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## NEWSLETTER 12: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Springing into Spring!

The sun is shining and we are starting to observe signs of spring around us. Pointing out these changes such as the lighter mornings, and blossom on the trees, helps children to understand the changes in the seasons and develops their curiosity and ability to ask and answer questions.

Taking care of living things, is a large part of our curriculum offer here at Kingswood. Before the end of term we will be taking care of duck eggs in school, observing the eggs in the incubators, and predicting what may happen. Prepare for your child to be amazed! We will follow this up in Summer Term with a visit from the farm, where children can grow in confidence, and develop their language, as they meet the animals.



These exciting experiences link to our 5 Ways to Wow! Curriculum- we can't wait to share this learning with you.

Mrs Macdonald

### Goodbye Tina!



Tina has decided to pursue a full time childcare role, that includes working during school holidays, and therefore will be leaving Kingswood on Friday. She is a longstanding member of the Kingswood Team, and she will be missed by her colleagues, and the children.

My long lasting memory of her will be engaging fully in our International Mud Day last year. Her enthusiasm and willingness to be involved provided a great source of amusement and reassurance for the children! I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

## World Book Day 2022



So many of the children engaged in the World Book Day Challenges-well done! I was delighted to issue a number of certificates to celebrate your child's achievements, and hope that the focus on reading at home continues. There are lots of tips to support this in 5 Ways to Wow! leaflet sent home last week. Please speak to a member of staff if you didn't receive a copy.

**Please read with your child every day!**

## Ofsted Parent View

I am always keen to celebrate success but also want to know how we can improve the Kingswood Experience for our children, and families. Many of you provide verbal feedback, however I am keen to collate this. Please can you visit the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire to register your views:



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

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

## Author Visit: Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> March



We are so excited about our impending visit from Laura Henry-Allain, author of My Skin, Your Skin, and creator and author of JoJo and Gran Gran, to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Laura will spend the afternoon reading to the Nursery children, before talking to staff after school. We will invite morning Nursery children to return for this session, accompanied by a parent. We are also organising the opportunity for Laura to sign books during the afternoon, so please keep this afternoon free.

**Perhaps you could read or watch JoJo and Gran Gran in advance of Laura's visit!**

## Meet the new staff

You may notice some new faces at Kingswood. Recently we have welcomed two new members of staff to school. Courtney Mentor- Payne has joined the lunchtime team to support children at Nursery lunchclub. Andrew Anderton will be responsible for maintaining our premises and carrying out the necessary checks around the building. I know they will make a positive contribution !



## Reminder: Allergy Aware

A number of children at school have life threatening allergies, which puts them at considerable risk of harm if they touch or consume nuts, eggs and products containing these allergens. This is one of the reasons that we do not share special occasion cakes or treats.

**It is important that children do not bring ANY food into Nursery OR PreSchool that contain EGG and OR NUTS, including Nutella and pesto.**



## End of Spring Term

**Final Full day of term for Nursery and Pre School is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

Children in Nursery are then invited to an additional End of term celebration from 10-12 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. A contribution of £5 is requested to attend. Please complete the attached form to confirm your attendance and return to the office with your payment.

**Summer Term begins on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**



### 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	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	END OF TERM 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	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	END OF TERM 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	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	END OF TERM open 10-12pm