These took place on Monday 26th September. A special thanks must be given to Charlotte for delivering such an interesting workshop. The feedback has been very positive!

*'Everything I heard during today's session sounded like it was said individually to me. I am cuddling more and listening to everything, even the smallest things. A really great hour, would love to join more sessions like this'.*

*'Some of the ideas have already been implemented in the family i.e. talking about feelings and labelling emotions. A very informative session'.*

*'Have been using the ideas already and they are certainly helping to keep us all calm'.*

**Our next workshops are taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and are all about reading with your child so they develop a life-long love of reading! Put the date in your diary now!**

**Date for your diary:**

**We have arranged for our Educational Psychologist, Shaun Clifford, to come into school on the morning of Friday 21st October**

Parents/carers can talk to Shaun, in confidence, about their child in half hour slots.

**Lets Talk** aims to provide:

- an opportunity for parents/ carers to meet with an Educational Psychologist in an informal way.
- A model of joint problem solving.

**There are 2 slots available at 9.30am and 10am**

This is what the parents said about the sessions last year:

*'Some very helpful tips which we will put into practise now'*

*'Found the session helpful. Putting into practice will be interesting and over time can revisit to highlight the benefits'*

*'Information about going forward and how we as parents could work together to achieve'*

*'Telling me what steps to take next and also a contact number when needed'*

***Gift box appeal***

***We have plenty of shoe boxes for you to fill with your child- just ask a member of staff.***

**The destination for this year's boxes is Ghana in West Africa.**



**Suggestions to fill the box:**

- **A toy!**      **Sport shoes or flip-flops**      **Draw string rucksack/school bag**
- **Notebook**    **Pens**      **Crayons**      **Baseball caps**      **Towel and wash cloth**
- **Any other age appropriate items**

Filling the shoe box is a very rewarding activity to do with your child and gives them an understanding of helping others. **The boxes must be back by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October for our walk to Stanborough Church.**

**Date for your diary:**

**One World Week**

We will be celebrating 'One World Week' just before half term and all parents and carers of Nursery and Pre-School children are invited to open sessions, to take part in activities on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm.**



This is a great opportunity to see the curriculum in action and to enjoy spending time with your child in school.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Please see the diary dates below for all the exciting things we have planned for 'One World Week'.**

**Please let us know if you can come in and share any special family celebrations linked to your culture or religion. The children love to hear about these events!**

**Policies on our website**

**There is a new 'Child Protection Policy' on our website which includes reference to the document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. Please have a look under the policies section for a selection of our policies. [www.kingswood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.kingswood.herts.sch.uk)**

**AUTUMN TERM 2016 Forthcoming diary dates:**

Date	Time	Event	Place
w/b Monday 10th October	By appointment	Nursery 'Settling In' Parent/Staff consultations (Pre-School make individual arrangements)	Staffroom/Green Group base area
Monday 10th October	throughout day	'Amey's Zoo' booked. Small animal experience for children to enjoy	Children in own classrooms
Thursday 14th October	11am and 12.30	Sarah to read story and play guitar for children	Nursery classroom
<b>Week beginning 17th October 'One World Week'.</b>			
Tuesday 18th October	Leave school at 9.30 and 12.30	ADRA Shoebox walk to Stanborough Church	Meet in classrooms
Weds 19th October	11am and 12.30	All parents welcome to hear about the Pre-School in Ethiopia that Kingswood sponsor	Nursery classroom
Thursday 20th October	8.30 – 10am or 12.30-2pm	Open sessions for parents to join their child in class	Join your child in their classroom
Friday 21st October	throughout day	Drumming workshops for children	<i>Children only</i>
Friday 21st October	by appointment	Individual meetings with Shaun Clifford, Educational Psychologist	<i>Parent/carers only</i>
<b>Half term: School closed between Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 28th Oct 2016.</b>			
Wednesday 9th November	10.30 and 12.30	Reading workshops for parents	Staffroom
Tuesday 15th Nov	throughout day	Peekaboo photographs	<i>Children only</i>
Weds 16th November	throughout day	Peekaboo photographs	<i>Children only</i>
Friday 18th November	throughout day	Children in Need - wear a costume or funny hat for a £1 donation	
<b>Friday 25th November - SCHOOL CLOSED - OCCASIONAL DAY</b>			
Weds 30th November	10.30 and 12.30	Road Safety workshops for Nursery children and parents	Nursery classroom
Friday 2nd December	11am and 12.30	Story and singing sessions booked with Sarah for nursery children	<i>Children only</i>
Weds 14th December	10.30 and 2pm	Christmas Play for parents and carers	Nursery classroom
Thursday 15th December	10.30 and 2pm	Christmas Play for parents and carers	Nursery classroom
Weds 21st December	School open 10-12 noon	'Fuzzy Duzzy' children's entertainer booked and Christmas parties	Children in own classrooms
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED from Thursday 22nd December until we re-open on Thursday 5th January 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
April 2017	
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
May 2017	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – May Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
June 2017	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	STAFF TRAINING DAY
July 2017	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	STAFF TRAINING DAY