

Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of 2022, and of the Autumn Term. I'd just like to take a moment to thank parents for your support this term. For the children to make progress—and to be happy and successful at school—home and school have to work together. Where parents read with their child daily, discuss their day at school with them (and maybe your day with them) encourage them to give new things a go and understand there are two sides to every story, children tend to be more successful and happier at school. This is something we see day in, day out at Kingslea: your support for your child and the work that we do. By working together, we put your children at the heart of what we do. This has been borne out by the pupil progress meetings that we've had this week, in which we discuss every pupil in the school, and again we are very pleased with the academic progress the children are making across the school. A huge thank you from myself and all the team at Kingslea.

Now onto the last two weeks of term. On Friday 2nd December, we held our Christmas Decoration afternoon. Children had a lovely afternoon making Christmas decorations with children from different classes. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 worked together, as did Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The range of decorations made was extensive!

We look forward to seeing parents, friends and families at the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances. In the mornings, doors will open just after 9.00am. In the afternoon, they will open about 10 minutes before the performance start time. Please enter through the external Main Hall door nearest the school office and ensure you have your tickets with you.

We are looking forward to the family event KLASS are running tonight, hopefully it will be a lovely evening for everyone. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and thank you to the choir, who will be entertaining us, ably led by Mrs Whiteley and Mrs Kemp.

Next week the choir will be holding a Carols by Candlelight Concert on Wednesday 14th December at 7.00pm. All families are welcome to come along, whether your child is in the choir or not. Please enter via the hall door. There is also the Drama Club performance on Monday evening in the hall.

Please remember, Thursday 15th December is Christmas lunch and 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!

There are a number of Christmas trees up around the school, including the one by the main hall which was decorated by the children. After lunch recently, children had the chance to decorate the tree with their friends. It now has rather a lot of baubles on it!

On the last day of term (Friday 16th December), we are gathering as a whole school for a very traditional activity, that is currently top secret. "Oh no it's not!" I hear you mutter. "Oh yes it is!" we shout back! In the afternoon, we will be holding our end-of-term assembly, where we present our Headteacher's awards. The Headteacher's awards are chosen by the class teachers for reading, maths, kindness, creative arts, sports and writing. One child in each class is chosen each term for their hard work, effort and focus in these areas.

As I said at the start of the newsletter, thank you for your support and have a lovely Christmas.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team.



Wellbeing Walk

In our previous newsletter we updated you about how we are using the wellbeing walk.

The 'Big Run' has now started. Each half term, every class will spend 10 minutes travelling around the 'Walk' at their own pace, without stopping. Over the year each child will then endeavour to beat their previous individual distances. Reception will begin after Christmas. The children have travelled over 320 miles so far this term, the equivalent of 12.5 marathons. We are tracking the distance travelled from Horsham to various key places in the table below. They say, 'reach for the stars,' and if you miss, you may run to the moon instead!



From Horsham to	Miles	Autumn 2
Brighton	26.8	12 times
London	44	7.4 times
Edinburgh	448.4	$\frac{3}{4}$ of the way there
Equator	3528.17	$\frac{1}{10}$ of the way there
Horsham (Earth's Circumference)	24901	1.3% of the way there
Moon	238855	0.14% of the way there

Sports Update

We have celebrated great success with our Year 5&6 girls football team and the Year 5&6 boys team. Both teams were excellent throughout the tournaments and were unlucky to miss out on the league titles. We will come back stronger in the cups in the new year. Our Netball teams started off their tournament recently and both teams showed great sportsmanship and energy in every game, scoring some really good team points. Fantastic efforts from our Year 4, 5 & 6 New Age Kurling teams. They were focused and showed great teamwork, enjoying participating in a new sport competition.

There are many festivals that we are looking to take part in this year and they started with the badminton festival, which was hosted by the Sports Leaders at Collyers College. This was a fantastic opportunity for some children that have never played the sport to learn new skills and experience some great sessions delivered by the Sports Leaders.

