

KING'S WOOD PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Why be a parent volunteer at King's Wood

- Volunteers often enhance educational and social opportunities for children.
- When parents volunteer in their school, students exhibit more positive attitudes and behaviour.
- Students whose parents are involved in their education have higher educational standards and greater enrolment in post-secondary education.
- The more extensive the parent involvement, the higher the student achievement...
- Schools that work well with parent volunteers have improved teacher morale.

As a school volunteer you will be assisting the school staff on a regular basis, helping to provide the best possible educational experiences for each child. Your contribution is important!

So when do we meet: Every Thursday between 1.30-3pm in the activity room.

We aim to:

- To enable parents and the school to develop closer links in supporting learning across the curriculum. To assist teachers and children in a variety of tasks.

The benefits are:

For the children: increases understanding, achievement, self-confidence and self esteem

For teaching staff: greater opportunity to work with other children, so enabling the class as a whole to learn more effectively and achieve more

For the volunteer: a great sense of achievement and personal satisfaction, new knowledge and new skills, improved career prospects

Becoming a Volunteer

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer, either for a one off event, such as a school visit, or on a more regular basis (e.g. Listening to children read), should approach the Family Liaison officer Erika Searle who will be pleased to explain the volunteering opportunities at our school in more detail and answer any questions prospective volunteers may have. We have a lovely blue, Parent Volunteer T shirt, which all volunteers wear round the school plus should you require it we will write a reference as work experience. Erika can be contacted via the

main school office (01494 521401) or via e-mail on
esearle@bucksgfl.org.uk

Volunteers will be invited to complete a Volunteer Information Sheet with their contact details, and complete the Volunteer Agreement which sets out the school's expectations of volunteers but, just as importantly, explains what volunteers can expect from our school. Prospective volunteers will also be required to complete a routine Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS which is the old Criminal Record Bureau disclosure application ("CRB check"), before starting to help in school.

If you do have some free time and would like to get involved we would really value your contribution.

Thank you