

# Newsletter

Monday 20th May 2019

Welcome to our second newsletter of the term.

I just wanted to thank all of you for the support that you give to your children and to our school; it makes such a huge difference to the feeling, the achievements and the success of every individual child and the school as a whole. The types of support I'm thinking of are mainly the obvious: ensuring children are at school on time, checking they have their PE kit, making sure they have completed their homework and have read at home, encouraging resilience in your children, encouraging them to try different things, taking them to out of school activities and your understanding that education is a partnership between home and school. One of the highlights of my day is standing on the gate in the morning, welcoming adults and children into school and seeing what a lovely community we have here at Kingslea.

Just a quick update on some of the things that are going on this term. We have been pond dipping, Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Tom's Talking Reptiles, the Year 6 choir sang at the music festival at The Hawth, a group of Year 5 children represented the school in an indoor bowls tournament at Horsham Indoor Bowls Club, Year 6 are orienteering in Leechpool woods and preparing for Swanage, we are now out on the field at breaktimes, our new Reception children are visiting from next week and Year 4 will be camping. Children and adults are still enjoying our weekly dancing at break time with recent tracks including Cotton Eye Joe, Whigfield and Los Del Rio. Remember to keep up with the latest goings-on, see the front page of the website or see us on Twitter @KingsleaPrimary.

## Welly Walk

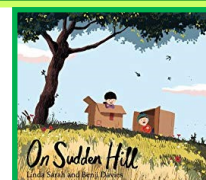
Thank you to all of you who raised money for the Welly Walk. With Gift Aid contributions we have raised over £7000 which is an amazing sum of money and we are genuinely humbled at the amount that has been raised. We realise that it's not just schools that are strapped for cash so we appreciate every penny that was sent in. Our initial thoughts are to use the money to make some developments to the infant and junior playgrounds, as well as buying a number of updated interactive whiteboards for the classrooms.



## This term's assemblies



Assemblies this term have included a presentation from the Eco Council which included a video that they made on all the activities that they have been up to. In conjunction with West Sussex County Council we had an assembly about air pollution, particularly with respect to driving to school. We have also had assemblies about Eurovision and St. George's Day. Upcoming assemblies include 'What's in our local news', resilience, the story of Maya Angelou, how reading makes you more interesting and looking at friendships through reading the picture book 'On Sudden Hill'.



## Amazon Wishlist.

Thank you to all of you who bought books for your children and the school from our wishlist. It has been a fabulous success and we have had around £1000 worth of books delivered to the school. Books have been arriving everyday since we first sent out the wishlist. If you would like to contribute please click on the link below.



## Key points from E-safety Meeting

Over 100 parents attended one of the three e-safety meetings we ran a few weeks ago. The feedback was very, very positive and the link to the presentation can be found [here](#). Key messages that came out of the workshop were about boundaries. Just as families have boundaries in the 'real' world, families need to have online boundaries, for example how much, how often and what is being looked at. Parents were particularly interested in some of the games children were playing and appropriateness (or not) of games like Fortnite, Apex Legends and Roblox; the social media children are using and how apps like Kik and Tik Tok can make children more accessible to adults; and how parent controls can be set on different devices and for different internet providers. For more advice, please speak to Mrs Payne on the gate or visit [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)



## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who filled out the parent questionnaire. In all areas over 97% of parents agreed or strongly agreed with the statements on the questionnaire including: my child enjoys school, the school informs me about my child's progress, children behave well, I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions and the school is led and managed effectively, and in every case the majority of parents strongly agreed with the statements. Thank you very much for your positive feedback. You can see from the comments that the staff of Kingslea and the ethos/atmosphere and behaviour around the school come out strongly positive.

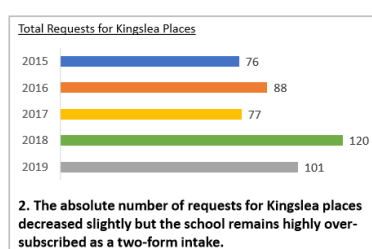
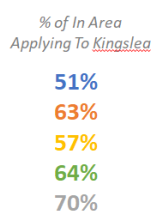
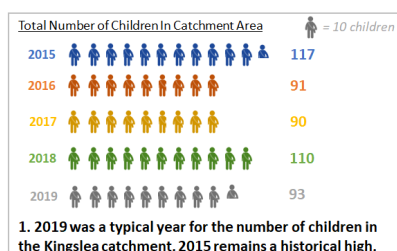
Positives	Count
Staff	93
Ethos/Atmosphere/Behaviour	76
Clubs and trips	52
Curriculum	33
Lessons and Learning	32
Communication/relationship with parents	31
Environment/facilities/cleanliness/resources	21
Inclusive/SEN/Additional Support	15

Improvements	Count
Wider range of lessons (more IT/PE/cooking)	12
Ideas for resources/environment (e.g. swimming pool)	11
Clubs - wider variety, wider choice, more spaces	9
Homework	6
More information about pupil progress	5
More out of school activities (not clubs)	4
Additional support	4
Punctuality at end of the day	3

Areas for improvement include a wider range of lessons, something that I agree would be lovely to have, (funding and time permitting) and additional physical resources including a swimming pool. If you have any further comments please do speak to me on the gate, email the office or arrange to meet with me.

