

Newsletter

Tuesday 8th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

At one of our recent leadership meetings we were discussing our 'curriculum': something that has been a strength of Kingslea since the school opened in 2006. Obviously the curriculum has developed and changed since 2006 in what we teach, the expectations we have, the visits we go on, the standard of work, the progression from Reception to Y6 etc, but the curriculum has always been at the centre of Kingslea's work, even if it wasn't until this September that it became the focus of the government's education policy.

When we talk about curriculum we are not just talking about the subjects we teach: History, Design Technology, Geography, Music, Maths, Physical Education, English, Science, Personal, Social, Health and Economic education, Languages, Art, Religious Education (just in case you weren't sure what the subjects are!). The Kingslea curriculum, and the curriculum in all schools, is about everything that happens in the school day: from arriving at school on time, understanding and following classroom routines and expectations, eating and socialising at lunchtimes, taking part in the wide range of extra curricular activities, learning to be resilient, failing and bouncing back, falling out with friends and making back up, being kind, taking part in new experiences. These are just a few of areas that we consider to be part of our curriculum.



As a school we have a curriculum team—Ms Palmer, Miss Hancock and Mrs Wingfield—and individual subject leaders. The subject leaders develop, monitor learning (through observing lessons, talking to children and looking at work), support teachers, run training for their subject and report back to the curriculum team who ensure that each subject and the wider curriculum (the clubs, the experiences etc.) fit together like a jigsaw.

Our newly-redesigned website contains information about each subject (please do see the note about the website on the next page) if you would like to know more.

Alexis Conway

Reception

It has been a fantastic first few weeks for Reception. They have settled in wonderfully and quickly learnt the new expectations and routines. They have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and outside area, and they have made plenty of new friends. The Reception team have been very impressed with how enthusiastic, well behaved and kind the children are, as well as their amazing tidying up skills; and they are really looking forward to a great year ahead!



Alison Wood—Governor

Hello, I am Alison Wood one of Kingslea's Co-opted Governors. I joined the board in September 2015 and have been Chair of the Curriculum and Standards committee for the last three years. I enjoy being part of the Kingslea community: a caring and inclusive learning environment where everyone is valued and respected. I work alongside the other Governors to support and challenge the school to build on its successes and vision.

The Curriculum committee meets four times a year. During our meetings we listen to a presentation and question Mr Conway and Mrs Payne on the progress and attainment of the pupils in English and Maths. At each meeting, we are kept up-to-date with the curriculum by a member of the school teaching staff. Recently we have heard from Ms Palmer about Kingslea's creative, broad and balanced curriculum. We thoroughly enjoyed looking through Learning Journey books from every year group; all the Governors were impressed with the quality and range of the pupil's work. At meetings as part of the school's review cycle, we receive, discuss and approve policies that are linked to teaching and learning. Recently reviewed policies include Sex Education, SEND, PE and Writing.

I am the Governor responsible for SEND, Pupil Premium and Safeguarding. I meet regularly with Mrs Russell and Mrs Barrett. I have met with children who have told me how they feel safe at Kingslea and I attended a homework club seeing the invaluable support given by the staff who run it. Part of the Governors' responsibility is the monitoring and evaluation of the Pupil Premium expenditure. A recent Local Authority advisor visit reported that Governors were rigorous in their evaluation of effective use of the funding.

Kingslea is a vibrant, caring and nurturing school with high expectations and standards and I am proud to be a member of its community as a Governor.

If you have any questions, Governors can be contacted via the school office.

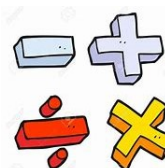
House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains: Fleur, Tyler, Lucy, Jess, Isla, Luke, Mathew and Kieran. All children in Y6 have the opportunity to stand for election. Those that chose to stand presented their thoughts and ideas as to why they would make excellent House Captains and be role models for other children. Over the course of this term their duties will include counting up the house points, attending events such as parents' evening and supporting other children across the school.



Maths Workshop

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to the maths workshop on the 10th October. We still have places and you will be able to spend time with your child in class during the morning workshop. The morning workshop starts at 9.15am and the evening one at 6.00pm. The workshop will last around 45 minutes with a further 45 minutes in the classroom for the morning session. Please sign up via ParentMail.



Maths Competitions

Congratulations to all our Y5 and Y6 pupils who competed in the maths competitions at Windlesham House and Christ's Hospital in the last few weeks. We sent five teams in total who were challenged by some pretty tricky questions and problems. The children worked in pairs, using each other's strengths to complete the timed tasks. As usual our teams fared very, very well against other Sussex state and private schools.



Website

We have a lovely new website located at <https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/> please do take a look. We are aware however, that if you use Bing to search for the school website it may result in an error message, we have made the necessary changes; however it may take some time to propagate round. Either type in <https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/> or use the Google search engine to find the website.

