



Newsletter

Monday 6th March 2023

Dear Parents,

During the month of March we are having a focus on internet safety. Internet safety is an ever-changing part of children's lives now, and is something that many of us weren't taught ourselves when we were school age. While it is part of our curriculum, and appears in the National Curriculum in both Computing and PSHE (Learning for Life at Kingslea), much of children's free time on the internet happens at home.

At Kingslea, children have one computing unit focused on internet safety each school year, with the aim aligned with the kinds of online issues children may come across at that age.

Members of staff in charge of computing speak with children about their experiences in computing lessons. However, we rarely gain an insight into children's experiences on the internet at home. Therefore, we have recently gathered some information about how Kingslea pupils are using the internet at home. This will inform our parent workshops, our Safer Internet Day assemblies, and future e-safety lessons at Kingslea. You can read some of the headlines from the questionnaire below.

Every child in KS2 completed an anonymous survey about how they use the internet.

- * *46% of children have seen something inappropriate online.*
- * *25% of children don't know what the adults at home do to keep them safe online (or say the adults do 'nothing'!)*
- * *Only two thirds of children said their adult knows their password.*

One part of the survey was about online gaming. 165 children said they play online games.

- * ***Many of them have the chat facility enabled when they are gaming.***
- * ***Half have had a chat message from someone they don't know.***
- * ***25% have received a message which was inappropriate or which worried them.***
- * ***PEGI ratings of games children play range from 3 years+ to 18 years+.***

As a collective, the children of Kingslea gave an array of strategies that adults use to support online safety. One child said about their adults at home: *Whenever I want to get a new game, they check what it is and set a time limit. They always want us to be honest with them.* Another was brutally honest and said: *They (parents) are really annoying and watch me.*

Miss Cooper (computing lead) and Mrs Payne have been looking through the responses to the survey and identifying key themes which have come out of it and the main strategies which will support the children of Kingslea. We know that there is only so much we can do at school so we hope you will join us in helping to ensure your child is as safe as possible online, and equipped to deal with it when things go wrong online.

To help support your child with their online experience, there are a few things you can do. Firstly, come along to our workshops on Tuesday 14th March at either 9.00am or 6.00pm. These will be 45 minutes long and will take you through some key ways to help keep your children safe online. Secondly, familiarise yourself with the [Internet Matters](#) website—especially their Setting Controls and Guide to Apps sections. Lastly, the key to online safety in families is open discussion. Talk to your children about their experiences online. Spend time with them on the apps and games that they enjoy. Make sure they know they can speak to you if anything upsets them, or even if they have questions about something they have seen. The more interested you are in their online life, the more they will share it with you.

Please sign up for the workshops [here](#).

Kind Regards

Alexis Conway.

Hot Lunch Ordering

We know it's not the greatest system, so well done to all parents for getting your accounts activated and orders in!



Here are a few handy tips:

- Discuss with your child what they would like when ordering and what they are having that day. This will save tears/surprises!
- If ordering a jacket potato, ensure you have ordered a topping as well.
- A new menu will be introduced after the Easter break (wc 17th April); this is now available to book (unless your child has a special diet menu).
- Now the new menu has been loaded, you are able to order meals up to 10 weeks in advance – please get in the habit of ordering as far ahead as possible.
- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 (or eligible for free school meals), you are able to book a Chartwells packed lunch for the days they are out on school trips. *Please do not use this option if your child is in Year 3-6 and not eligible for FSM.*
- Remember the deadline for ordering is midnight on Thursday, ten days before the week you are ordering for. I.e. deadline is Thursday 9th March for week beginning 20th March.
- If you have not ordered a meal for your child, you will be required to provide a packed lunch from home
- **ParentPay support contact for parents:** parent-support@parentpay.com

Grandparents Afternoon—it's back!

On Friday 19th May, one of our favourite days of the year is returning: Grandparents Afternoon. We know that some of our grandparents are in the playground regularly dropping off and picking up. We also know that others live significant distances away, including abroad. Whichever it may be, we would like to invite grandparents to come into school and spend some time with their grandchild. We'll send out information nearer the time, but it's a 2.00 pm start and grandparents will spend the afternoon in class (or out on the field if it's P.E.) with their grandchild.



Free Tickets for Horsham FC

On Saturday 1st April, all Kingslea families are invited along to watch Horsham verses Hornchurch at the Camping World Stadium. If you've not been before, it's a very community-orientated club, with a good standard of football and a safe environment for both adults and children. I know a number of Kingslea families are regulars for home fixtures and enjoy a Saturday afternoon of football, chatting with friends, having a drink and something to eat. We have been given 100 free family tickets, with each family ticket allowing entry for up to two adults and four children to the match. Parents can park at the Horsham Park and Ride (there will be qualified stewards to help cross Worthing Road) or to use public transport. If you would like a ticket please use this link: [Request for Horsham FC Tickets](#) Lets see if we can get a bumper crowd at the game.