## Admissions

As I'm sure you are aware, last year we were the most oversubscribed school in West Sussex and again this year applications have far exceeded places. We have analysed our admissions over the last few years and, as you can see from the diagrams below, for this year's starters (September 2019) there are similar numbers of children in catchment as in previous years (Diagram 1). However you can see that there has been a significant increase in the percentage of in-catchment families applying to Kingslea, up from 51% to 70% and that the total number of requests (both catchment and non-catchment) has increased significantly (Diagram 2). It seems it is the popularity of the school rather than additional children in Horsham that has led to this pressure on places.



## International Day—24th May

We are so excited about the upcoming International Day. So many parents are coming into school on Friday 24th May to run stalls representing countries all over the world including: England, India, Philippines, Poland, France, Spain, Japan, Hungary, USA, Australia, Morocco, Turkey, Sweden, Romania, New Zealand, Italy, Vietnam and Mauritius. The event will take place in the small hall, with Horsham being at the centre of our event, as this is what connects us all. The children will each have their own passport and visit 4 or 5 of the stalls to learn about culture, landmarks, language, stories, celebrations, clothing and food. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help and to Mrs Barrett for organising.

### Eco Council

Our Eco Council recently led one of our assemblies. Our very own Eco-warriors are a diverse, passionate group of children who care deeply about the environment. Applications are taken at the start of the school year and children from Years 1-6 are selected based on their responses to questions about the world and how best to care for it. Throughout the year, the children meet weekly and spend time expanding their knowledge on relevant issues which the world faces. Children have explored: how to protect animals from plastic in our oceans; what palm oil is and its impact on rain-forests; how to reuse single use plastic; the value of eco-bricks and how they can be used, and studied what constitutes a healthy diet free from processed sugar. Our Eco-warriors are keen to spread their message and can often be found picking litter on Kingslea's playgrounds. They also spent time last week talking to parents about parking on Kingslea and leaving their engines idling.

During their assembly, the children shared a video that they had made.

It can be found here: <https://www.kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/eco-schools.html>



### 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 Mr Conway, Mrs Payne, Miss Hancock and Mrs Russell. 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.



### What's been going on?



### Notes from the School Office

#### **Collection of children at the end of the school day**

- *If you make an arrangement for a parent of another child or family member to collect your child at the end of the school day please ensure you have notified either your class teacher or the office. Children will not be released to someone else without parental authorisation.*
- *If you regularly have someone else collecting your child please ensure the class teacher is aware of these arrangements, or if you wish to give permission to someone else to collect in an emergency or if you are ever running late, please drop the office an line or let your child's teacher know.*
- *If you need to change a collection arrangement on the day, please contact the office before 2.00pm to allow time to ensure any message can be passed on.*





## Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 21st May	Reception to British Wildlife Centre
Wednesday 22nd May	Horsham Schools Alternate Sports Festival @ Kingslea
Friday 24th May	International Day                      4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park                      Y4 Camping Night
<b>Half Term    Monday 27th—Friday 31st May</b>	
Monday 3rd June	Y6 to Swanage
Tuesday 4th June	pm Family Links introductory session
Wednesday 5th June	Y4&5 Cricket @ Horsham CC
Friday 7th June	Y3 to Bignor Roman Villa        Y5 Rounders @ Millais        4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park
Monday 10th June	Y2 trip to Portsmouth Dockyard
Tuesday 11th June	3.45pm & 7.00pm Meeting for September 2019 Reception intake parents 7.00pm Country Dancing Festival in Horsham Park
Wednesday 12th June	Artist working with Y4        Y6 Cricket @ Horsham CC    1.45pm Y1 Castle Building
Thursday 13th June	Y2 Pirate Day    pm Y4 church visit
Friday 14th June	Artist working with Y4    Y5&6 Stoolball @Horsham CC
Tuesday 18th June	am Y6 Mosque Visit
Thursday 20th June	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 21st June	<b>INSET Day</b>
Wednesday 26th June	Y5 to Big Bang Science Fair @ Ardingly
Friday 28th June	2.00pm Grandparents' Afternoon
Wednesday 3rd July	Y6 Transition Day    am/pm New Reception intake children visiting
Thursday 4th July	7.00pm Horsham Primary School Sports Awards @ Millais
Friday 5th July	am District Sports A Y3/4        pm District Sports A Y5/6 @ Broadbridge Heath 4.00pm Irish Dancing Club performance to parents
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fair
Sunday 7th July	Horsham Year of Culture Children's Parade (Y4 and some Y5 children)
Monday 8th July	Y6 Bikeability Week
Tuesday 9th July	pm Cycling Event @ Kingslea    3.30pm-7.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 10th July	Y5 to Southwater Country Park ( 3 days) for water sports    am Cricket Festival 3.30pm-7.00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 11th July	7.00pm Drama Club /Theatre 48 Performance—The Tempest
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Tuesday 16th July	9.00am Sports Day
Wednesday 17th July	9.00am Reserve date for Sports Day
Friday 19th July	Last day of term