In the new year, we will have the Football Cups, Indoor Athletics, Table Tennis and Rugby competitions; we are looking forward to competing in these events. We also have the Year 3&4 Rugby festival and Football festivals to also attend to learn new skills and further our development.



Our leaf sweeping teams



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.

Hot Lunches — IMPORTANT INFORMATION

After February half term 2023, Chartwells will be changing the way the hot lunches are ordered and served.

- **This information is relevant to all parents of children who have hot meals: including children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, KS2 children who are eligible for free school meals and children in KS2 who pay for hot meals.**
- All parents will be required to order their child's lunch in advance through the ParentPay system, regardless of whether the meal is paid for or free. Payment for children in Y3-6 not eligible for free meals will remain as before.
- Each time you order, you will select the actual meal that your child would like to eat from the menu to ensure that your child is served the meal of their choice each day.
- In January, **all** parents will be required to create an account on ParentPay (we will send you all the details of when and how to do this). You will then be able to order meals for your child from 20th February, and up to 10 weeks in advance.
- Meals must be ordered by parents as school will no longer be able to order food, even for children eligible for free meals in YR, KS1 and KS2.
- We would not like any children to be without a meal once the new system starts, so we will be sending lots of reminders to parents

Look out for updates from the school on what you need to do and when you need to do it.



Christmas Cards

Please remember children can bring in Christmas cards up to Wednesday 14th December. Each year group has a post box and the cards are sorted and delivered by our House Captains and other members of Y6. Christmas cards can either be to individual friends or to the whole classes. Just ensure the name and class are written clearly on the envelope.



Notices

- **Lost Property** — *We will put lost property out on the KS1 playground after school today (Friday 9th December) and outside the Main Entrance on Monday 12th December (weather permitting). Please do come and have a rummage if you have lost something this term. Anything left unclaimed after this will be disposed of*
- **Inhalers & Medications** — *We will only send inhalers and other medications home at the end of term if they are reaching their expiry dates, otherwise they will remain in school. If you do require something to come home, please let the classroom staff know.*

*A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Office Team
(Mrs Hill, Mrs King, Mrs Webster, Mrs Leyland and Mrs Davison)*



Autumn Term 2022		
Friday 9th December	Y4 Church Visit	3.30pm KLASS Christmas Event
Monday 12th December	7.00pm Drama Club performance	
Tuesday 13th December	9.30am Y1 Christmas Performance	2.00pm Y2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14th December	9.30am Y2 Christmas Performance	2.15pm Y1 Christmas Performance
	7.00pm Choir Candlelit Concert	
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch & Dress Up Day	
Friday 16th December	Last Day of Term	
Spring Term 2023		
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 4th January	First day of term	
Wednesday 18th January	Y1 Rainbow Theatre Workshop	
Thursday 19th January	4.00pm Y5&6 Netball @ The Bridge	
Friday 20th January	4.30pm Y5&6 Table Tennis Competition @ Kingslea	
Tuesday 24th January	Choir to Young Voices @ O2	
Thursday 26th January	10.00am Y6 Indoor Athletics @ Forest	
Wednesday 1st February	1.00pm Dance Festival Rehearsal @ Tanbridge	7.00pm Dance Festival @ Tanbridge
Thursday 2nd February	10.00am Y5 Indoor Athletics @ Forest	
Monday 6th February	3.40-7.00pm Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 7th February	Y2 Geography Field Trip (Horsham) Y4 Viking/Saxon Workshop	
Wednesday 8th February	3.40-7.00pm Parents' Evening	
Thursday 9th February	10.00am Y4 Indoor Athletics @ Millais	
HALF TERM—MONDAY 13TH-FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY		

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

Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023			
First Day	Monday 4 th September 2023	Last Day	Friday 15 th December 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	INSET Days	Friday 1 st September 2023
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 & Tuesday 23 rd July 2024