

Almost Half Term !

Where has this half term gone?! The Spring Term is such a short one, but it is the time we start to see children who have been with us since September reaching milestones in their learning, or those who have recently started, settled into our routine.

We have been able to share some of these successes with you via face to face conversations, telephone calls and Tapestry.

I am hoping that attendance figures will rise after half term, as the inevitable coughs and bugs that we have been experiencing diminish.

School is closed next week, so please remember to use this week to:
Read, Talk and Walk!



Please can you also complete your Nursery Admission Application if you have yet to do so, for children in Pre School who require a September place.

I hope you can have a restful and healthy week, we will see you back in school on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Macdonald

Floor Books in Nursery

We use floorbooks in Nursery to record children's collaborative learning. They are a great tool to document children's learning and progress, capture their thoughts and ideas, as well as showcasing a broad and ambitious curriculum.



When children have the opportunity to look back and reflect on their previous experiences, they are more likely to want to communicate and make links in their learning as they connect memories.



We hope you have had the opportunity to look at these during our Stay and Play Sessions, and Parent Consultations. We use Family Photo books in Pre School, and photos on Tapestry in a similar way to stimulate conversation about familiar people.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED PARENT VIEW?



It is our aim that all parents complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire by the end of Half Term:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

You will need to create a login the first time you visit the page.

Remember if you have any pressing concerns please contact us in the first instance!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
TO
FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY



Punctuality Reminder!

We have observed that a number of children are arriving at school after the gates close at 8:40am. We also have children collected at various points from 2:50pm onwards.

It is important that your child is in school for the agreed times; joining the group halfway through an activity can be upsetting for young children and also removes the office staff from completing tasks.

If you have a pre-agreed arrangement to collect your child early please be prompt at 3pm, so that we can bring the children to you with minimum disruption.

Morning session 8:30-11:30
Afternoon Session 12:30-3:30



Additional Sessions

The office have been receiving a high number of request for adhoc additional sessions.



As a school, rather than daycare, we are unable to offer such additional sessions on a casual basis. Please avoid putting our office team in an uncomfortable position requesting such sessions.

If you wish to commit to your child joining one or more of our wraparound sessions on a regular basis, you will need to request a place on the waiting list.

Your children 'wow' us!

Our 5 Ways to Wow Curriculum has been in place for over a year now. Following a review with staff, and an external advisor, we have made a few changes. This will enable both Pre School and Nursery staff to provide the necessary learning experiences to ensure children are on track to achieve our 5 outcomes when they leave Kingswood, in preparation for starting school.

I can converse.	I care.	I make connections.	I am creative.	I am confident.
				
I use an extensive vocabulary to add detail to my explanations and observations.	I have a positive sense of self so that I can independently participate in a small group, and the wider community.	I can make links in my learning to deepen my understanding of the world.	I relish participating in stories, music, songs or rhymes, and I use materials both imaginatively and with a purpose.	I can take risks, stay safe and willingly engage in new experiences.

We look forward to sharing this with you at an information session after half term!



Parenting can be hardwork...

At Kingswood we acknowledge that your children are only with us for up to 7 hours a day, the rest of the time they are with you! Parenting has its funny and joyous moments, but it can also be really tough and tiring.

Please do speak to myself, Lisa, Michelle or your child's Key Person if you find yourself needing some support or advice. We don't have all the answers but work closely with health visitors and the local family centre who can support with toileting, establishing boundaries and routines, or providing emotional support for families.

