

Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening; virtually every child in the school had a parent or carer who met with the teacher and looked through the books. The book fair seemed to be a great success with over £1600 worth of books sold and the school receiving £995 worth of credit to spend with Scholastic on new books for children and classrooms. That means a lot of books will be heading into classrooms.

At parents' evening, the Inclusion Team - who have SEND, Safeguarding, Parenting and Attendance expertise - were available to talk to you. If you want any further information to assist you in any of these areas, please have a look on our website: <https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/school-parenting-support.html> On the website, it also has a flow chart on what you can do if you have 'non-academic' or 'academic' concerns about your child.

Over the past few months I have led numerous tours around the school, mainly for parents with children starting Reception in September 2024. During the tours, parents are encouraged to ask questions and I ask them to think about what it is they want from a primary school education.

It did make me think about how much you, current parents, know about the school. So I have put together a little quiz for you:

- 1) How many classes are there at Kingslea?
- 2) How many children are there at Kingslea?
- 3) How many adults work at Kingslea?
- 4) How many different languages are spoken at home by Kingslea children and their families?
- 5) What are the five most common languages spoken?
- 6) What is the most common boys name at Kingslea?
- 7) What is the second most common boys name at Kingslea?
- 8) What is the most common girls name at Kingslea?
- 9) What is the second most common girls name at Kingslea?
- 10) Which term were the highest number of children born in: autumn, spring or summer?

Answers are on the next page.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.

Y2 Horsham Museum Workshop Photos



International Day

On Friday 20th November, we held our second International Day, organised by Mrs Barrett. We had 20 countries represented. Each country had their own stall - set up in the main hall - with information, artefacts and even food. Every child had their own passport and each year group spent 30 minutes visiting the hall and learning about the countries represented, asking questions, watching videos, listening to music, recognising the flag and learning a 'fun fact' about each country. At the end of the day, it was lovely to see so many parents visiting too.

A huge, huge thank you to all the parents who put in so much preparation ran their stalls on the day, and to Mrs Barrett for her smooth organisation of everyone. The countries represented were England, Pakistan, Bulgaria, Finland, Sweden, France, Mauritius, Italy, Hungary, Romania, Poland, Japan, Turkey, Hong Kong, China, USA, Canada, Greece, Germany and Australia.



Wet mornings / birthdays

If it is heavy rain at the start of the school day we will open the classroom doors at 8.30am and children can come straight into school at this time.

Please remember if it's your child's birthday they are welcome to come into school wearing their own clothes on the day or a day close to their birthday. However, we do not hand out sweets, gifts, cakes etc., and please do not ask the class teacher to hand out birthday invites as it is upsetting for children who are not invited.

Quiz answers

- 1) 14
- 2) 426
- 3) 59
- 4) 33
- 5) English, Romanian, Urdu, French, Spanish
- 6) Thomas (8 children)
- 7) Harry (6 children) Oliver (6 children)
- 8) Charlotte (6 children)
- 9) Sophie (5 children)
- 10) Summer

Sporting Update

It has been a great start for sport at Kingslea. Our sports clubs have been very popular once again and the children have been really enjoying the competitive element at the clubs, including football, netball, table tennis, hockey and basketball. Football has been the focus of tournaments this term for KS2. Year 5&6 finished their tournament last week with the A team finishing in 3rd place and the Year 3&4 A team winning their tournament. We also had a great day out at the Albion cup this year, at the Brighton and Hove Albion training ground - a fantastic performance, with the team just missing out on qualifying on goal difference. Congratulations to our New Age Kurling Team who put in an excellent performance at the recent festival. We are looking forward to the girls football and hockey teams competing this half term!



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 Mrs Payne. 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.

Run up to Christmas

As Christmas decorations and gifts have been in shops for a while already, I thought it must be time to share our run up to Christmas and some of the events that we have planned.

On Friday 1st December, we will hold our Christmas Decoration afternoon. Children spend the afternoon making Christmas decorations with children from different classes and year groups. We will be mixing the classes up so that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be working together, as will Year 3 to Year 6.

Information will be sent out soon regarding the Christmas performances. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 each have a separate performance and will put on two performances each. Please see the date sheet on the back for times and dates. You will be able to apply for up to four tickets per child. There will be both a morning and an afternoon performance.

Our choir will be holding a Carols by Candlelight Concert on Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm (TBC), and the Drama Club will be performing 'A Winter's Tale' on Thursday 14th December at 6.30pm (TBC). All families are welcome to come along, whether your child is in the Choir/Drama Club or not.

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December. Please book as normal on ParentPay. If your child does not usually have a hot lunch but you would like to order a Christmas meal, please contact the office for details of how to set up your ParentPay account to enable you to order. The deadline for ordering Christmas lunch is **midnight on Thursday 30th November**.

Thursday 14th December is also Christmas Dress-Up Day. Children can wear anything 'Christmassy', be it Christmas colours, tinsel in hair, a Christmas jumper, or they can dress as an elf—it's up to you! You do not need to buy anything special for the day, whatever your child might say!



Notes from the School Office

'REMEMBER TO BRING EVERYTHING TO SCHOOL WEEK'

Monday 6th– Friday 10th November 2023

Next week, we would like to repeat our challenge from previous years—to all parents & children to have one week when everyone remembers to bring everything they need for school every day!

This includes water bottles, coats, PE kits for after school clubs, homework, lunches, glasses, wellies etc. Often, the Office telephones run red hot in the mornings chasing forgotten items & Mrs King's step count each day can be phenomenal from delivering to classes!!

Mrs Hill and Mrs King will be keeping a chart and there will be house points awarded to the class with the least forgotten items in the week.



Autumn Term 2023	
Friday 3rd November	4.00pm Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 6th November	Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop Y6 WW2 Day
Wednesday 8th November	Governors Morning
Thursday 9th November	10.00am Y5 to Everyman Cinema Y2 Victorian Houses Walk 4.00pm Y5&6 Netball @ The Bridge 5.30pm Firework Night
Friday 10th November	4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Monday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations—All Year Groups
Tuesday 14th November	Y5 Greek Workshop Day
Thursday 16th November	9.15am Governors Resources
Friday 17th November	4.00pm Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 20th November	2.15pm Reception Stay & Play
Tuesday 21st November	9.45am Y3&4 Badminton Festival @ Collyers
Wednesday 22nd November	9.00am Reception Stay & Play
Friday 24th November	2.15pm Reception Stay & Play 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Thursday 28th November	3S Last Swim Before Christmas
Friday 1st December	Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 6th December	9.30am Y1 Christmas Production 2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 7th December	9.30am Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm Y1 Christmas Production
Friday 8th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Production 2.00pm Y2 Christmas Production 3.30pm KLASS Festive Fun
Tuesday 12th December	6.30pm (TBC) Candlelit Concert
Thursday 14th December	6.30pm (TBC) Drama Production
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2024			
First Day	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Last Day	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024

Summer Term 2024			
First Day	Monday 15 th April 2024	Last Day	Friday 19 th July 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 th May-Friday 31 st May	INSET Days	Friday 21 st June 2024 Monday 22 nd July & Tuesday 23 rd July

Autumn Term 2024			
First Day	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Last Day	Friday 20 th December 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October-Friday 1 st November	INSET Days	Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September Friday 25 th October

Spring Term 2025			
First Day	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Last Day	Friday 4 th April 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	INSET Days	Monday 6 th January 2025

Summer Term 2025			
First Day	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Last Day	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	INSET Days	Friday 27 th June 2025