

Newsletter

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come toward the end of the term, I thought I would go through a few dates for the final two weeks.

Monday 10th December

The Christmas Bazaar will take place all day in the Small Hall, each class will take their turn in visiting the stalls. Please ensure children bring in a **maximum** of £5.00 in small change in a named purse or envelope.

Tuesday 11th December

Reception will be performing a dress rehearsal of their Christmas production to children from Horsham Nursery, Y1 and Y2 and siblings.

Wednesday 12th December

Christmas Dress Up Day—wear something 'Christmassy' to school, your best Christmas jumper, antlers, tinsel in your hair! If you don't wish to join in, just wear normal uniform on this day. We will be having our Christmas lunch on this day.

Thursday 13th December

Years 1&2 will be performing their dress rehearsal to the rest of the school in the afternoon.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances are on Friday 14th, Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th December. We will be opening the doors for the morning performances just after 9.00am and in the afternoon, just after 1.40pm, once we have tidied away from lunchtime. KLASS will be on hand serving a variety of refreshments. Following each performance there will be a collection for the School Fund.

Tuesday 18th December

The Choir will be performing 'One Night in Bethlehem' at our Candlelit Concert at 7.00pm. All Kingslea families are welcome to join us whether or not your child is in the Choir.

Wednesday 19th December

Drama Club will be performing 'Christmas 1914' for parents at 7.00pm.

Thursday 20th December

We will be holding our awards ceremony in the morning and in the afternoon we will be coming together as a whole school for a special 'assembly' (oh no we won't!!)

Spring Term—Thursday 3rd January

Children return to school We look forward to seeing many of you at the end of term events. **Alexis Conway**



Star of the Week assembly

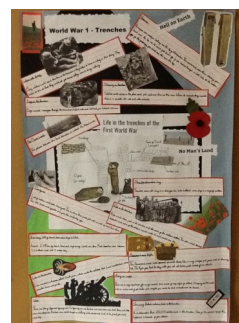
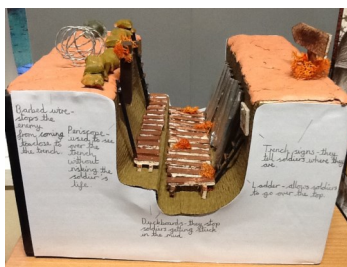
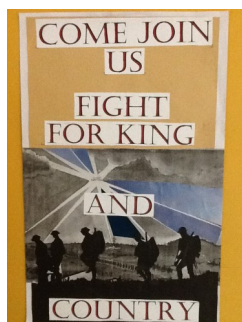
On a Friday our morning assembly is called 'Star of the Week'. One child in each class is chosen, by their class teacher, for doing something 'above and beyond'. This could be working hard, recent examples include 'working hard to improve handwriting' and 'wonderful focus and desire to tackle new challenges'. Other times it is about relationships, for example, 'always showing kindness to all the other children in the class' and 'helping another child who was finding their work difficult'. We also have two lunchtime 'Star of the Week' awards. One for Key Stage 1 and one for Key stage 2. These are given out to children who play well with others, who help tidy up equipment at the end of lunchtime and who ensure everyone is included in their games. You can imagine that every week there are some very difficult decisions to be made as so many children are deserving of the Star of the Week award. In the assembly the chosen children come up to the front of the hall, we talk about their award and then they are given the option of 1,2 or 3 spins on Mr Conway's or Mrs Payne's office chair. If the children want a spin they say 1,2 or 3 in the language of the week. Languages this term have included Greek, Spanish, Tagalog, Mandarin, Malayalam, Romanian, Italian, Swedish, Turkish and French; all languages spoken by children in our school. We then take a photo and put it on our Twitter account. A lovely way to start a Friday.



