



Friday 4th February 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

I am writing to you on this very rainy Friday, in the penultimate week of term, with my usual round up of news and information.

### Helping parents return to work

We have had an email this week, with some information about a scheme that supports parents who would like to return to work. The information is below. I have no experience with this scheme so I am just sharing the information with you.

If you are seeking to return to work after a career break this Technology Returners Programme could be a great opportunity for you. Follow the link for full details

<https://inclusivity.co.uk/nomura/>

Inclusivity Partners are experienced in helping career-breakers successfully transition and return to their career and industry whether you have been away for 12 months or 12 years. They also fully understand the challenges parenthood brings when it comes to work and have been helping people, totally free to you, across the UK for over 6 years.

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### Swimming - Kingswood and Platts Heath

After half term, year 3 pupils from Kingswood and Platts Heath will have the opportunity to go swimming. The lessons take place on a Thursday at Sutton Valance School and will be taught by Mrs Steer ( head of school at Leeds and Broomfield ) and Miss Liddicoat ( active learning teacher. Year 4 will have the opportunity to attend in term 5, after Easter and then any year 6 who are not able to swim 25m will be invited in term 6.

### Picture news at Platts Heath

At Platts Heath we have a values based assembly on a Monday, we have recently invested in a resource called Picture News which shares a story from current affairs with the children. We have been linking this to an aspire value and setting the children a challenge from the news story. So far the children have learnt sign language and this week they have brought in a variety of cakes and puddings as part of our discussions about the Queen's jubilee. I have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm and have been delighted to award them small prizes for their efforts. Thank you to the parents for their support.

This weeks challenge: This week's picture news assembly is about the changes to the Highway Code. The challenge for the children ( should they wish to accept it) is to make a poster which explains one or more of the changes. Here is a website link to help:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

Prizes for participation will be awarded in Friday's assembly

#### Nurture Uk Accreditation and training

Leeds and Broomfield have been completing the training to become an accredited nurture school for a few months now, and have a successful nurture provision set up which benefits the children daily. Nurture is about the education of the whole child and putting provision in place so that all children can be successful.

Kingswood, Ulcombe and Platts Heath will be starting the training in March, funded by KCC and will be developing similar nurture provision over the coming months.

#### Half term Ice skating in Ashford

There is ice skating available at Victoria Park on Monday 14th February, there are sessions available between 11am and 3pm. This is a free opportunity, and is suitable for all ages from toddler to adult. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more details or to book please email - [ashfordopenaccess@kent.gov.uk](mailto:ashfordopenaccess@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 418700

Wishing you all enjoyable family weekends,

Kind regards,

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