

NEWSLETTER 3 - 9th October 2017

We are very fortunate that Susan Bayliss, a specialist Community Nursery Nurse, is coming to Kingswood on Monday 16th October to talk to parents in confidence. This service is free and confidential.

Areas you may wish to discuss may include:

- Routine child development – eating habits.
- Emotional and social development – separation anxiety, sibling rivalry.
- Behaviour management – tantrums, setting boundaries.
- Language and Communication- language delay.
- Sleep difficulties, waking up at night.
- Toileting concerns, getting children out of nappies.
- ***Or any other aspects of your child's development***



Every parent will receive an individual letter to book a 45 minute slot. There are only 3 slots available!

Shoe 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 Kiziba refugee camp, Rwanda.

Full details of the charity can be found on their website:

www.adra.org.uk/projects/rwanda

Suggestions to fill the box:

Please make sure that EVERY box contains a toy (this is what brings the smile to a child's face!)

Other suggestions to fill the box:

Drawstring rucksacks, Notebooks, Pens, Crayons, Baseball caps, Towel & Wash cloths, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Vaseline, Sports shoes or flip-flops, socks, T-shirts/polo shirts, Underwear, Solar flashlight.

A £2 donation to help with the shipping costs (please do not put this inside the box)

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 Wednesday 18th October for our walk to Stanborough Church.**

We need lots of parents to help us to walk to Stanborough on Wednesday 18th October – leaving school at 9.30am and 1.30pm. We will put up sheets for you to sign if you can help.



Half Term Family Learning Challenge – 'My First Time'.

Tell us about an activity your child or family has done for the first time!

It can be anything! We are very excited to see what will come in!



Date for your diary:

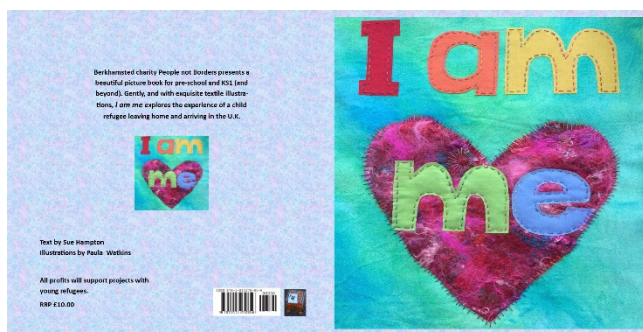
One World Week

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 19th 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. Your child loves to see you there, even if you can only join for part of the session.

Author Sue Hampton will be visiting us for One World Week on 19th October, with her picture book 'I am me' - a fundraiser for the charity 'People not Borders' who support refugees: <https://www.suehamptonauthor.co.uk/product/i-am-me/> There will be an opportunity to buy the book on the day (£10, all profits to the charity) which explores the experiences of a child refugee leaving home and arriving in the UK. It is written in a gentle way that children will be able to understand.



We would be thrilled if any parent or carer could come into school and tell us about customs and festivals that they follow at home. In the past we have had parents show us how to put on sari, bringing in foods linked to celebrations for us to taste, singing songs/telling stories from their culture, bringing in artefacts for us to look at. If you can help please speak to a member of staff! We want our children to understand what an exciting world we live in!



TOP LATCH over THE GATE!

Please help us to keep all of our children safe by ALWAYS shutting the front gate AND putting the top latch over. If everyone does this then we know that no child can get out onto the pavement.

I have noticed that the top latch is not being used by many parents/carers who are dropping off or collecting children.

A reminder that school is closed for half term between Monday 23rd October and Friday 27th October 2017



CAN YOU HELP? CALLING STRONG MEN AND WOMEN!

We are THRILLED to let you know that we have managed to raise enough money to have our exciting 'Wildwood' fitted during half term! This will replace the existing structure in the garden area which needs replacing.

However, to keep costs down we have agreed to remove the existing wooden structure ourselves.

If you could help on **Saturday 14th October from 10am then please telephone the school office and let us know. 01923 672531**

If you have any hand tools or a cordless drill then please bring these along.

Please note children will not be allowed on site whilst this work is taking place.

Tea/coffee/doughnuts will be on hand to keep you going!

AUTUMN TERM 2017 Forthcoming events for parents and families:

Date	Time	Event	Place
w/b Monday 16th October	Individual appointments	Nursery Parent/Staff consultations. (Pre-School ongoing)	Venue varies
Wednesday 18th October	Leave school at 9.30 and 1.30	'Shoe-box walk'. Help us walk the children down to Stanborough Church to deliver shoeboxes.	Meet in classrooms
Thursday 19 th October	8.30 - 10am 12.30 – 2pm	'One World Week' open sessions for parents and carers. Come along and join your child in their play.	Inside and outside classrooms
23 rd – 27 th October HALF TERM	Half Term Family Learning Challenge – 'My First Time'. Tell us about an activity your child/family has done for the first time!		
Wednesday 1st November	11am and 12.30pm	Come in and hear a talk about the Pre-School we sponsor in Ethiopia	Nursery classroom
Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd November	PEEKABOO PHOTOGRAPHERS in school – photos back in time for Christmas		
Wednesday 8th November	10.30 – 11.30am 12.30 – 1.30pm 6 – 7pm	'Reading Workshops – ways to develop a love of reading with your child' Workshops for parents	Staffroom
Tuesday 28th November	10.30 and 12.30	'Road Safety workshops for parents and children' (Nursery only)	Nursery classroom
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.		
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>		

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 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.

SPRING TERM 2018

January 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd January	TERM STARTS
February 2018	
Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th 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 20 th July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm
Monday 23 rd July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 24 th July	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed