

# Welcome!

## WHAT A SUCCESSFUL WEEK

It is delightful to be back at school, and welcome your children into Nursery and Pre School. I have been impressed with how settled the children have been once they have said goodbye to you. There is a calm atmosphere in the rooms which enables children to begin to form relationships with their key person, the additional supportive adults and other children.

Transition is a process, not an event. Over the coming weeks your child may express a range of emotions about being here, and away from you, even for those children who are returning to a relatively familiar space. We will contact you if your child remains upset, as we want to avoid children feeling stressed. However if your child is settled and engaged, we need the adults to remain with them, so will not call to update you. Please trust our experienced and caring staff-no news is good news!

It would be remiss of me to sign off without acknowledging the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II. I have placed a separate acknowledgment on Tapestry, for you to access.

Once we have all settled into the new routine I will share our plans and priorities for the year ahead. Exciting times!

*Mrs Macdonald*

## COURTEOUS PARKING

Thank you for ensuring that you have parked courteously this week, without blocking driveways or across dropped kerbs. There have been no complaints from our neighbours which has ensured that we can focus on settling children and providing the best experiences for them!



## ALLERGY AWARE!

There are children in school who are allergic to nuts. Please ensure that there are no nuts, and no nut products including Nutella in any packed lunches.



There are also individuals who are allergic to specific allergens. **One identified allergen is PINE which is potentially life threatening.** We have removed pine cones and pine scented fragrances in Nursery. In order to protect the safety of our school community **please avoid using any pine products**, including cold remedies, cosmetic, skin and hair oils, on your child before they attend school. I appreciate your understanding with this.



**We play outside every day whatever the weather!**

**Remember to bring a coat to school everyday. You child can use school wellies.**

## SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

The safety of your child is our priority.

In school we are especially vigilant when children are accessing technology; adults are always part of the learning experience, and filters are set to ensure safe access to the internet.

We teach children:

- Only use technology if adults are present
- Tell a grown up if you see something online that makes you feel sad, scared or worried.

How you can help at home:

- Please ensure your child is not allowed to access the internet without an adult present.
- Be mindful of your children nearby when older siblings are accessing technology.
- Check age limits for games and apps
- Be aware that children can watch games intended for an older age group, such as Poppy Playtime, on YouTube. You Tube Kids is a more suitable app to use.



### REMINDER:

Please do not use your mobile phone inside the school site when dropping or collecting your child.

**Do you know what your child is up to during the day? Make sure you can access Tapestry to find out and to receive regular updates!**



## STAFFING UPDATE

Lisa Cooper is one of our longstanding Key Persons in Pre School. She will be leaving Kingswood at the end of next week as she embarks on a different role, providing specific care for an individual family throughout the year. Lisa is a real advocate for children gardening and we will miss her 'green fingers' in school! I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new role.

Petra Charles, who was a Key Person in Nursery, will not be returning to school.

### EARLY COLLECTION

**If you need to collect your child early, in order to collect siblings from school, we facilitate a 3PM early collection. Please notify your child's key person if this is the case.**

We are liaising closely with a dentist to implement a range of workshops, information and training to prioritise Oral Health for the children at Kingswood, in order that they can be confident and communicative individuals. We provide water and milk choices at snack time. You can support this by sending your child to school with only water or milk to accompany their lunch. Fruit juice, squash, fizzy drinks and smoothies should be avoided.



## Kingswood Nursery School Academic dates 2022-2023

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2022</u>	
September 2022	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	TERM STARTS
October 2022	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM – School closed
November 2022	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Occasional Day-School closed
December 2022	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	END OF TERM PRE SCHOOL
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	END OF TERM Nursery open 10-12pm
CHRISTMAS BREAK - Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	

<u>SPRING TERM 2023</u>	
January 2023	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	TERM STARTS
February 2023	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
April 2023	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	END OF TERM PRE SCHOOL
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	END OF TERM Nursery open 10-12pm
EASTER BREAK - MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> April– Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	

<u>SUMMER TERM 2023</u>	
April 2023	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	STAFF TRAINING DAY - closed
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	TERM STARTS
May 2023	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – May Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
July 2023	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM PRE SCHOOL
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	END OF TERM Nursery open 10-12pm