

Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, children will be meeting their new class teachers as part of our transition process. This is the day when Year 6 visit their secondary schools and our new Reception children come for another visit. In the afternoon, all classes across the school will spend time with their new class teacher, in their new classroom. Moving from one year group to the other can be an exciting time for many, and for some it is quite an anxious time. During the day, we talk to the children about the journey they have made this year, what they are leaving behind and what they will be taking with them. The new teacher discusses their hopes for the year and talks about some of the things the children will be doing.

As a staff, teachers meet with the new class teacher to discuss each child individually to ensure that the transition process for the children is as smooth as possible. Some children have additional support if we feel they will worry or struggle with the change. I also meet with all teachers to discuss the progress of each child.

Although there are only a few weeks to go until the end of term, there's still a lot going. This weekend, we have the KingsleaFest and Year 2 are taking part in the Children's Parade on Sunday. The parade will be leaving the Drill Hall at 11.00am, walking through the centre of town and finishing in Horsham Park at 12noon. It's a fantastic spectacle so do come along to watch.



Next Friday, we have a 'surprise' on the school field. All we can say is that if something worked well once, why not do it again, a year later! All children need to wear PE kit on Friday 8th July. Parents and supervised children can have a go on the 'surprise' after school on Friday. In the evening we have the Drama Club performing to parents.



On Monday 11th July in the evening, we are taking 40 children from our football clubs to watch England v Norway at the AMEX in the Women's Euro 2022 competition. On the Tuesday 19th, we are holding our Sports Day. Sports Day will start at around 9.00am and depending on the weather will last a couple of hours. There will be parent races and sibling races as well, so get stretching!

It is lovely to see children use school playground equipment appropriately before and after school but just a clarification regarding its use. In the mornings, we are fine for KS1 children to use the KS1 playground trim trail (not the slide) under supervision of an adult. At the end of the day, KS1 children can use the KS1 trim trail and slide and the MUGA can be used for football, again under the supervision of parents. Please do not use the slide in the morning or the building areas (KS1 have a new one by the KS1 gate) at any time. This balance of usage on the whole seems to work well, so thank you for your support.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team



Staffing and Class Allocations

As we come to the end of the year, we will be saying goodbye to a number of members of staff and welcoming others. We say goodbye to three teachers who either trained at Kingslea or started their careers here. Miss Finley is planning on going travelling next year, Mr Biggs is off to teach in Nepal and Miss Stoneman is moving out of county and has been offered a Early Years leadership position. All three have done so much for the school over the years and it has been lovely to see them develop into the excellent teachers they are.

We welcome back Mrs Payne and Mrs Upton (who's actually been back since Easter). We also welcome two new teachers, Miss Custard who has been with us since Easter 2021, either working or training and Miss Miksaite who is starting with us on Monday and will be teaching in Reception from September.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hughes who is retiring after 12 years at Kingslea. We would like to thank Mrs Hughes for her passion for learning, her love of the children and the focus on mindfulness with the children.

The eagle-eyed of you will have spotted that Miss Laker's name is missing from the list; she will still be with us but returning in September as Mrs Chadburn, and yes there is a link to Mr Chadburn who taught here a few years ago! Miss Nicholls is also missing from the list; although will be here in September, she will be starting her maternity leave in October. We also say goodbye to Mrs Wright who is going to university to train to be a teacher. We will be welcoming Mrs Trousdale and Mrs Khrashchevych as new teaching assistants.

Below are the class allocations for September 2022 I am very proud of the staff team we have in place next year. We have a very strong teaching team and have put a lot of hard work in to ensure we are fully staffed with strong, passionate teachers who will do the very best for your children. Our teachers are ably supported by our fantastic team of teaching assistants and our office and premises staff.

Current Class			Next Year	
Rec	Miss H Stoneman (RS)	to	Year 1	Miss J Custard (1JC)
Rec	Miss S Hancock (RH)	to	Year 1	Miss E Cooper (1EC)
Year 1	Miss E Cooper (1C)	to	Year 2	Mrs J Burnett / Mrs A Rothwell (2BR)*
Year 1	Mrs A Rothwell (1F)	to	Year 2	Miss N Snell (2S)
Year 2	Mrs J Burnett (2B)	to	Year 3	Mrs C Smith (3S)
Year 2	Miss N Snell (2S)	to	Year 3	Mr T Kane (3K)
Year 3	Mr T Kane (3K)	to	Year 4	Ms R Baldwin (4B)
Year 3	Mrs C Smith (3S)	to	Year 4	Mrs K Upton (4U)
Year 4	Ms R Baldwin (4RB)	to	Year 5	Mr R Hill (5H)
Year 4	Mr J Biggs (4JB)	to	Year 5	Mrs T Wingfield (5W)
Year 5	Mr R Hill (5H)	to	Year 6	Mrs H Whiteley (6W)
Year 5	Mrs T Wingfield (5W)	to	Year 6	Mrs K Chadburn (6C)

*Mrs Burnett Mon/Tues/Weds Mrs Rothwell Thurs/Fri



Safeguarding



If you have any concerns about a child, be it in school or out of school, you are able to report your concerns to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. These are Mrs Barrett, Mrs Howard and Miss Nicholls. You can either approach us directly or ask to speak to us via the office. Whilst something might seem quite minor to you, it could be one piece of information that is part of a bigger picture.

