

Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what can we say? A few things actually...

We can say how well the children have settled back into school life.

We can say how much the children have enjoyed being back at school.

We can say how happy the children are to be with their friends.

We can say how pleased the teachers are to have the children back in school.

We can say how impressed we are with how much the children have learnt at home.

We can say how impressed we are with you and how hard you worked with your child.

We can say how impressed we are with how you prepared your child for their return to school.

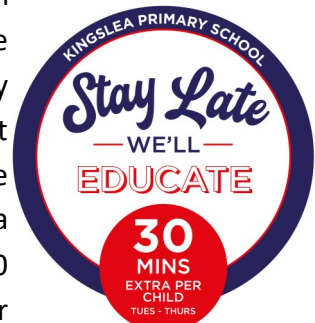
We can say don't get caught up in any doom and gloom of cheap terms like 'catch-up' and 'lost generation'.

You have done a remarkable job and, as a school, we could not have asked for more. Children may have missed some learning, but that does not mean they are stunted for life or won't go on to have productive futures. They are young, resilient and adaptable with many successful years ahead of them. Lots of pupils have learnt new skills: navigating Teams, managing their own time, cooking, sewing or just learning to find something to do when they are 'bored'. When I walked round the school this week speaking to the teachers about how the children had returned to school, every single teacher praised parents and said how impressed they were with their class socially, emotionally and academically. So again, we all say 'well done'.

Up until Easter, we are taking the elements from this term's curriculum that we didn't ask you to teach at home and teaching those, as well as revising key elements. Whilst the government decides on its 'catch-up' strategy, we will continue with 'Stay late, we'll educate' after Easter, running until 9th July. Stay Late ensures that we can provide the whole curriculum in an orderly way and go over key elements of learning from the previous year. It also ensures that children have their full playtimes and lunchtimes, PE, music and we are not rushing or cramming too many things in to the day. Therefore, on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Easter your child will finish 20 minutes later than their current time, and will continue with their morning staggered start. We will provide a new pick up flow chart nearer the time.

Thank you all for your support this half-term,

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team



How can you help us work together?

I realise that we send out a fair bit of information but please do read the newsletter and other communications that we send out. In most cases, it is your child impacted by you not reading the information, e.g. arriving late, not in PE kit, not with the correct equipment.

- ◆ Please arrive promptly at the time stipulated for both drop off and pick up.
- ◆ Make sure you follow Covid guidance—playdates are not allowed, so please ensure your child is picked up by a member of their household or someone in your childcare bubble.
- ◆ Ensure your child comes to school with a coat with a hood.

Y5 shelter building



Covid Measures

We are continuing to place a high degree of emphasis on hand hygiene, bubbling, classroom ventilation and adults wearing masks in communal areas. We have recently bought a number of CO₂ monitors which we have placed around the school as there is evidence that carbon dioxide levels in buildings correlate strongly with the airborne spread of infection. We been very pleased to see that the CO₂ levels at Kingslea are significantly below levels that would be a cause of concern.

Reception September 2021 intake

If you have applied for a Reception place for September 2021 you will receive notification of your allocated school on Friday 16th April. We will be sending out information via email to parents on Monday 19th April regarding accepting the place and again on the 26th April regarding information sharing, parent and child visits, and transition visits.

Kingslea Community Fund

Using generous donations from Kingslea parents, we are able to give limited support to Kingslea families where the change to the economy and the job market has meant your household has seen a sudden and significant drop in income. We are able to support families who are struggling to pay for food and other essentials in the form of a supermarket voucher. If this would help you out, please email aconway@kingslea.org.uk and we will see what we can do. This would be in confidence.

Sussex School Games

Who would have known that Kingslea would take part in the Winter Games during Lockdown? It was great to see the children, their families and even the family pets join Mr Mothee and their class teachers for our live PE lessons where the children had the chance to complete the activities set in the 'Virtual Sussex School Games: The Winter Games'. Kingslea even had a special message from the British Bobsleigh Team encouraging us to stay active and to take part, which spurred us on to finish within the top 25 primary schools based on participation! Well done to everyone who took part! Also a huge well done to Phoenix for being crowned champions in our very own Kingslea Virtual Games during the final week of home learning.

Secondary school destinations for September 2021

	September 2021	September 2020
Bohunt	11	12
Forest	23 (boys and girls)	19 (boys only)
Millais	24	24
Tanbridge House	1	2
Other	1	3

Additional Funding

Last term we were informed by West Sussex that Kingslea was to receive almost £30,000 of additional funding through Section 106. Section 106 funding is paid by developers and is used on community infrastructure projects. The funding can only be used to provide additional furniture, equipment and ICT. In our case we have invested in technology to be used across the school, including new interactive whiteboards, Chromebooks, tablets and visualisers. Our Section 106 money came from the developments at 40-44 Brighton Road and Horsham Gates.

Sumdog

Well done to all the children who took part in the Sumdog competition which ended last night. Both of Mrs Blackwell's maths sets made it into the Top 10, and 3S took the crown for being the daily winning class on Sunday. There were 8 Kingslea children among the Top 50 in West Sussex, with Ethan B (9th), Junchi (joint 4th), Alex K (joint 4th) and Khushi (2nd) coming in the Top 10. Congratulations to all!



Notes from the School Office

ParentMail

- *Please ensure your notifications are set to alert you when you receive a new message on ParentMail, this may be via email or a form that requires a response from you. You may miss a vital piece of information if you do not read your ParentMail messages regularly.*
- *If you change your email address or phone number please amend your ParentMail account **and** notify the school office, otherwise these changes may not be activated.*

A big 'Thank You' from the Office for remembering to bring everything to school everyday



Spring Term 2021		
Wednesday 17th March	Y4 Viking Day	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Thursday 1st April	Last Day of Spring Term	
EASTER HOLIDAY : FRIDAY 2nd APRIL –FRIDAY 16th APRIL		
Summer Term 2021		
Monday 19th April	First day of Term	
Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday		
Wednesday 19th May	1.30pm Governor Curriculum Meeting	
HALF TERM : MONDAY 31st MAY—FRIDAY 4th JUNE		

Autumn Term 2021	
First Day : Monday 6th September 2021	Last Day : Friday 17 th December 2021
Half Term : Monday 25th—Friday 29th October 2021	INSET Days : Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September Friday 22nd October

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 Russell, Mrs Barrett or 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.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**




Housepoints

Spring 2021

