



# Newsletter

Monday 4th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break and a very special welcome to all our new families, whether you are starting in Reception or in other year groups. Mr Richmond, our Premises Manager, has been very busy over the holidays ensuring that the school is ready for the new school year and all contractors have completed their tasks. We have spruced up the cloakrooms in KS2, removed the scaffolding from the roof works, installed a new fire alarm system and completed other internal works. Back in February 2023 we had a roof survey in preparation for the partial replacement of our flat roof. The survey reported that none of our flats roofs had any RAAC roofs.

We have also increased security across the school, as we have had intruders on site over the summer. Due to a number of measures that we took we have been very helpful in aiding the police with their enquiries.

I would like to personally thank Mr Richmond and his wife for the hours they spent working over the summer and the pride that they take in ensuring that our school looks so welcoming and fresh.

On Friday 1st September we held our first training day of the year with all our teachers and support staff. Each year schools have 5 in-service training days, the focus of which they can choose themselves. On Friday our focus was on the aims for this year, safeguarding and a refresher on how we teach reading.

Whilst there are 101 things we work on in schools to improve our offer for the children, we do focus in on a few things each year. Some of our aims for this year include;

- Develop the use of the toolkit to aid independence in writing
- Embed grammar into writing planning
- Further develop problem solving in maths
- Develop 'working scientifically' across the school
- Embed new design and technology plans across the school
- Identify good practice in other schools to further develop the quality of our own teaching and learning
- Investigate the possibility of forming a local multi-academy trust

As always we have a fantastic team of teachers and support staff in place, a team that I am very proud of. Our curriculum continues to develop and will further develop with our focus on science and design technology. Last year's excellent academic results show that high quality, consistent teaching with a wide and varied curriculum really does allow our children to succeed. Our club offer continues to be very, very impressive and we will be running almost 30 clubs this term. We also want to continue to work alongside you and involve you in your child's education.

Please remember the morning bell is rung at 8.40am and this is the time we would like children here for. As soon as you child enters the classroom learning starts. If your child arrives at school at 8.50am each day, as opposed to 8.40am then they miss out on almost an hour of learning each week, which equates to 32.5 hours or a week's worth of learning over the course a school year! Why wouldn't you want your child here for as long as possible!

Looking forward to an excellent year,

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.

## Staffing for September 2023

Class	Class Teacher	Area of responsibility	TA Support
RM	Miss J Miksaite	Outdoor Learning	Miss J Hawkins Mrs A Rothwell
RH	Miss S Hancock	EYFS Lead, Curriculum Team	Miss D Cairns Miss B Varney
1C	Miss J Custard	PE	Mrs F Fallows / Miss M Langridge
1N	Miss L Nicholls	Maths	Mrs M Booker
2A	Mrs N Ashman	Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education	Mrs S Crooks
2B	Mrs J Burnett	Maths, Y1-3 Phase Lead	Mrs T Joyner Ms Y Makarova
3S	Mrs C Smith	PE	Miss K Beaven Ms C Gundian– Silva / Mrs N Trousdale
3C	Mrs F Cottrell	Computing	Mrs C Power / Miss C Vine Mrs Khrashchevych
4B	Ms R Baldwin	RE / Teaching Students	Mrs S Kayyala
4U	Mrs Upton	English Lead	Mrs L Bassett / Mrs F Harris Mr D Mothee / Miss C Vine
5H	Mr R Hill	Art	Mrs L West
5W	Mrs T Wingfield	Science /Outdoor Learning/ DT	Mr S Webb
6W	Mrs H Whiteley	Curriculum Lead / History	Mrs A Longdon
6C	Mrs K Chadburn	Geography	Mrs C Aiken
Mrs P Barrett		Inclusion Lead, Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs K Howard		Inclusion Team, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Y4-6 Teaching Assistant Lead, Higher Level Teaching Assistant	
Mrs A Rothwell		Early Reading/ Phonics Lead /Y1-3 Teaching Assistant Lead	
Mrs N Russell		Inclusion Team, Family Liaison, Learning Mentor	
Miss D Cairns		Reading Booster Teaching Assistant	
Mr D Mothee		Sports Coach, Learning Mentor	
Mr J Borley		Outdoor Education Teacher	

## 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.

## Uniform

We are always very proud with how smart and well-presented our children are. Just a reminder that school shoes should be black and be shoes, not trainers, and should not have flashing lights!!! Earrings must be studs and hair over shoulder length should be tied back with a green or black hair band. PE jumpers needs to be school hoodies or school jumpers. Our uniform is unisex.

