

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST



NEWSLETTER 8

Friday 14th November 2008

IMPORTANT NOTICE

STAFF INSET DAY - Friday 28th November

As all Prep School and Senior School staff will be involved in an INSET Day on Friday 28th November there will be no school on this day for children in Reception - Year 11. However Beautiful Beginnings will be open as usual.

If you require child care facilities for children up to the age of 7 years please contact the school office.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE - Wednesday 12th November

Representatives from Beautiful Beginnings, Years 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 joined the Principal for breakfast on Wednesday 12th November. The following issues were discussed:

- ◆ Car Parking and Safety outside the Nursery.

A new gate has just been erected at the end of the woodland pathway to ensure that children do not run across to Pear Tree without stopping to look and listen. A zebra crossing has also been marked for them. Parents are reminded that this car park is not to be used between 08:15 - 08:45 and 15:30 - 16:00 because of the volume of pedestrian traffic at these times. Parents of school children are reminded that school starts at 08:30.

- ◆ The woodland pathway.

There was some concern regarding the state of this pathway. The caretakers do clear the leaves but more is needed in order to make this pathway much more interesting for the children. Mr Tasker has offered to supply Bird boxes, Mr Millar, Mr McDonnell and Mr Woods have offered time to help upgrade this area. Miss Fortune our new Nursery Manager has some interesting ideas for this pathway so if you would like to join the above named parents in a Ground Force team one weekend please contact the school office as soon as possible.

- ◆ Beautiful Beginnings.

Many complimentary comments were made regarding the new Nursery. Parents of school children are welcome to view it at any time. Likewise if parents of Nursery children would like to have a tour of the main school and/or Hall they should contact the main office or attend our Open Day on Saturday 6th December 10:00 - 12:00.

- ◆ Swimming Lessons.

Why are swimming lessons only every other week and not every week? This is because we have not yet got enough slots allocated at the baths for us to take all groups every week.

- ◆ Christmas Celebrations.

Much discussion took place on the many activities planned:

- * Breakfast with Santa - for all Nursery children in the area - Wednesday 10th December 09:30 - 11:30.
- * Friends of Kingswood Family Christmas Ball - Saturday 6th December.
- * Friends of Kingswood Christmas Lunch - Monday 8th December 12:00
- * Magical Christmas - Wednesday 10th December 19:30 & Thursday 11th December 19:30

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS

'A Magical Christmas' takes place on two evenings this year - Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December in the College Chapel. Both performances start at 19:30. Refreshments will be available in the Great Hall following the performances. Tickets are £5.00 (adults) and £3.00 (children) and will be on sale to family and friends of the performers as from Monday 17th November. Tickets will be on sale to the general public as from Monday 1st December. We look forward to seeing you for what should be, a truly Magical start to the Christmas period. **Mrs McWilliams**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting Year 11 Parent Teacher meeting will take place on Thursday next (20th November) in the College Dining Room between 18:00 and 20:00. Pupils have appointment sheets and should be booking appointments with individual subject teachers. On this occasion pupils are invited to attend with their parents. **Mrs Taylor**

Operation Christmas Child Thank you to those members of the Prep School who have sent in a shoebox. Please note the deadline date is next Monday (17th November) for any remaining boxes. **Miss Sutcliffe**

Sponsored Ident-a-Tree Thank you to those families and friends who have supported this event. Please could any remaining sponsor money come into school on Monday so that a final total can be announced and arrangements made for a presentation to the charity. **Miss Sutcliffe**

Breakfast with Santa Kingswood College Reception and Beautiful Beginnings Nursery will be having breakfast with Santa on Wednesday 10th December. Local Nurseries have been invited to join in the Festivities. **Mrs Proctor**

Scholastic Book Fair The Prep School are invited to visit the Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 24th November until Thursday 27th November. All the children will have the opportunity to visit with their class sometime during the four days. The Fair will also be open for a short period at lunch-time and after school until 16:20. I do hope you will all be able to support this event as the commission we make enables us to purchase books and resources for the Prep School. Thank you in anticipation. **Mrs Grime**

Book Trust All pupils in Year 7 have been given a free reading book. Each pupil has been given a letter to give to parents explaining the scheme. I hope you all enjoy your books and look forward to reading your book reviews. **Mr Roberts**

Young Writers 2008 Creative Writing Competition All pupils in Key Stage 3, Years 7 - 9, will be encouraged to write an original Mini Saga. This is a challenging and fun method of storytelling where pupils have to create a complete story in only 50 words! Details available from Mr Roberts. All entries by Wednesday 17th December.

