

NEWSLETTER 8 – 7th December 2017



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

A Big thank to everyone who donated to the Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £70.50 for Save the Children Charity.

Admissions into Kingswood Nursery class – September 2018

Admission into a Nursery class will 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 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

Reception Places – September 2018

From Monday 6th November: 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.

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.

So far only 31 out of 63 families have applied for a Reception place. Please be aware the closing date is Monday 15th January 2018!

Christmas Arrangements

Please see below in the diary dates and the letter that went home regarding the arrangements made for Christmas.

The Christmas plays will be performed by all children on both Weds 13th December and Thursday 14th December, but parents will only come to one of them due to numbers and space.

Our plays are very informal, with very little rehearsal and each one is very unique!

DON'T FORGET

Please send in a raffle prize – prizes will be drawn during the performances! Chocolates, biscuits, wine, bubbles – all donations greatly received!

And don't forget to bring £1 to buy a raffle ticket too.....

Parent Declaration Forms (school funding claim forms) & December Invoices

Following our email reminder this week there are still a number of funding claim forms and outstanding invoices for December.

We will be contacting parents next week for any of these outstanding items. All invoices MUST be settled by next Friday for us to finalise our accounts before Christmas.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to promote;

The Families First Portal (<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst>)

This is a website which helps Hertfordshire families find:

Information, advice and guidance on local and national services for families, parents or carers.

For example;

Information on childcare, health and wellbeing, parenting, keeping safe, young people, parenting courses, money advise, SEND Local Offer etc.

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

Children's Christmas Party

If you would like your child to come to the Christmas party on Tuesday 19th December (10-12 noon) please support us by sending in a £5 donation to pay for the entertainer, gifts and party food.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SLIP EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ATTENDING OR JUST CALL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW. Thank you

Fuzzy Duzzy Entertainer & Christmas Party – Tuesday 19th December – 10 – 12 NOON ONLY

Childs Name:

I would like my child to attend the Christmas Party and enclose my £5 contribution

My child will not be in school on the last day of term.

Please be advised that the party food offered to your child will match any dietary requirements that you have informed us about.

AUTUMN TERM 2017 Forthcoming events for parents and families:

Date	Time	Event	Place
Friday 8th December	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
Wednesday 13th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents Blue, Green and Purple groups	Nursery classroom
Thursday 14th December	10.30am and 2pm	Christmas performances to parents Red and Yellow groups	Nursery classroom
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term. Open 10 -12 noon. All welcome. There will be a Christmas party for the children with Fuzzy Duzzy, the entertainer, and there will be a visit from a man in a red suit!		
20th December – Tuesday 2nd January	Holiday Family Learning challenge – ‘Giving’. Tell us about an activity your child/family has done linked to the theme of giving! <i>Maybe a gift, your time, help you have given</i>		

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 30th MARCH – FRIDAY 13TH 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
Monday 23 rd July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 24 th July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed