

# Newsletter

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the academic year. And what another great year it has been! I am immensely proud of the achievements of every child and every member of staff. The school continues to grow and develop in so many ways, through our curriculum, our academic achievements and our continued popularity in Horsham. Do have a look at our Twitter page, [@KingsleaPrimary](https://twitter.com/KingsleaPrimary), or on the front page of our website for a taste of what has been going on, including some fantastic computer-aided designs of lighthouses from Year 6, and first aid training from Year 3.

I would like to thank the teachers and support staff for their unwavering commitment to Kingslea and its pupils. So much goes on behind the scenes that many parents are unaware of, be it planning, marking, working with other agencies, training, safeguarding or leading a subject. The staff at Kingslea give a lot of themselves to their roles to ensure that we can provide the very best education possible, and I will continue to support them to do the job to the highest standards.

Overleaf, you can see our end of year academic results for Y6 SATs. They are very, very impressive. Later in the Autumn Term, the government will release the data that shows how much progress the year group have made. I am very confident that the progress the children have made will be in at least the top 5% nationally.

These results are a product of a number of things:

- Consistently high-quality teaching year-on-year
- A significant number of excellent support staff who work alongside teachers and children
- A huge amount of discretionary effort from all staff
- A wide and varied curriculum that interests and inspires children
- A wealth of additional opportunities including clubs, trips and visitors
- Your support for us as a school, and for your child



It is also about expectations. It's about expectations: of ourselves, our children and our community. It's also about your expectations of us as a school - something I'd like to unpick more next year.

And finally I would like to thank you, our parents, for all your support this year. We all know education is a joint enterprise and a partnership. You help make Kingslea the school it is, and we value the support you give to the teachers and the school as a whole. We do realise that industrial action has been inconvenient and costly for many of you. We will know in the next few weeks if the government's latest partially-funded, below-inflation pay offer will be accepted by teachers. However, there really does need to be a long-term plan for education, particularly around the recruitment and retention of teachers for schools, as more people are leaving the profession than joining.

Please have a look at next term's dates. There is a year group meeting on Monday 11th September at 2.30pm. The PowerPoint from the meeting will be sent to all parents.

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday.

Alexis Conway and all the staff of Kingslea



## Support Staff—Teaching Assistants

In the last newsletter we shared Class Teachers for September, the table below shows the Teaching Assistants (TAs) for next term. Our TAs are a hugely valued and valuable resource at Kingslea. They support both the teachers and the children, academically and emotionally and, without them, the curriculum and life at Kingslea wouldn't be as rich as it is. A slash (/) indicates a job share.

RM	Miss Cairns Mrs Rothwell
RH	Mrs Hawkins Mrs Rothwell
1C	Mrs Fallows
1N	Mrs Booker
2A	Mrs Crooks
2B	Mrs Joyner Ms Makarova
3S	Miss Beaven Ms Gundian-Silva / Mrs Trousdale
3C	Mrs Power/Miss Vine Mrs Khrashchevych
4B	Mrs Kayyala
4U	Mrs Bassett /Mrs Harris Mr Mothee/Miss Vine
5H	Mrs West
5W	Mr Webb
6W	Mrs Longdon
6C	Mrs Aiken



## Support staff—Non-Class Based

This table shows members of staff who work across the school supporting teachers and children in specialist areas such as special educational needs, emotional well-being, physical education and sport, mathematics, and outdoor learning. As a school, we are relatively free to develop our own staffing structure and develop roles that we feel have the greatest positive impact on the children and in our context, within our allocated budget. I don't know of many other schools that have their own sports coach, family support worker and outdoor education teacher.

Inclusion Team Leader	Mrs Barrett
Family Link Worker	Mrs Russell
Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Y1-3 TA Lead	Mrs Rothwell
Inclusion Assistant / Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Y4-6 TA Lead	Mrs Howard
Midday Supervisor Lead	Mrs Booker
Sports Coach	Mr Mothee
Upper KS2 Maths Teacher	Mrs Blackwell
Learning Mentors	Mrs Barrett, Mr Mothee, Mrs Russell
Outdoor Education	Mr Borley

## International Day

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for International Day, which we will be celebrating on Friday 20th October. Countries signed up so far include England, Scotland, Republic of Ireland, Pakistan, Germany, Australia, Bulgaria, Sweden, Finland, France, India, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Hungary and Romania. We are aiming to make the day fun, educational and informative, allowing our children to find out more about the world as well as for Kingslea families to share their own heritage. We are holding a volunteers meeting in September. If you would like to sign up, please do so here: [International Day](#)



## Y5 at Southwater Country Park



Y5 have just spent three days at Southwater Country Park taking part in a variety of watersports and team-building activities. Activities included kayaking, paddle boarding and raft building. Next year, Y5 will be going in September as we believe the team-building aspect has huge benefits back at school in the classroom.