Safeguarding

A safeguarding issue that regularly comes up is children talking about computer games that are inappropriate for their age. Children have either been playing them, watching someone else play them or watching videos of the games on sites such as You Tube. Grand Theft Auto is one such game, but there are many others. Age ratings are there for a reason and should be adhered to. When we are made aware of children being exposed to these games, we will contact parents and it will be recorded as a safeguarding incident on the child's records. We will then proceed in line with West Sussex Safeguarding Children Board's guidance. Please keep your children safe and follow the guidance.



Harvest

Thank you to everyone for the huge response to our harvest appeal on behalf of Horsham Matters. Revered Natalie and a representative from the foodbank spoke to the children in assembly last week, talking about kindness and explaining what would happen to the donations.

The Horsham District Foodbank has been open since 2014 and last year helped almost 2,000 people in our district with at least three days of emergency food. If you would like to find out more about the work that is done please follow this link:

<https://horshamdistrict.foodbank.org.uk>



HorshamMatters
Churches Making a Difference



Clubs

It's been a fantastic start to the clubs with hundreds of children taking part across the week. It's been lovely to see our young (and older!) coders designing their games and sending messages using microbit, gardening club preparing for the autumn, history club learning about how the pyramids were built, the choir rehearsing for their performance at the O2, the sports teams developing their skills and training for tournaments and matches, the calmness and strategic thinking in dice, cards and dominos, the delicate notes of the recorder club, the wonderful creations of the art clubs, the drama club developing their show for later in the term, the theatrics of the musical theatre club, the aroma from the cooking club and the thought, care and kindness from the community action club. Please do remember that whilst we expect children to attend club every week, if your child is in school but not going to club you must inform the office.



Conkers

The 4th Annual Kingslea Conker Championship will be held on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October. We will be reminding the children of the rules in assembly. Please remember that your child needs to bring in the permission slip if they want to play. And a conker with a very LARGE knot at the bottom as it seemed like we rethreaded every conker twice last year!



Reception Applications for September 2020

Applications open on **Monday 7th October 2019** for children due to start school in September 2020. Applications close on **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Application details can be found at www.westsussex.gov.uk. Even if you have a sibling currently at Kingslea, you still need to apply. We have several dates available for prospective Reception parents and children to visit the school. Please contact Mrs King in the school office to book.

Notes from the School Office

- If your child is ill or not attending school for any reason please try to report the absence by 8.45am. This can be done by email, by using the ParentMail absence reporting tool or by telephoning the office and leaving a message. If we have not been informed regarding a child's absence we will telephone through the list of contacts we hold for your child to confirm their whereabouts.*

Autumn Term 2019

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| Thursday 10th October | 9.15am Parent Maths Workshop and Classroom visit 6.45pm Governors Curriculum Ctte | 6.00pm Parent Maths Workshop |
| Friday 11th October | 4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Horsham Park | |
| Saturday 12th October | Year 5&6 Trip to Fast 5s Netball @ The Copper Box | |
| Tuesday 15th October | am Y3-6 Paralympic Sports Day @ Horsham Park | |
| Wednesday 16th October | Y2 Trip to Preston Manor | |
| Thursday 17th October | 2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit | |
| Friday 18th October | 4.00pm Y3&4 Football @ Horsham Park | |
| Monday 21st October | Individual School Photos & Sibling Groups | |
| Wednesday 23rd October | 2.20pm Reception Stay & Play (and then every Wednesday) | 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 24th October | 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening | |
| Friday 25th October | INSET DAY | 4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Horsham Park |
| HALF TERM : MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER | | |
| Tuesday 5th November | Y6 Homefront Bus visit | |
| Wednesday 6th November | Governors' morning | |
| Thursday 7th November | 2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit | |
| Friday 8th November | 4.00pm Girls Football @ Tanbridge | Firework night |
| Thursday 14th November | Big Draw | |
| Friday 15th November | 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge | |
| Tuesday 19th November | 9.00am Governors Resources | |
| Thursday 21st November | 2.45pm Y1 Parents' classroom visit | |
| Friday 22nd November | 4.00pm Girls Football @ Tanbridge | |
| Tuesday 26th November | Y3&4 Badminton Festival @ Collyers | 3S Last swim before Christmas |
| Friday 29th November | 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge | |
| Tuesday 3rd December | Y3&4/Y5&6 Girls Hockey Festival @ Millais | |
| Thursday 5th December | Flu vaccinations—all year groups 2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit 6.00pm Full Governing Body | |
| Friday 6th December | Christmas Dress Up Day & Christmas Decoration Afternoon 4.00pm Girls Football @ Tanbridge | |
| Friday 13th December | 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge | |
| Monday 16th December | pm Y1/2 Christmas performance | |
| Tuesday 17th December | am Reception Christmas performance 7.00pm Choir Candlelit Concert | pm Y1/2 Christmas performance |
| Wednesday 18th December | am Y1/2 Christmas performance | pm Reception Christmas performance |
| Thursday 19th December | Christmas Lunch | |
| Friday 20th December | Last Day of Term | |

Spring Term 2020

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| First Day | Monday 6 th January 2020 | Last Day | Friday 3 rd April 2020 |
| Half Term | Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February | INSET Days | Monday 24 th February 2020 |