

NEWSLETTER 7: 6th December 2021

I do hope that you can appreciate that I would only make the decision to close school in the most extreme of situations. Unfortunately circumstances beyond my control, exacerbated by Covid, meant that I had no choice but to close last week, and keep Pre-school closed today. Strict ratios are required to ensure that enough adults are available to care for children and support their learning, and there were simply not enough adults available. This reflects the picture in schools both locally and nationally. Whilst I understand your frustration, myself and the admin team have appreciated your patience and understanding with this matter.



Mrs Macdonald

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 all packed lunches in Nursery AND PreSchool contain NO EGG and NO NUTS, including Nutella and pesto.



Health Care Plans

It is vital that you inform school of any changes to your child's medical needs as soon as possible. If your child requires an inhaler for asthma, has any allergies, or other medical needs they should have a healthcare plan. We regularly review and update healthcare plans, and will be asking you to confirm that the information we hold is up to date and correct before the end of term.

Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 10th December is National Wear a Christmas Jumper Day! Please send your children to Nursery wearing their festive knitwear, or Christmas colours, to raise money for Save the Children. We are requesting a suggested donation of £1 which will go towards this longstanding and worthwhile charity, who work to provide care and attention for children around the world. This includes supporting children during crisis, and those living in poverty in the UK.

Nursery Stay and Play

I place much value on working in partnership with parents in order to achieve the best outcomes for children. The stay and play sessions planned to take place in Nursery are a way for you as parents to understand what learning through play looks like, and how you can support this at home. Whilst I am most keen for this event to take place, I will need to evaluate the current position to ensure guidance is being adhered to with regards parents coming into school as Covid cases rise, and aligned with the needs of the community. I will provide an update at the start of next week.

Meet the new staff

This week we welcome two new members of staff at Kingswood. Lindsey Hughes starts as an Early Years Assistant in PreSchool, whilst AnaMaria Nieto will be working across school in her role as Early Years teacher. Recently Kirby Fiskin and Suzanne Wallace joined the lunchtime team to support children at lunchclub.

Governor Update

I am delighted that we have appointed three new Governors. Sam Howarth and Jitu Vekariya both have children in Nursery. Melissa Thermidor has also joined us. All three bring a range of skills to the team. Their biographies will be uploaded to the website shortly!