### Academic Achievement for 2022/2023

We are, again, very proud of our academic results this year:

- Our end-of-Reception results show that pupils have made above expected progress from their starting points last September.
- Our Y1 phonics test results are above the national average.
- Our Y2 test results show that the year group have achieved well compared to national averages.
- In the subjects that are tested in Y6, and can be compared across schools, results are significantly above the 2023 national average for Maths, Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This year's results will, again, put us as one of the highest-achieving schools in West Sussex, and our progress in maths and reading should be in at least the top 5% in England, if not the top 1 or 2%.

% of children reaching the 'expected standard'.	2023 Kingslea Results	Comparison to national (2018)	2023 National Results
<b>Combined Reading, Writing &amp; Maths</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>+16%</b>	59%
<b>Reading</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>+14%</b>	73%
<b>Writing (Teacher Assessment)</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>+6%</b>	71%
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>+13%</b>	72%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>+17%</b>	73%

We continue to ensure we are a fully inclusive school, including investing time and effort into ensuring all our pupils, including the more able pupils, make above expected progress. The table below shows the percentage of children attaining the 'higher standard' in the 2023 Y6 SATs. As you can see in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling, a far higher percentage of children have reached the higher standard than the national percentage. The 2023 national results will be released in the autumn term.

Writing isn't a test: schools submit their own results with around 25% of schools moderated. We believe our results show integrity and accuracy in our judgments.

% of children reaching the 'higher standard'.	2023 Kingslea Results	Comparison to national (2022)	2022 National Results
<b>Reading</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>+23%</b>	28%
<b>Writing (Teacher Assessment)</b>	<b>13%</b>	-	13%
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>+15%</b>	28%
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>+11%</b>	23%



### Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 31st August	12noon-1.30pm New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic
Friday 1st September	INSET Day
Monday 4th September	First Day of Term for Y1-6 Reception Home Visits AM/PM
Tuesday 5th September	Reception Home Visits AM/PM 6.00pm Full Governing Body
Wednesday 6th September	Reception Home Visits AM/PM
Thursday 7th September	Reception Home Visits AM/PM Y6 WWII Workshop Day
Monday 11th September	2.30pm Year Group Curriculum Meetings for Parents
Tuesday 12th September	Class 3S First Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 13th September	6.15pm International Day Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday 20th September	Y5 to Southwater Watersports (2 days)
Thursday 21st September	Y5 to Southwater Watersports (2 Days)
Friday 22nd September	2.00pm Reception Parents Meeting
Tuesday 26th September	pm Y6 Maths Competition
Wednesday 27th September	pm Y5 Maths Competition
Thursday 5th October	Individual & Sibling Photos
Friday 6th October	Y2 Horsham Museum Workshop
Wednesday 11th October	1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Tuesday 17th October	3.40pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th October	3.40pm Parents' Evening
Friday 20th October	International Day
<b>HALF TERM—MONDAY 23RD—FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER</b>	
Thursday 2nd November	Y5 Horsham Victorian Houses Walk
Monday 6th November	Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop
Wednesday 8th November	Governors Morning
Monday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations—All Year Groups
Tuesday 14th November	Y5 Greek Workshop Day
Thursday 16th November	9.15am Governors Resources
Thursday 28th November	3S Last Swim Before Christmas
Wednesday 6th December	9.30am Y1 Christmas Production 2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 7th December	9.30am Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm Y1 Christmas Production
Friday 8th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm Y2 Christmas Production
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term

### Notes from the School Office

#### **Medications**

- All medications, inhalers will be sent home with your child on the last day of term.
- Please check expiry dates, replace where necessary and return them to your child's new class on the first day in September