

The children have returned to school after the half term break, so confident and ready to learn!

This is a busy half term with a number of events. Please do take note of those listed in this newsletter, as well as school closure days. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Now that the children are settled, we would like to provide you with opportunities to contribute to our love of reading at Kingwood, by sharing a story with your child and their friends during one of our sessions.

Later in term we will also have a Stay and Play session for you to join in with your child and participate in 'learning through play'!

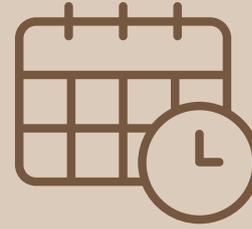
For those children in Nursery, it is also the time to consider which primary school you would like them to continue their education, as Kingswood is for Nursery aged children. School admissions are now open-details in this letter.

If your child is in Pre School and turns three before September, you will need to apply for a place in Nursery for them, if you wish them to continue their learning with us.

Please continue to check your emails to remain up to date with what's happening in school!

Mrs Macdonald

UPCOMING DATES



Friday 17th November
Spotty Day for Children in Need

Monday 20th-Thursday 23rd November
Parents Reading Rota

Friday 24th November
School Closed-INSET Day

Monday 27th November
School Closed-Occasional Day

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December
Stay and Play

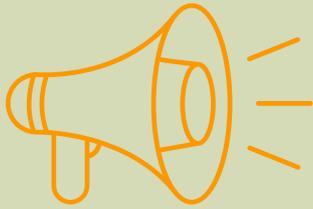
Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Days

Tuesday 19th December
Last day of Term

Wednesday 20th December
10am-12pm
Nursery Celebration
Pre School Closed

Thursday 4th January 2024
Spring Term Starts

New Faces



Following a successful recruitment focus you may see some new faces who have recently joined the staff team.

Dani Miller, who is also a parent, has joined the Pre School Team as an Early Years Assistant.

Anna Nickalls, another Early Years Assistant, will be supporting children in The Nest, Nursery and Extended Care in the afternoons.

Gaby Selvey will be in Nursery and Extended care on a Friday.

We are also delighted that Arthi in Pre School has become Deputy Pre School Leader in the mornings, working alongside Julie as Deputy in the afternoons.

I am sure you will provide them with the usual Kingswood warm welcome.

Children in Need Friday 17th November

To raise money for BBC Children in Need we ask you to join in, and for your children to get spotty and dotty! This may include wearing spotty socks, face paints or stickers on a t-shirt. The wearing of any spotty or dotty clothing is suggested-any donation towards this cause is welcome.



Reading Rota

This is an opportunity for you to come and share a favourite book with your child and their friends. We would love you to join us, whether you feel comfortable reading to two children, or a larger group. Please look out for the rotas that will be displayed at the door for you to sign up.

Reminder:

Snack Contributions Please!
£25 for the term.

We will shortly be introducing warm snack for the children such as porridge and dahl.



School Admissions

You should have already received information and a reminder about applying for a school place.

Admissions are now open. For more information please visit:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx#makinganapp>



Which is the best school for my child?



Consider:

- **Do you think your child will be more comfortable in a small or larger space?**
- **What access is there to the outdoor environment?**
- **What extended care is available?**
- **How are parents involved in the life of the school?**
- **Can you walk to school? Is it near enough for you and your child to feel part of the local community?**
- **Remember an Ofsted report is only a snapshot in time, it may be over 5 years old and reflect a school where many changes have since happened.**
- **Visit schools to decide if they 'feel' right. Most schools will hold open days for you to visit.**

Primary School Admissions Close 15th January 2024.

You must apply for school place by then if your child is in Nursery.

Nursery Admissions close 1st March 2024.

You must apply for a Kingswood Nursery place by then, if you have a younger child and wish them to attend Kingswood, or if your child is in Pre School and you wish them to continue their learning with us.

<https://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/our-school/nursery-admissions/>