**KINGSWOOD NEWS** 

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# Saying goodbye...

As we start our final week of the school year I want to thank you for your patience with the school closures whilst we manage staff absence due to Covid. These absences continue this week but we will endeavour to remain open.

The Kingswood Team continue to work hard in these final weeks of term to ensure the children have a memorable time. Pre School will be closed on Friday 19th July, Nursery will open from 10am. We are looking forward to sharing our singing talents with you at our Nursery Celebration on Friday, from 11:30-12 for those children who are moving on!



It is a privilege to lead a team that enable young children to make such rapid progress in their learning; I am so appreciative of the dedicated staff here who are both nurturing and knowledgeable. They have been instrumental in your child starting their education journey in the best possible way! Thank you for trusting us to provide this.

I hope your child, whether starting at a new school, or remaining here, continues to develop their love of learning. May you and your family have a safe summer.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Mardonald



PRE SCHOOL TERM ENDS: Thursday 18th July

**NURSERY TERM ENDS** Friday 19th July

**Nursery Celebration for** Children 10am-12pm

Nursery Parents invited at 11:25am

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12PM



## **Parents Survey Feedback**

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete our parents survey.

100% stated their child is happy, feels safe and well cared for at school.

100% would recommend Kingswood to other parents.

You said	We responded
"I would love to see more updates in SeeSaw and an overview of my child's day."	Our floorbooks show learning over time, and provide a great conduit for a conversation with your child. Our staff simply can't provide individual daily updates for up to 12 children.
"We would like more stay and play sessions with more notice."	We will provide a calendar of events, including stay and plays, for the new academic year enabling our parents who have work constraints to plan in advance.
"I would like my child to take a little more care when it comes to water play and come home less messy!"	Outdoor play and active learning are part of our hands on learning ethos at Kingswood. We encourage the children to become immersed in their learning, which can have messy results. We will help them to change if they become uncomfortable.
"I would like more ideas of ways to help my child learn at home."	Key persons will have provided next steps for learning over the year. The best way to support your child's learning is to talk to them, and read at least two books a day to them. In the new academic year we are going to trial a new home learning app with lots of helpful ideas.
"It would be good to have outings or visits to/from people or places of interest."	We have welcomed Ark Farm, and Super Star Sports to visit school this year and the Nursery children have visited places in the local community. We adapt the variety of visits and visitors according to the needs and interests of our cohort.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I'm extremely content with how well my child has settled into the nursery and how happy and comfortable my child is in attending Kingswood."

<sup>&</sup>quot;My child has a great relationship with the staff."

<sup>&</sup>quot;My child has made many friends. She often sings the songs she has learnt."

<sup>&</sup>quot;My child's time at Kingswood has provided a great foundation to start infant school with."

## Seesaw Photos

We will be closing our Seesaw Online Learning at the end of July. If you wish to download a record of your child's learning over the year, please follow these instructions:

https://help.seesaw.me/hc/enus/articles/208754866-How-do-familiesand-students-save-and-download-studentwork





### **Floorbooks**

Our floorbooks demonstrate how we celebrate children's learning with them over the year; in our experience this is far more valuable than what is posted on Seesaw because of the reflection on learning and the conversation it promotes with the children themselves.

Many parents have accessed these over the past fortnight, either outside Pre School, during our Stay and Plays or at the open sessions. It was wonderful to hear the excitement generated during these interactions!

## **One Page Profile**

Do look out for your child's One Page Profile this week, which will provide a visually pleasing summary of their learning at Kingswood. The Key Persons have taken real pride in creating these; we hope this will enable you to celebrate with your child. You should be so proud of your child's learning journey!



## Summer Holiday Ideas!



The six week holidays can feel like a long period of time, to keep children entertained and safe. Please look out for the activity ideas, many free, available in the local area or for you to complete at home.

These will be emailed and posted on our social media over the next few weeks, as well as some safety reminders.



## **Payments**



Please can you ensure all invoices and outstanding payments are made by the end of this week. Much admin time is spent chasing overdue and late payments. Your support in completing these in a timely manner, is appreciated.