## Volunteers Meetings —Tuesday 12th September

If you would like to volunteer in school on a regular basis we are holding our volunteers meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 9.10am and 2:30pm. It is important that all volunteers, new and experienced, attend the meeting. Many of our volunteers spend invaluable time reading with our children; however, if you feel you have a skill that would enhance education at Kingslea—for example sewing, IT skills, coaching qualifications—please do come and speak to us about voluntary work. Please contact Mrs King in the school office to book your place. If you have any questions about the meeting, please see Mrs Payne who is our lead for volunteers.

## Who doesn't love a birthday.

If it is your child's birthday then they can come into school in their own clothes. If their birthday is over the weekend or during a holiday then just choose a day near their birthday. If it's a PE day then they can wear their own PE clothes or come in on another day in their own clothes.



## Industrial Action

Following on from last year's industrial action the teaching unions have voted to accept the government's increased pay and funding offer. This is obviously good news in the short term as there is no longer the threat of the disruption of industrial action. However, the fundamental issues over the lack of funding to run schools and support services properly and the lack of teachers entering the profession remain. There really does need to be a long-term plan for education if we really do want to have a world class education system.

## *Notes from the School Office*

### **Medications & Inhalers etc**

- *If your child regularly keeps an inhaler, auto-injector or other medication at school, please ensure that they are 'in date' and return to your class teacher/ teaching assistant as soon as possible*
- *If your child requires a new medication that they have not had in school previously, please hand it in at the office and complete any necessary paperwork.*
- *If your child no longer requires a medication they have previously had in school please inform the office and we can amend our records.*

Autumn Term 2023		
Monday 4th September	First Day of Term for Y1-6	Reception Home Visits AM/PM
Tuesday 5th September	Reception Home Visits AM/PM	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Wednesday 6th September	Reception Home Visits AM/PM	
Thursday 7th September	Reception Home Visits AM/PM	Y6 WWII Workshop Day
Monday 11th September	2.30pm Year Group Curriculum Meetings for Parents	
Tuesday 12th September	9.10am / 2.30pm Volunteers meeting    Class 3S First Swimming Lesson	
Wednesday 13th September	6.15pm International Day Volunteer Meeting	
Wednesday 20th September	Y5 to Southwater Watersports (2 days)	
Thursday 21st September	Y5 to Southwater Watersports (2 Days)	
Friday 22nd September	2.00pm Reception Parents Meeting	
Tuesday 26th September	pm Y6 Maths Competition	
Wednesday 27th September	pm Y5 Maths Competition	
Thursday 5th October	Individual & Sibling Photos	
Friday 6th October	Y2 Horsham Museum Workshop	
Wednesday 11th October	1.30pm Governors Curriculum	
Tuesday 17th October	3.40pm Parents’ Evening	
Wednesday 18th October	3.40pm Parents’ Evening	
Friday 20th October	International Day	
HALF TERM—MONDAY 23RD—FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER		
Thursday 2nd November	Y5 Horsham Victorian Houses Walk	
Monday 6th November	Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop	
Wednesday 8th November	Governors Morning	
Monday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations—All Year Groups	
Tuesday 14th November	Y5 Greek Workshop Day	
Thursday 16th November	9.15am Governors Resources	
Thursday 28th November	3S Last Swim Before Christmas	
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term	

## Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023			
<b>First Day</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Last Day</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET Days</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023

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

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