

NEWSLETTER 8: 17th December 2021

End of Term!

As I reach the end of my first year as Headteacher at Kingswood, I have been reflecting on what a wonderful year it has been. Against the backdrop of a global pandemic, school has, in the main, remained open, to provide exciting and memorable learning opportunities and the chance for children to start to explore life beyond their home. The team have worked tirelessly, particularly in the past term, to continue to provide this despite challenges. We have much planned for the coming Spring Term, when I hope we will be able to welcome you into school for parent events, and share with you our curriculum plans.



I hope you can focus on being with family and loved ones in the next few weeks. Please do keep an eye on your emails, should any new measures have to be implemented for the return to school in the new year.

Wishing you a happy and healthy break with your family and friends,

Mrs Macdonald

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 6th January!

Holiday Learning

As a parent you are powerful in determining your child's future academic success. Whilst your children are at home you can support their learning by:

- Reading a book or telling them a story
- Talking to them and encouraging them to talk to you and other family members
- Involving them in household jobs such as hanging out washing, unpacking shopping, setting the table and cooking
- Going for a 15 minute walk, to the park, or early evening to look at the Christmas lights



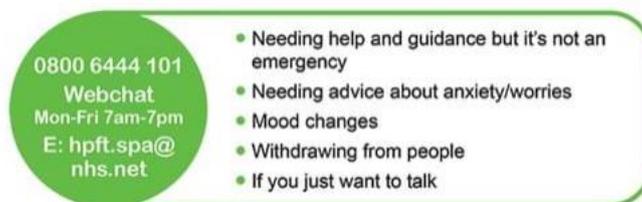
READ, TALK, WALK! Aim to do this EVERY DAY!

Holiday Help

Some families experience immense stress during the holidays. Should you require support during this time you can visit here for a range of organisations who may be able to help. <https://www.justtalkherts.org/parents/advice-for-parents.aspx>

The National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Herts NHS also provide a Mental Health line:



0800 6444 101
Webchat
Mon-Fri 7am-7pm
E: hpft.spa@nhs.net

- Needing help and guidance but it's not an emergency
- Needing advice about anxiety/worries
- Mood changes
- Withdrawing from people
- If you just want to talk

PCR Tests for Under 5s

As you are aware the guidance regards isolating in the case of positive Covid outcomes is everchanging. The latest guidance has been updated to include children under 5. The government has confirmed that **children under five who live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 must take a PCR test.** We have had very few cases of Covid in school, and I am keen this remains the case. Therefore, based upon this update, if you have a positive case in your household, please inform us and keep your child at home until they receive a negative PCR test. I appreciate your support with this.



Christmas Jumper Day

The children looked very merry in their jumpers and festive attire! Thank you to those of you who were able to donate- we raised £54 which will go to Save the Children who support children and families in crisis, and those living in poverty in the UK.

Reception School Places

If your child is in Nursery, have you applied for a Reception place for September 2022? School admissions are now open, and close 15th January 2022. You need to complete the online form below to do this:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/actweb/education/admissions/startpage.cfm>

There is a statutory requirement that children access education once they turn 5, so children in Nursery will require a place to start school in September 2022. Currently only 50% families at Kingswood have applied for a place, so in order to avoid disappointment please make this application a priority.

Reception School admission places deadline 15th January 2022.

Nursery PLaces

If you have a child in Preschool, who turns three before August 31st 2022, you will need to apply for a Nursery place for September 2022. Children at Kingswood do not automatically move from Preschool to Nursery. Please complete the form below if you wish your child to remain at Kingswood and have a place in our Nursery:

<https://form.jotformeu.com/83372485558368>

Kingswood Nursery admission places deadline 25th February 2022.

Has your child got the correct car seat?

It is the law that all children are secure when travelling in a car and are strapped into a car seat, that is the right size for their age and weight. Please ensure your child is safe before driving away from school. You are putting them at risk of harm if you do not strap them into a car seat.



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Which car seat should I pick?

It is very important to ensure that your child travels in an appropriate child restraint, which:

- Conforms to the United Nations standard, ECE Regulation 44.04 (or R 44.03) or to the new i-size regulation, R129. Look for the 'E' mark label on the seat.
- Is suitable for your child's weight and size
- Is correctly fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions.

There are many different types available. They are divided into categories, according to the weight of the children for whom they are suitable. These correspond broadly to different age groups, but it is the weight of the child that is most important when deciding what type of child seat to use. i-size seats are designed to keep children rearward-facing until they are at least 15 months old.

Type of car seat	Weight/height range	Age range
Rearward-facing baby seat	Group 0 (0-10kg)	Birth to 6-9 months
	Group 0+ (0-13kg)	Birth to 12-15 months
	i-size, Phase 1 (Birth to 105cm)	Up to at least 15 months
Combination seat (Rearward and forward-facing)	Group 0+ and 1 (0-18kg)	Birth to 4 years
	Group 0+, 1 & 2 (Birth to 25kg)	Birth to 6 years
Forward-facing car seat	Group 1 (9-18kg)	9 months to 4 years
	Group 1, 2 & 3 (9-36kg)	9 months to 11 years
	i-size, Phase 2 (100-135cm)	4 years to 11 years
High-backed booster seat	Group 2 (15-25kg)	4 to 6 years
	Group 2 & 3 (15-36kg)	4 to 11 years
Booster cushion	Group 3 (22-36kg)	6 to 11 years
	Group 2 & 3 (15-36kg)	4 to 11 years