



Let's Celebrate!

As we move through October we encounter a number of celebrations in our community. We focus on the experiences our children encounter and invite you to share these with your child's key person.



We don't celebrate Halloween at school, but talk about emotions attached to being in the dark and staying safe. We will always sing to the children on their birthday and have a 'cake' for them to blow out candles. Due to our promotion of health we cannot accept sweets for the children to hand out; fruit contribution to snacktime, or a book to read and donate to our school book stock, are suggested alternatives.



Part of being an outstanding school means we continue to reflect on practice, and consider how we can improve. Each year we agree a set of priorities with staff and governors, and outline how we will go about meeting these. I urge you to take the time to read these below, so that you have an understanding of our School Development Plan Targets.

Please continue to check your emails to remain up to date with what's happening in school!

Mrs Macdonald

Thank you to the majority of parents who park with consideration for the safety of children in our community, as well as our neighbours.

Part of our school curriculum is to care for others. Please can you model this for your children by not parking across residents' driveways, regardless of dropped kerbs. Some have already contacted me to express their upset at not being able to rightfully access their own property, due to inconsiderate individuals within the school community.



You recently signed a Parent Agreement, where you agreed to park considerately; please continue to honour this. This will enable us to go about focusing on the care and education of the children at Kingswood.

UPCOMING DATES

**Monday 23rd-Friday 27th
October**

School Closed Half Term

Friday 24th November
School Closed-INSET DAY

Monday 27th November
School Closed-Occasional
Day

New Adventures

Developing and retaining a consistent staff team is one of the biggest challenges in Early Education. With half term approaching we are preparing to say goodbye to Kerry and Rachel.



Kerry has made the decision to work full time in a school, so will be embarking on a new challenge, in a 1:1 role.

Rachel has decided that she would prefer the flexibility of working in a nanny role.

I know you will wish them both well.

I want to assure you that at Kingswood we take our time to recruit staff who will work best with our children, complement our school ethos, and demonstrate commitment. We are fortunate that we have an existing knowledgeable, strong and nurturing team. Current vacancies are advertised on Teach in Herts Website.

Gate Etiquette!

Whilst adding a new gate to our environment has ensured the premises are more secure, it also means that everyone needs to be a little more patient. The gate will open for parents collecting from lunch provision, once the children are back in the building.



They need to be counted back into the room and collect their belongings before they can be dismissed safely.

Please be mindful that the entrance is quite narrow, so avoid blocking the entrance and have conversations to one side of the gate or out on the pavement.

Thanks for your understanding with this.

Seesaw

90% of the Kingswood Community have completed the permission slips to access Seesaw. Please do log on so that you can gain a greater understanding of what your child does in school, and how you can support this learning at home.



Reminder:

Snack Contributions Please!
£25 for the term.

We will shortly introducing warm snack for the children such as porridge and dahl.





"Children are at the heart of everything we do."

Kingswood Nursery School Development Plan 2023-204

Overarching priority: To secure longevity for our school, through a balanced income, consistent leadership and resilient staff, to ensure children make outstanding progress

Key Priorities	2023-24 Targets
All staff maintain a high standard of teaching and learning, to ensure excellent outcomes for ALL children.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To improve predicted attainment of children achieving To Converse from 50% to 70%.2. For ALL staff to consistently deliver our 5W2W curriculum with an understanding of the steps of progress children require.
Develop a healthy and resilient school community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ensure staff have the necessary resilience to prioritise children's learning.2. The curriculum focus on healthy lifestyle for children is consolidated across the longer day, including at home.3. The achievement of both children and staff is celebrated.
Improve leadership to maintain outstanding practice and ensure sustainability for the future.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To continue to develop the skill set of the Governing body to ensure school receives appropriate support and challenge.2. To identify leadership opportunities within school, and support individuals to realise their potential in achieving these.3. To agree on a shared Kingswood vision with the community which underpins excellent Early Years practice.