I have received a number of fine poems for the Kingswood Anthology 2008 - 2009. Please keep writing and hand me your poems. Remember you can write as many as you like. You can send me your poems on the VLE, but make sure your name is on your work. **Mr Roberts**

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Once again well done to both netball teams. We travelled to Stanley High Sports' College in Churchtown very relieved to find we were playing in their sports' hall as there was a gale force wind blowing. Year 9 played first and played together as a team, the final result being 10-1, an excellent result. Year 7, after getting used to the indoor space and the lines, played with a lot more confidence winning the match 5-2. Well done to both teams. The match next week against Meols Cop is at home. **Mrs Makin**

Football On Saturday 8th November Jared Morgan and Alex Medlicott travelled to Shrewsbury school with the North ISA U16 football team. On arrival it was announced that Jared was to be captain for the game. The game finished 3-2 to Shrewsbury. Congratulations go to Jared and Alex for making the team and particularly to Jared for being made Captain. **Mr Wynne**

Kingswood Vs Norwood Road – Thursday 6th November 2008 It was our first match of the season. What a fantastic start, Kane Fuller scored the first goal in the first 10 minutes, another goal from Kane 5 minutes later meant we were 2-0 at half time! I scored the 3rd and then Ross Turpin took a fantastic corner for Samuel Bleasdale to tap into the back of the net. Ross Turpin scored the last goal finishing 5-0. Fantastic game, well done to everyone and a big thank you to Jade for organising the game. Man of the match was shared between Kane Fuller and Ross Turpin. **Ross Aylmer (Captain)**

Kingswood Vs All Saints – Tuesday 11th November 2008 On Tuesday 11th November the under 11 football team played away against Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints Primary School, in Hesketh Bank. The boys look very smart in their new kit, and had great confidence ahead of the game. The boys had to adjust themselves to play on an unusually small and VERY muddy pitch! These conditions made passing the ball and getting into space VERY difficult! However the boys pulled together to work as team to play against All Saint's year 6 team! The boys did themselves proud, a great equalizer from Joe Harrison made the final score 1 – 1. Man of the Match went to Ben Sephton, for his fantastic effort and hard work in defence! Well-done boys! **Jade Headley**

FRIENDS OF KINGSWOOD

Christmas Cards - Christmas cards have now been sent to everyone who has ordered them so far. It's not too late to order Christmas cards and if you have misplaced your order form there are some in the school office.

Christmas Lunch – SOLD OUT – tickets for the lunch are now sold out. Tickets have been sent home with your children. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Ball – Thank you for the tremendous response we have had to the Family Ball. Lots of people have told us that they are coming but as yet haven't put their forms in. We have to make a decision on whether to order an extra marquee to add to our marquee next week and would therefore appreciate forms being handed in sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. The Family Ball is on Saturday 6th December 2008 18:00 - 24:00, includes entertainment from Abba Dream and DJ Marc Walsh, Cocktail reception, Canapés and 3 course Christmas Dinner. This event is a black tie event however, dinner jackets are not compulsory for boys who may wear black trousers, white shirt and a tie if they prefer. More information available in the school office and Pear Tree Reception Room. This is a night not to be missed.

Visit our fundraising website and help us when you shop this Christmas:

www.itallhelps.com/kingswood. Visiting this fundraising website before you shop online enables us to receive commission at no extra cost to you.

Raffle and Auction – Thank you to those who have given raffle and auction prizes so far. We would appreciate any prizes which can be donated, please drop them at the school office.

Thank you for your support. **Lynda, Sue, Lynne & Jade**