

Welcome to a new year!

Despite the many bugs, that seem to be lingering, we were delighted to welcome so many of you back to school. We also extend our welcome to the new families that have joined us in Pre School this year. It's been a busy few weeks ensuring school applications have been completed, welcoming our new families into Pre School, and supporting the children to settle into this new space.



I have observed how the children's independence is growing; many are now able to put on their own coats, and contribute to our routine such as preparing snack. This encourages your child to be proud of their achievements and develops their confidence. You can support this by considering chores your child can help you with at home such as setting the table, loading the washing machine or unpacking the grocery shopping.

I look forward to myself, and the Kingswood Team, continuing to work in partnerships with you during 2023!

Mrs Macdonald

PARENT VIEW



It is important that each year Ofsted is provided with a feedback from our current cohort of parents. Please can you visit the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire to register your views:

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

You will need to create a login the first time you visit the page.

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

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
TO FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY



FUTURE EVENTS



Spring Term is a shorter one but please note these future events:

Week beginning 6th February

Nursery Parent Consultations
with Key Persons

This will provide the opportunity to meet for ten minutes face to face with your child's Key Person. Limited evening appointments will also be available. Your child's Key Person will contact you to organise a time.

Week Beginning 27th February

World Book Day Week

Once again we will be focusing on a range of reading challenges at home, and inviting you into school for our Parents Reading Rota. No dressing up will be required this week!

To be scheduled:

Stay and Play Session
Meet with Mrs Macdonald

Last day of term for Pre School

Thursday 30th March

Nursery End of Term Celebration

Friday 31st March

Please remember the space inside the school gates is a mobile phone free zone. This is part of our Safeguarding Practices to ensure we keep all children safe.



Applications for
Nursery for September
2023 are open.

If your child is in
Pre School, and will
turn 3 before August,
you will require a
Nursery place.

Have you applied for a
place in our Nursery?

Admissions close on
24th February.



New arrivals!

We are preparing to introduce some new pets to school! Part of our curriculum is about teaching children to be calm and gentle when handling animals. We have been offered the opportunity to provide a home for two guinea pigs, and so will shortly welcome Hope and Bonnie into Pre School. On the advice of a vet, guinea pigs are the best mammals for young children to handle as they very seldom bite, are slow moving, and are very robust!

The children will be well supervised by adults to feed, clean and handle the guinea pigs. Having the opportunity to contribute to care routines for animals develops children's empathy, and can provide reassurance at times where they may be unsettled. Our new recruits will provide much learning!

We may well request donations of straw and vegetables in the future, should you wish to contribute.



Courteous Parking

One of our school values is that everyone's safety and wellbeing are our priority, and I very much believe this should be extended to our local community. I am keen that we maintain good relationships with our neighbours, and that the children at Kingswood experience courtesy and kindness modelled on a daily basis.

Recently it has been observed that parents have blocked cars into driveways, or blocked the road to drop off children. I appreciate that everyone has different circumstances, and the school collection or drop off can be stressful to juggle however this should not be at the detriment of good community relationships. Please avoid parking across driveways, across dropped kerbs or on the yellow zig zags. I would prefer to be focusing on your children's learning, rather than dealing with complaints from neighbours or members of our school community.

