

DECEMBER 2023



Message from Ms Foster

Dear parents and carers,

We are nearly there! In what has seemed like the longest half term ever, the end is in sight, we just need to make it through the last few days before we can all get a well-deserved rest over the festive period.

This has been an incredibly busy term with learning taking place across the school, sporting events, Christmas celebrations, many class trips and the Kingswood lower site relocation. The staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that the children are calm, focused and enjoying school, despite the many disruptions. Our children have shown such resilience and kindness this term and each day I walk around the school in awe of how well they are adjusting to the changes. I would also like to thank you all for your support and patience during this time of change.

The contractors will be completing works during the holiday period. Although we are sad to say goodbye to Kingswood Lower Site, we are looking forward to welcoming all classes to the Upper site in the new year. Please look out for a whole school letter regarding arrangements for the Spring term to support with the transition.

I wish everyone a healthy, happy Christmas time. May we all stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January 2024.

Ms Foster

Dates for the diary...

School closes at 2pm (KWL), 2.15pm (KWU) for the Christmas holidays on **21.12.23**

All pupils return to school on **08.01.24**



Reception 2024 admissions deadline - **15.01.24**

Reception vision screening- **30.01.24**

Individual photos- **26.02.24**



Spring term Workshare assemblies- **Class letters to be sent with dates**

Welcome to Upper site whole school event- **Friday 26th January (information to follow)**

End of half term- Friday 9th February at 3.30pm

INSET day (school closed)- **19.02.24**

All dates for Parent Events to be shared in January

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2 2023

REMINDERS

Download the WeDuc app or log in online for key updates throughout the term

Ensure the school office has your up to date contact information and email address



Attendance

A huge well done to all of the children who have received their **100% attendance** certificates for this term. This is a great achievement.

Remember, having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school.

Please continue to support your children to be on time to school everyday.

**School starts at
09.00am**

**End of the day
3.30pm**



Learning updates

To find out learning updates from this half term and for regular updates please follow the link to your child's class page on the Weduc app or online.



<https://app.weduc.co.uk>

Christmas celebrations



The last few weeks at Kingswood have been particularly busy as we have hosted the KS2 Christmas performance and the EYFS and KS1 Christmas craft sessions. I have been extremely proud of the confidence shown by our children whilst on stage and the creativity shown in classrooms by the children and family members. The shows have been a joy to watch and the effort that has gone into these shows has been fantastic.

A special well done to Kittiwake and Swift class for the leading the acting in our performances of 'Lights, Camel Action'. All of the events were well supported by all family members. I would like to thank you all, once again, for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us at Kingswood.



I would like to thank each member of the Kingswood team for their contributions to the success of these events.



Parliament week



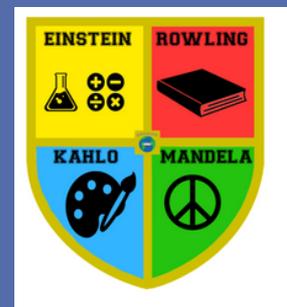
This term we celebrated UK Parliament Week, a national program that aims to encourage children to engage with the country's democratic systems and institutions. As part of this program, we organised activities and our own polling day, which was run by the previous school council team. This gave the children a real insight into how democratic systems work and empowered them to participate in the process.

During the week, we were honoured to have Helen Hayes as our special guest. She presented the winning school counsellors with their certificates and also spoke about her role in the government. Her visit was inspiring and helped to reinforce the importance of civic engagement.

Overall, UK Parliament Week was a huge success, and we are proud to have played a part in promoting democratic values and education among our students.

Winning house this term!

Well done **Rowling house** for winning with the most house points for this half term!



Pupil empowerment teams



Congratulations to the newly elected school council and house captains. We are looking forward to seeing how they develop their roles across the school this year. Look out for updates on WeDuc and in the newsletter.



- Please can we ask that you **check at home for any reading books** that may not have found their way back to school. If you find any please return them to the school office. Thank you!



The Friends of Kingswood



Our school needs you....

Our dedicated FoK volunteers will be holding events to raise money for our school next term with the main focus being on an upgrade to our playgrounds. We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to support and raise money for our school and to be part of our FoK community.

If you are interested please contact FoK at the.friends.of.kingswood@gmail.com

School trips this term

This term, the children have had the opportunity to attend various trips, ranging from a trip to the West Norwood Library for year 1, a geography walk around the area for year 3 and a trip to the imperial war museum for year 6.



We are looking forward to more trips for all pupils in Spring term.



Shopping online? Sign up to Easyfundraising to raise funds for the school

Easyfundraising is an easy way to help us raise funds for Kingswood without doing anything other than shopping online 😊

If you sign up with this link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingswoodpta/?fbclid=IwAR0jpVvGt3SenoEUMZvy7g7K0w3wLIDXr4Q2dHL4QAgoa9otAyF5wtdsG98>

When you pay for something online, you pay the normal price but a small amount of what you have paid gets sent to Friends of Kingswood (£1841 has been raised to date!).

You do not pay anything extra - but Kingswood gets a donation from what you have spent - and you get a warm glow for knowing you're supporting our great school! If you think how much we all spend online between us it adds up to a lot - Even if Kingswood got 1% it would be a huge amount.

Primary School Admissions

Find out about applying for a Reception class place for September 2024. For 2024 entry, this is for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

Please follow this link to access

[Starting primary school in Lambeth 2024/25](#)

All applications need to be completed by 15.01.2024

Please [click here](#) to access more information from Lambeth regarding this process.

Please do remember to contact the school office if you would like further support with this application process.

Cheviot Gardens Choir trip



Our music teacher Mr Kelly and Ms Juana took our year 5 choir to Cheviot Gardens residential care home for a Christmas concert.

The trip was very successful, the choir sang beautifully and even put on an impromptu gymnastics display.

The residents were absolutely delighted and cannot wait to have us back again soon!