

NEWSLETTER 5: 4th November 2021

Let's Celebrate!

Happy Diwali to many of our families! The children have been learning from one another how this festival is celebrated. They have listened to stories, explored light, cooked dahl, and said words including 'Lakshmi' and 'Chappati'. I was very impressed with the number of children who tasted the dahl we cooked together!



The children may well experience fireworks this week, with Diwali, and Guy Fawkes Night tomorrow. This is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the awe and wonder of a new experience, and to teach children new words linked to these occasions. Please also teach your child about the importance staying safe with regards to fireworks and being outside in the dark.

Enjoy all your celebrations!

Mrs Macdonald



Let's Read Workshop

It was a real privilege to meet so many of you face to face, at our Let's Read parents event this week, and introduce you to Hairy Maclary! I hope you are enjoying sharing the books you were given, with your child.

The key message was that by reading to your child for 15 minutes a day, they will become a more confident reader. Try to make your 15 minutes storytime part of your daily routine, at the end of the day, with **Bath, Book and Bed!** I will soon be sharing some more information with you about supporting your child's reading.

Comments received included 'A brilliant workshop, very informative' and I know many of you mentioned how it provided an opportunity to see the inside of Nursery. 100% attendees said they would recommend this workshop to other parents; I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Nursery Admissions

Nursery admissions are open! If your child is in Preschool and you wish to apply for a Nursery space, for September 2022, please do this as soon as possible. You can also book a show around-please call the office to arrange.

Reception Class School Admissions

Children are of statutory school age, once they turn 5. If your child is in Nursery you will need to apply for a Reception school place, for September 2022. Admissions are open online: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/actweb/education/admissions/startpage.cfm> You will need to have complete this by 15th January 2022. Many schools are hosting open days once again, we would recommend that you visit wherever possible before you make your choice.

Please wear your face covering

We have to regularly review our Covid policy and procedures. As the Covid infection rates continue to increase locally, we are now requesting that parents and visitors wear a mask when they enter the building. This is inline with Herts County policy. If your child is in Pre-school, please wear a mask when you drop them off, as you are entering an enclosed space. Thank you!

Nursery Christmas Party Tuesday 21st December

Last full day of term for Nursery children is Monday 20th December. ALL Nursery children are invited to come to Nursery from 10-12 on Tuesday 21st December for the Nursery Christmas Party. A £5 voluntary contribution is requested for all those attending to cover cost of food and entertainment. More details to follow.



End of Term for Pre-School: Monday 20th December



I believe in ensuring that everything we do at Kingswood is for the benefit of the children, first and foremost. For many of our Pre-school children it has taken much time to settle, and become used to saying goodbye to parents. Parties can lead to sensory overload, particularly for those children who have not been part of large family gatherings over the past 18 months. This has informed my decision that the **last full day of Pre-school term will be on Monday 20th December, 8:30-3:30** and this will be the last day for invoicing. I hope you can understand my decision to remove our youngest children from what could potentially be a distressing situation ,by avoiding a party. Instead we will be providing a range of fun and festive experiences for the children, in the preceding weeks.

Peekaboo Photos

Debbie and Lucie from Peekaboo Photography visited this week, and worked exceptionally hard in order to capture your child on film. The proofs should be with us within a fortnight, so that you can place your orders in time for Christmas.



Parking Problems!

Parking continues to be an issue around school-parking tickets are now being given to cars parking across driveways and dropped kerbs. Please park courteously, regardless of how short your stay is! I need my staff to be available to ensure your child has a safe and engaging learning experience, rather than solving parking problems and appeasing disgruntled neighbours. All family members and carers who bring or collect your child from school need to know this.