Maths

This term, some children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) Junior Challenge. The challenge is primarily aimed at children in secondary school, but there are questions which our children can access and they often do well. This year was no different and our children did us proud with their mathematical skill and creativity. A particular mention to Austin and Maya in Year 5 and Jamie, Aadrika and Oliver in Year 6 who achieved bronze. Isabelle and Maverick in Year 6 achieved Silver awards and Khushi achieved a Gold award and then was selected for the next round, achieving a Merit. Well done to everyone who took part.



Pupil Governors

Pupil Governors had a fantastic evening of 'pizza and painting' to celebrate their hard work this year. The children have worked hard to create questionnaires for their peers, created PowerPoints to share these questions and have helped to keep Kingslea clean by going out and litter picking. As their final practical job this year, they chose some benches to paint and carefully selected and voted on their colour choices. Children from Reception through to Year 6 had so much fun painting and creating before sitting down for tasty pizza outside. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and it was a pleasure to see them all playing together after dinner. They have been brilliant this year!

Costs of everything

We are aware that the financial pressures on families have increased significantly recently and pressures will remain for sometime. We do think carefully about events that we put on and the contributions that we ask parents for. If you are struggling to pay for a school event please contact the school office or email: trips@kingslea.org.uk If you contact us explaining that you are unable to pay or only partially able to pay we will not send any reminders for payment.

Please remember if you are on certain benefits then you are able to apply for free schools meals, which also gives you access to a school uniform allowance and the school pays for your child's trips.

In September, we will send out a list of trips/activities for the year where we ask for a parental contribution so that you are able to budget in advance. Whilst the school already subsidises many activities, we are looking to see where we can reallocate money to further subsidise activities on a temporary basis rather than cutting trips and visitors.

As a school we are under similar cost pressures, for example our gas and electricity bill is expected to increase by at least £12,000 and not only have we seen an increase in costs (e.g. for paper), but we are actually having difficulty sourcing products. As a school, we will keep doing everything we can to ensure that the price rises do not impact on the education your children are receiving.

Notes from the School Office

Lost property (again) will be displayed both before and after school on selected days in the next two weeks. We will notify of the dates next week. Any items left unclaimed by Wednesday 20th July will be disposed off.

Summer Term 2022	
Friday 1st July	am Y3&4 District Sports A @ The Bridge pm Y5&6 District Sports A @ The Bridge
Saturday 2nd July	Kingslea Fest
Sunday 3rd July	Horsham Children's Parade (Y2)
Monday 4th July	YR Day of Art
Wednesday 6th July	Transition Day
Thursday 7th July	Y4 Mosque Visit
Friday 8th July	am Y3&4 District Sports B @ The Bridge am Y5&6 District Sports B @ The Bridge Mr Conway's Surprise Event
Monday 11th July	Trip to Women's Euro 2022 match @ The Amex
Tuesday 12th July	Cricket Festival @ Kingslea 3.40pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening (Face to Face)
Wednesday 13th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports 3.40pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening (Online)
Thursday 14th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports
Friday 15th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports
Tuesday 19th July	Whole School Sports Day (9.00am-12noon)
Thursday 21st July	Last Day of Term
Autumn Term 2022	
Wednesday 31st August	12noon Reception Teddy Bear's Picnic
Thursday 1st September	INSET DAY
Friday 2nd September	INSET DAY Reception Home Visits
Monday 5th September	First Day of Term Reception Home Visits
Tuesday 6th September	Reception Home Visits
Wednesday 7th September	Reception Group A 8.45am-12noon Reception Group B 1.00pm-3.10pm
Thursday 8th September	Reception Start Full Time

Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022			
First Day	Monday 5 th September 2022	Last Day	Friday 16 th December 2022
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	INSET Days	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September Friday 21 st October 2022

Spring Term 2023			
First Day	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Last Day	Friday 31 st March 2023
Half Term	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023

Summer Term 2023			
First Day	Monday 17 th April 2023	Last Day	Friday 21 st July 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	INSET Days	Friday 23 rd June 2023