

A wonderful time of the year...

It is always wonderful to witness the awe and wonder of festivities through the children's eyes. They observe small details with such curiosity, such as the fairy lights, or shiny baubles on the tree, as they make connections in order to understand the world around them.



The celebrations at Kingswood started early when The Nest Provision was declared a finalist at the Education Today Awards. Lisa and Julie represented the team at this prestigious event at The Connaught Rooms. I am so proud of everyone in our team who contributed to this achievement! Very well done!

There is much information in this newsletter; please take note of dates as well as additional information which you may find supportive.

It is my sincere wish that you can enjoy a happy and healthy holiday over the coming weeks. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs Macdonald

THANK YOU



Thank you for such generous donations of gifts over the past few weeks for local families in need.



DATES

Last day of Pre-School
Thursday 19th December

NURSERY CELEBRATION
PRE BOOK with £5 DONATION
10am-12pm
Friday 20th December

SCHOOL CLOSED
21st December to 6th January

We look forward to welcoming
you all back to school on
First Day of Spring Term:

Tuesday
7th January 2024





SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN

If your child is in Nursery you need to have completed your school admissions form online, by January 15th 2025.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If your child is in Pre School and they turn 4 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 please ensure you have completed your Nursery Admission form:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/83372485558368>

Mark Making



Young children need to engage in markmaking if they are to become successful writers. Please do watch our recent presentation to discover ways to support your child:
<https://youtu.be/kvoZITtI7c4>

Staff Gifts

This is my annual reminder that at this time of year there is no expectation to purchase gifts for staff in school. I appreciate many of you want to express your gratitude to the team, but kind words, and smiles, are the most memorable gifts.

If you still choose to contribute please consider supporting our healthy school ethos that we are establishing, and consider gifting plants, packets of seeds, baskets and wooden bowls for storing and serving snack to school, rather than presents for individuals.

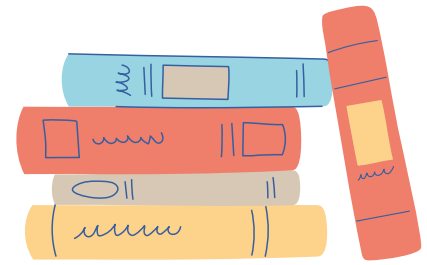
This is your personal preference but remember that being able to contribute to your child's early learning journey is a privilege, and comes without expectation.



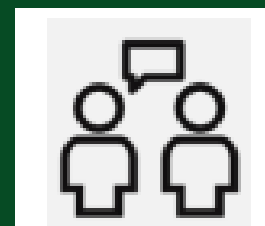
HOLIDAY LEARNING

As a parent you are powerful in determining your child's future academic success. During the holiday you can support their learning by:

- Reading a book or telling them a story
- Talking to them and encouraging them to talk to you and other family members
- Look at previous photos of celebrations and talk about what you did
- Involving them helping in household jobs such as hanging out washing, loading the washing machine, unpacking shopping, and setting the table
- Completing our 12 Energetic Days of Christmas Challenge



READ, TALK, WALK!
Aim to do this
EVERY DAY.





Holiday Support



Some families can experience stress during the holidays. Should you require support during this time you can visit here for a range of organisations who may be able to help.

<https://www.justtalkherts.org/parents/advice-for-parents.aspx>

The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline:
0808 2000 247



Refuge Online Chat:
<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/en/Chat-to-us-online>

Herts NHS Mental Health line:



 Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Mental health support at any time of the day or night
Helpline: 0800 6444 101

We are available 24/7 for Herts residents who:

- are experiencing a mental health crisis
- need some mental health support
- just want to talk

Email: hpft.spa@nhs.net (for non-urgent queries)




We're here for you this winter

We all need a little support from time to time, free information and advice is available.

Call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044
or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hereforyou



SCAN ME



Need help and don't know where to turn?

Contact HertsHelp

- Support in a crisis or difficult time
- Getting help to manage at home
- Feeling safe and confident leaving hospital
- Advice on paying for care
- Support if you are caring for someone
- Becoming more active and healthy
- Find out what's on in your local community
- Make sure you have your say

We're here to listen and help you find the independent support, advice and information you need.



HertsHelp is a network of community organisations working together to provide information and advice on local community services in Hertfordshire.

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