

Newsletter

Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents,

I have written previously that we have been very conscious that the children have missed out on numerous experiences over the last 18 months. 'Catch-up' isn't just about the academic, but is also about the wider curriculum. I am really proud of the effort of the admin team and teachers have put in to ensure that the final half-term of this academic year is memorable for all the right reasons. Even though we have had to change plans—sometimes multiple times—due to various restrictions and interpretations of ever changing rules, we have been determined that the children won't miss out. We planned a whole host of additional activities that have happened or are planned to happen over this half-term.

These include;

- the visit of reptiles and arachnids for Y5
- the Lego Man coming to work with Y1, 2, 3 and 4 to build landscapes and objects related to their learning journeys
- Y4's fantastic evening camping on the school field
- Quad Kids sports events for all year groups
- Y3 visiting Buster Ancient Farm
- Y5 and Y6 visiting Southwater Country Park for water sports and orienteering.
- sports days taking place in the last week of term.
- Y1 visiting Windsor castle
- Y5 swimming in the Leisure Pool at the Pavilions
- A surprise for everyone on Friday 16th July (remember all children to wear PE kit)
- Days of art for all year groups—the two that have already taken place were hugely successful.
- 'Bring your scooter to school day' for Reception, Y1 and Y2
- Year 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in Laser Tag over the next few weeks.

I really do think this is a fantastic list of additional opportunities for the children in any year, never mind this year. You will also notice that for many of these additional activities there is no charge for parents. Between the school and KLASS, many of these events are being funded. I hope you are as positive as I am about all these additional opportunities and experiences for your children. If you are wondering why certain year groups are doing certain things, please do come and speak to me and I can explain the thinking, reasons, rules logistics and guidance behind the significant planning that has gone into this.

Alexis Conway

Science Spotlight Summer 2021

The last few months have been bursting with scientific learning, exploration and discovery here at Kingslea. It's been wonderful to see the children back with their friends, and to feel the tangible excitement in the classroom as they marvel together at the intricacies of the world around them.

In KS1, the children went out and immersed themselves in the spring surroundings, noticing the signs and features of the season. They picked out changes in the plants, weather, sounds (and more), and contrasted them to other times across the year.

Years 2 and 4 have been considering the lives of living things. David Attenborough, Greta Thunberg and many others have shown us recently that the relationship between humans, animals and the world around us is becoming increasingly significant as well as fractious. It has felt very meaningful, then, to consider human impacts on the environment and endangered animals, as well as food chains, sorting animals and more.

Our Year 3s have been classifying rocks, whilst Year 5 have taken their experiments to the kitchen in order to enhance their understanding of materials. It's been similarly hands-on in Year 6, where the world of electricity and circuits have been lighting up their afternoons.

Quad Kids

It has been great to see the children making use of our extensive field, being extremely active and taking part in Quadkids. Quadkids is an athletic competition which consists of 4 events – a sprint, a long distance run, a standing long jump and a mini-vortex throw. Each child, although competing alongside their classmates, has been scored independently.



For KS2, Horsham Sport Services have been running the event during the children's PE lessons and have commented on the great attitude and athleticism of the children. All classes will have completed their session by the end of June if they have not already had their turn



Year 1 & 2 had their contest hosted by the Year 6 PE monitors as will Reception's be in a few weeks' time. All the competing children enjoyed the activities and tried their very best. These events have run smoothly and been a success due to the patience, kindness and leadership that the Y6 PE monitors show.

A great effort by all at TeamKingslea.

Music Auditions for Klass's Summer Event (now postponed to Autumn)

Is your child a budding musician or singer? Are they looking for the chance to perform in front of the encouraging school community? Due to the delayed easing of restrictions, KLASS have postponed their exciting Summer Event to the early Autumn. Nevertheless, we'd like to start gathering some potential musical performances. We will be holding some informal auditions for the delayed summer event this term to ensure performers are in place for September. If your child would like to perform at the event in the Autumn, either as an individual or as a group, please fill in [this form](#) and they will be called around lunchtime on Friday 16th July for a brief audition of their musical piece or song in the small hall. Please speak to Mrs Payne on the gate if you have any questions about this.

Covid

As a school we still have numerous measures in place to limit the impact of COVID-19 including year groups remaining in bubbles, both in classrooms and at playtimes, classrooms being ventilated through windows and doors being left open, air monitors in place and staggered starts at the beginning and end of the school day. KS2 children are also eating outside now when possible.

However we are all aware of the rise in cases nationally.

Please remember that if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they need stay at home to self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. The 'at home' Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) are for asymptomatic people only. Your household needs to isolate too. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

You also need to inform the school office immediately .

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over.)

Notes from the School Office

Hayfever

We are aware that many of our Kingslea pupils suffer with hayfever, and as the pollen levels have been very high recently there have been a lot of itchy eyes and sneezing around the school.

If your child is susceptible to hayfever, please administer preventative medication before they come to school each day. (Priteze is a longer lasting once-a-day remedy than Piriton and there are some good natural remedies available to children).

We are unable to administer any non-prescribed hayfever medication at school, however parents are welcome to come in during lunchtime to give top up doses if required.



Housepoints

Summer 2021

17/06/2021



Summer Term 2021		
Monday 21st June	6W Quad Kids	
Tuesday 22nd June	Reception Day of Art 2C Scooter Day	Y4 Quad Kids
Wednesday 23rd June	Y1 Day of Art RH Scooter Day	5M Quad Kids Y3 Lego Man
Thursday 24th June	Y6 Holmbush Activity Day	1F Scooter Day
Friday 25th June	INSET Day New Intake Visits	
Monday 28th June	6N Quad Kids	
Tuesday 29th June	Y6 trip to West Wittering Beach	2B Scooter Day
Wednesday 30th June	Y4 Day of Art	RS Scooter Day
Thursday 1st July	1S Scooter Day	2.30pm Y2 Earth Cafe
Friday 2nd July	Y3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm	Reception Quad Kids
Monday 5th July	2.00pm Y5 Swimming @ Pavilions	
Tuesday 6th July	Y6 Day of Art	
Wednesday 7th July	Transition Afternoon (YR-Y5)	
Thursday 8th July	Y6 Southwater	Y3 Day of Art
Friday 9th July	Y6 Southwater	Y2 Lego Man
Monday 12th July	Y6 Bikeability (all week)	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13th July	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 14th July	Y5 Southwater	
Thursday 15th July	Y5 Southwater 1.30pm Governors Curriculum	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 16th July	Surprise event on the field after school	
Monday 19th July	Sports Day—Reception, Years 1&2	
Tuesday 20th July	Sports Day—Years 3&4	7.00pm Y6 Performance to Parents
Wednesday 21st July	Sports Day—Year 5&6	7.00pm Y6 Leavers Party
Thursday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	
Friday 23rd July	Last Day of Term	

2021-2022 Term Dates			
Autumn Term 2021			
First Day	Monday 6th September 2021	Last Day	Friday 17th December 2021
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	INSET Days	Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3rd September Friday 22nd October 2021

Spring Term 2022			
First Day	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Last Day	Friday 8 th April 2022
Half Term	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 4th January 2022

Summer Term 2022			
First Day	Monday 25 th April 2022	Last Day	Friday 22 nd July 2022
Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3rd June	INSET Days	Friday 24 th June 2022