

NEWSLETTER – 5th September 2016



A very warm welcome to everyone

The start of the academic year is always a very exciting time as we welcome new families to our setting and welcome back familiar faces! We hope you all had a lovely summer!

We are sure that the children will soon be used to everything, but in the meantime if there is anything you are unsure about then please just ask a member of staff.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Zuzana and Lisa as our new Key Persons in Nursery, Tina Berry is now our new admin assistant and Becky Mullan is joining us as an apprentice.

Natalie will be with us for another two weeks and then will be commencing her maternity leave. We wish Natalie our best wishes for the future! We are sure you will make our new staff feel very welcome and will bear with us whilst they get up to speed!

STAFFING STRUCTURE – SEPTEMBER 2016

Headteacher - Bernice Jackson	
Nursery team	Pre-School team
Clare Runza – Nursery Teacher Charlotte Jones – Nursery Teacher Elaine McKeer - Nursery Teacher, part time Kayleigh Brooks - Key Person Lisa Archer – Key Person Zuzana Neville - Key Person, part time Helen Wynne - Wraparound Key Person Tina Hollingshead - Nursery Practitioner Gosia Pawlaczyk - Nursery Practitioner Becky Mullan – Nursery apprentice	Michelle Long - Room Leader/Key Person Petra Charles - Key Person Michaela Broderick – Key Person Helen Macaulay – Key Person, part time Tracy Upson - Pre-School Assistant, part time Jodie Oliver - Pre-School Assistant, part time
<u>Office Staff</u> Sam Godfrey - School Secretary Tina Berry – Admin Assistant	<u>Midday Supervisors</u> Tina Hollingshead Sheena Coldwell Tracy Upson Gosia Pawlaczyk Jodie Oliver Vicky Andrews

Website

www.kingswood.herts.sch.uk

Please take time to have a look at our website on a regular basis. You can find copies of newsletters, lots of photographs of the children and plenty of information for parents.

Packed lunch clubs

Please can you ensure that you do not include any products containing nuts in the children's packed lunches. Nut allergies are increasingly common and although children are not allowed to share packed lunches we want to avoid having any nuts in any form to protect all of our children. We would ask all parents to send in a healthy packed lunch, **with no sweets** and to make sure that you do not send in too much food for them. Please look on our website for leaflets regarding healthy packed lunches under the 'Parent Information' section.

Birthday celebrations

We do understand that your child's birthday is a very important celebration for them. We always give your child a card and the class sing 'Happy Birthday' to them and they blow out the candles on an imitation cake. A reminder that we ask you not to send in cakes, biscuits or sweets to have in class or to send home. We always have children who for medical or religious reasons cannot eat certain foods and this causes a lot of upset in the room. Instead, if you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, then we ask you to send in a book with a message written in the front that can be added to our book boxes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Money in school

We will no longer be accepting loose cash handed into the office as this caused numerous difficulties last year. We would strongly recommend that parents pay via Wisepay (our online banking system) – you will all be receiving your log in details shortly along with your September invoice (if applicable). If you do need to pay by cash then this must be placed in a sealed envelope and posted in the boxes outside the Pre-School classroom and outside the main school office. Please do not give envelopes to staff containing money.

MacMillan - World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Sadly many of us know someone who has been affected by cancer. The staff and governors of Kingswood would like to invite you to a 'Coffee and Cake' session on

Friday 23rd September at 10.45am and 12.30pm.

We will provide you with a cuppa and cake for a monetary donation!

Macmillan ask people across the UK to hold a coffee morning and raise money for people living with cancer. Since 1990 over £138 million has been raised for Macmillan.

Please join us for this worthwhile charity in the staffroom!



This is also a great way to meet other parents!

Date for your diary

Emotional Well-Being workshops

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

Tuesday 27th September at 10.30 and 12.30 – one hour workshops

- ❖ 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?

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 20th October between 8.30-10am and 12.30-2pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. B. Jackson Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM 2016 Forthcoming diary dates: (more dates to follow)

- **Friday 23rd September - MacMillan Coffee Morning - 10.45 and 12.30 in the staffroom**
- **Tuesday 27th September – ‘Emotional Well-Being’ workshops to support your child. 10.30 and 12.30**
- **Week beginning Monday 10th October - NURSERY children: ‘Settling In’ Parent/Staff consultations** will take place. Pre-School will contact parents with their own arrangements.
- **Week beginning 21st October ‘One World Week’.** There will be open sessions for parents on **Thursday 20th October 8.30 – 10am or 12.30-2pm** when you can come in and work alongside your child. We will be raising funds to sponsor a Pre-School in Ethiopia via the ‘ROPE’ charity.

Half term: Nursery and Pre-School will be closed for half term between Mon 25th Oct – Fri 28th Oct 2016.

- **From Monday 7th November:** children in nursery need to apply for a reception place. Applications open from today if your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013. You will receive an application pack from Herts County Council with details.

We would strongly recommend that you look on primary schools websites to find out when they are holding open days for you to have a look around.

(Please note, if your child is in Pre-School then nursery applications do not open until February 2017).

- **Wednesday 21st December - End of term - open 10-12noon.**

Spring Term 2017 - Pupils return Thursday 5th January 2017

Half term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Last day of Spring Term: Friday 31st March 2016 - open 10-12noon.