'Free' School Meals Thank You

Thank you so much for all the donations we have had to cover the cost of 'free' school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, which we are having to pay from the schools education budget. Since September we've had over **£4650** donated by parents.

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.

Outdoor Learning Update

Kingslea is very fortunate to have small wood that is home to a wide range of wildlife, from stag beetles to foxes. We plan to keep improving the site, with new trees and a new shelter provided by KLASS.

We have been very busy in the woods so far this year. Even when it has been cold and rainy, it's always worth making the effort to get outside to use our amazing woodland.

With Reception, we have child-led sessions; inspired by their own ideas and creativity we have been making woodland animals and mini fishing rods. Recently Year 3 have been investigating the flora and fauna in different habitats and making 3D maps of the woods using natural materials.

Lunch-time clubs and after-school clubs continue to be very popular. Having the opportunity to play in a natural environment is really important due to its proven benefits for physical and mental wellbeing.

Over the course of the year, all year groups have the opportunity to work with Mr Borley, our outdoor learning teacher.



Notes from the School Office

'Remember to Bring Everything to School Week'

Monday 6th March—Friday 10th March 2023

Everyday we have literally dozens of forgotten items dropped at the School Office for children — homework, lunch boxes, water bottles, wellies, PE kit etc.

While obviously it is excellent exercise for the Office Team to walk the corridors to reunite forgotten items with their owners around the school, we would like to have a week when we encourage the children to remember everything first time!

So from Monday 6th March for a week, we will be logging all the forgotten items dropped at the Office each day and keep a 'league table' for each class.

We would love it if parents could please support us (I'm sure you could do without the extra journeys to school!) by reading all the ParentMail communications and reminding the children to bring all the items they need each day.



Spring Term 2023	
Monday 6th March	12.30pm Y3&4 Football Festival @ Heron Way
Thursday 9th March	9.30am Governors Resources
Friday 10th March	4.00pm Y5 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Monday 13th March	12.30pm Y2 Football Festival @ Leechpool
Tuesday 14th March	Y2 trip to Arundel Wetlands 9.00am & 6.00pm Safer Internet Workshop for parents Y5 trip to Greenwich Museum 7.00pm FGB
Friday 17th March	Class 5W Music Studio Visit 7.00pm KLASZ Quiz Night 4.00pm Y4 Football Cup @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 22nd March	Class 5W Orienteering @ Leechpool Woods Y4 Maths Competition
Thursday 23rd March	4.00pm Y5&6 B Team Netball Play-Offs @ The Bridge
Friday 24th March	Class 5H Music Studio Visit 4.00pm Y3 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Tuesday 28th March	9.00am YR Stay & Play 12.30pm Y5&6 Tag Rugby @ HRC
Wednesday 29th March	9.00am YR Stay & Play Class 5H Orienteering @ Leechpool Woods
Thursday 29th March	9.00am YR Stay & Play
Friday 31st March	Last Day of Term Welly Walk
Saturday 1st April	Free tickets for Kingslea families Horsham FC v Hornchurch
EASTER HOLIDAYS—MONDAY 3RD APRIL-FRIDAY 14TH APRIL	
Wednesday 19th April	2.00pm Dance Festival Rehearsal 6.00pm Dance Festival @ Tanbridge
Friday 21st April	4.00pm Y5&6 Basketball Tournament
Tuesday 25th April	6.00pm Y6 Swanage Trip meeting for parents
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 5th May	School Discos
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th May	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Thursday 11th May	Y1 trip to Arundel Castle
Tuesday 16th May	Class & Y6 Individual Photos
Wednesday 17th May	Alternative Sports Festival @ Kingslea
Thursday 18th May	1.30pm Governors Resources
Friday 19th May	2.00pm Grandparents' Afternoon
Monday 22nd May	Y6 to Swanage (return Friday 26th May)
Tuesday 23rd May	1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Thursday 25th May	Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop
HALF TERM—MONDAY 27TH MAY—FRIDAY 31ST MAY	
Friday 9th June	Y2 trip to Drusilla's 6.00pm Y4 Camping Night
Tuesday 13th June	Horsham Schools Country Dancing Festival @ Shelley Primary School
Saturday 17th June	KingsleaFest
Tuesday 27th June	Sports Day

Term Dates 2022-23

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