



Welcome all members of **Kingswood Village Playgroup** to a brand new term!

A warm welcome to all the new starters and their families this term. If there is anything you would like to know, or feel unsure about, just ask. You can email us at: [playgroupkingswood@gmail.com](mailto:playgroupkingswood@gmail.com).

Please also have a look at our website [www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodvillageplaygroup.org.uk) where you will find information about how playgroup operates, term dates, and some lovely photographs showing the things we get up to during the day!



**Autumn** is well and truly upon us with these grey, blustery and often rainy mornings. Please ensure your child/children come to playgroup ready for whatever the weather may throw at us, with hats, waterproof coats, and wellies – all named please! We will still be making full use of the lovely outside space we have available to us.



**Kingswood Village Show Day** – it was so nice to see so many visitors to our stand at Show Day, where the children enjoyed a lucky dip and tattoos. The children's display of dragon paintings in the main hall looked superb, really bright and vibrant, and the winning artist won a cash prize!



At the end of last term we ran the **Golden Sunflower Competition**. Everyone at playgroup had the opportunity to purchase a sunflower growing kit, so they could grow their flowers over the summer and see whose grew the tallest by Show Day. Our Sunflower-o-Meter showed the winning flower came in at 7 feet 1 inch! The winner received a gardening kit so they can keep putting their green fingers to good use.

### What's happening this term...

This term we are exploring nature and looking at signs that the seasons are changing – crunching through the fallen leaves in the park and visiting our favourite conker tree. Look out for pockets stuffed with conkers!



We have also been hunting for blackberries and used them to make some delicious muffins, which the children all enjoyed.

We have had a few puppy visitors this term too!



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Our big event this term is playgroup's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – and we are having a party!**

Everyone is invited to come to the Village Hall on **Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> – 2pm 'til 4pm**. Bring your friends and family! It promises to be a lot of fun. Come and see the Bubble Man, be creative at our arts and crafts table, have a go at the raffle for a chance to win some superb prizes. And after you've done all that, sit down for a cup of tea and a slice of cake (or two!). We look forward to seeing you all there.

#### Further ahead...



It may still seem like a long way off, but Christmas will be here before we know it! We have some very special events to look forward to in the run up to Christmas at playgroup, including a visit from a certain person in a red coat, and the children's **Christmas Performance**, which is always wonderfully heart-warming. Dates and details to follow soon!



**Lunchboxes** – Struggling for ideas for your child's packed lunch? Have a look on here, there are plenty of good ideas! (We encourage children to eat healthily so please don't bring fizzy drinks or sweets)

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

#### And finally...

**Snacktime** – We will be continuing with rolling snack as we have found it beneficial to the children being more independent and not having to disrupt their play. We expect all our parents to contribute to snacktime so please bring in some fruit, veg or biscuits each week for us to share. There is a basket next to the signing in sheet for your contributions. Thank you.

Please remember playgroup when out and about shopping... should you come across any Buy One Get One Free offers, we are always in need of essentials such as tissues and wipes for the children. All donations gratefully received – thank you!

#### Kingswood Baby & Toddler Group

Baby and toddler group continues to run on Wednesday mornings (term time). It is a lovely, friendly group with lots of activities for the children including: baby area; toys; puzzles; crafts; sensory activities, plus a snack and drink for the children and drinks and biscuits for parents / carers. If you know anyone in the village with a baby or toddler, please let them know about this group – we would love to meet them!

#### Term dates

**Half term** is the week beginning **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. **October 29<sup>th</sup> is an Inset Day**, so we will back at playgroup on **Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

We break up for Christmas **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. The new term starts on **Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

