

Keep Reading!

Thank you to all our families that participated in World Book Day week, last week. Children will receive a certificate if they completed the book hunt, or uploaded photos of themselves reading in different places at home.

I hope that you were able to appreciate the 'new' book that your child chose to bring home. We were very appreciative of those families that donated their preloved books that enabled us to do this.



We were delighted to receive a visit from a representative for the local authority last week. She spent much time talking to the children about their learning, and observing staff interacting with the children to develop their language, understanding and learning. Of particular note was her recognition of how we strive to continually improve; she praised the excellent practice that has continued since our Ofsted inspection almost a year ago.

I am immensely proud of both the children's achievements and the committed staff, who make this happen.

Mrs Macdonald



End of Spring Term

**Pre School:
Wednesday 27th March**

**Nursery:
Thursday 28th March
10-12pm Easter Celebration**

**Summer Term Starts:
Tuesday 16th April**

Nursery Easter Celebration



If your child is in Nursery, and you wish them to join us for our Easter celebration on Thursday 28th March, from 10-12pm, we request a £2 donation.

Please confirm that your child is attending the session.



This is not suitable for Pre School children. Pre School and Extended Care will be closed on this day.



Ways to Wow this week !

Converse

The more stories children hear, the more words they will learn and the smarter they will become! If you can read just two books at bed time every night, to your child, they will have been exposed to over 700 books in a year. Make books at bedtime part of your daily routine.

Help!

We expect both children and parents to contribute to keeping our community safe. This is part of the Parental Agreement you sign when your child starts at Kingswood.

We are unable to monitor the activity individuals are engaged in on their phones, which is why we ask you to take calls, read messages and other important tasks, outside the school gate.

Unfortunately we have a number of parents insistent on using their phone inside the school gates. If you are repeatedly asked to put your phone away, this will be seen as a Safeguarding risk, and we will have to take action to prevent you from entering our grounds.

Remember:

- No vaping, smoking, or dogs on school grounds.
- Mobiles phones should not be used on school grounds.

Care



Make Connections



No Waste Wednesdays!

We are observing a huge improvement in packed lunches, which are free of chocolate items, crisp and juices, and will benefit your child's long term physical and oral health. Thank you for your commitment to this, over this term.

After the Easter holidays we will no longer be able to dispose of any rubbish in your child's lunch. They will be asked to place it in their lunch box to bring home. There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of waste and packets left at the end of the session, which we are keen to reduce, in order to fulfil our sustainability aims. This will also enable you to see exactly what your child is eating.

As an extra challenge, we are going to promote No Waste Wednesdays, with the aim that your child does not have any packets in their lunchbox on a Wednesday!



Easter Bonnets



We will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade for the Nursery Children during their Easter Celebration next Thursday. Can you work together at home to create some headwear to celebrate Spring, which your child can wear to our Celebration, or at home?



Toileting Matters

So many of the children at school have been engaged in toilet training successfully! Well done! If you are aiming to get your child out of nappies, please speak to your child's key person as we have lots of resources to support this process.

If your child is still in nappies, please restock a small amount of these, when asked. We are unable to provide a school supply, due to our budget, so if a child attends school with no nappies we will be unable to change them.



And finally....

Appropriate clothing request



So much of our curriculum is based upon children learning outside, where they gain understanding of their bodies, and brains, by moving quickly, climbing, exploring mud and water, taking care of themselves and others, and learning the language that accompanies these actions.



Children need warm and comfortable clothing to do this. Whilst we do not have a uniform that is compulsory please ensure they can maximise their learning with us by:

- Sending them in wearing velcro fastening trainers, which enable movement, rather than sturdy boots or heavy shoes.
- Avoiding dressing up costumes which could get muddy, torn or cause trips.
- Avoiding jewellery such as chains, and dangly earrings, which may tear, rip or get lost.



Thank you for your help with this!