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher. Dinosaurs and Christmas, what more could you need? Let's add Santa and an evil creature called The Hunter. A lovely story!</p> 	<p>Snowglobe by Amy Wilson. Dreamy Clementine discovers a beautiful house in the middle of a town that didn't exist before! Magic and suspense in a snowy wonder.</p> 	<p>The Way Past Winter by Kiran Millwood Hargrave is a beautiful tale of goodbyes, friendships and love set in a snowy cabin in the woods this is a frozen tale of suspense.</p> 	<p>The Eye of the North by Sinead O'Hart is an adventure story about a young girl's adventures in icy north. She sets out her recently lost parents in this wonderful tale!</p> 
<p>Santa's High Tech Christmas by Mike Dumbleton. Santa is struggling with new technology and he needs help, fast! Luckily a little girl is willing to lend a hand and help save Christmas.</p> 	<p>A Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig. Fancy looking for some elves? If so join Nicholas and his Father as they journey North to find their proof that exist and claim their reward.</p> 	<p>The House With Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson. Marinka wishes she had a house that didn't spring legs like a chicken and suddenly run somewhere else. Sadly, her Grandmother is a spirit guide!</p> 	<p>The Clockwork Crow by Catherine Fisher. Snow, stars and a gothic Victorian Christmas, this would make a perfect present! Set in a snowy Welsh mansion! It's Christmas perfection.</p> 

Year 6 Home Learning

We just wanted to share with you some of the wonderful home learning from Y6. The children were set the task of presenting their information about what trenches were like in WW1 and to design a propaganda poster.



Wellbeing for All

At Kingslea we strive to create an environment where children and staff feel safe, have a sense of belonging, believe in their talents and want to achieve. We as a community promote positive well-being for children in many ways, the biggest influence being the adults who model it. The way in which staff, parents and children communicate plays an important role in developing the skills needed to reach a good level of self-actualisation.

Meet and greet mornings, time to talk, alternative playgrounds, quiet spaces, mentors, experiences and social events are all part of creating an environment where children feel valued. Building an atmosphere where children feel safe, heard and understood must come from a community who also feel those things. Staff are encouraged to share best practice, voice concerns and are trusted in their abilities as professionals.

Well-being for all can be achieved through kindness, empathy, trust and consistency. We hope all our children's needs are being met and will continue to make every effort to promote positive well-being and mental health.

If you would like any further information about 'wellbeing for all' please contact Mrs Barrett via the office.

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, 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.

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



Kindness

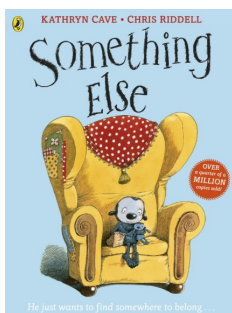
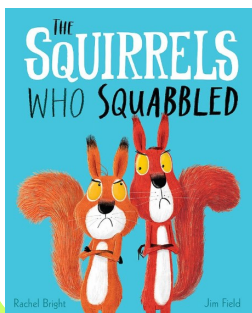
One of the things that we talk about a lot at school is kindness—the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. It is a word that we feel that is easily understood by children, and adults, and can be applied to so many daily acts. By being kind to each other we hope that acts of kindness multiply and spread. In assembly and in lessons

we often use picture books as a stimulus for talking about relationships with others and kindness. Some of our favourite books can be seen to the left.

This year our Kindness video has been made by Miss Finley and some children from KS1.

You can find it here

<https://www.kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/kindness.html>



Book Amnesty

We do love reading and as we always say, it is important that the children read every night. Those that do tend to do better at school than those who don't. We spend thousands of pounds on books every year. If you have any of our books at home that need returning please do so and/or if you have any books at home that your child/ren has outgrown and you think would be enjoyed by children in our school please do bring them in to the office and we will put them in class libraries.

Christmas Post Boxes

Our Christmas post boxes are now out around the school. If children want to post a Christmas card to someone else in the school then they can bring them into school, post them at breaktime or lunchtime and their cards will be delivered for them. Please ensure that on the envelope it says the name of the child (first name is fine) and class of the recipient.



Staffing

Mrs Jagota (sports coach) will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has accepted a job working for Horsham DC with the sports development team. Mrs Jagota has been instrumental in setting up the current sporting provision we have at Kingslea. We also say goodbye to Mrs Butterworth, our Bursar, who will be leading the finance team for West Sussex Music Service based at Collyers. She has done a fantastic job bringing in new systems and ensuring we get maximum value from our funding in these challenging times.

Goodbye

Notes from the School Office

- **KS2 children**—if you would like to book a hot lunch for the last day of term (20th December) for your child in Years 3-6, the only way to do it is through the school. Payments **must be received by midnight on Thursday 6th December** to be included in the school order.
- **Lost Property** — We have over 420 children at school all wearing the same (or very similar) uniform. **Please, please label all items clearly.** A name on a label written a biro will fade or wash off. **Named items will be returned to their owners. Uniform is not cheap, please help us to help you. Any items of lost property remaining unclaimed after 18th December will be disposed of.**

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th December	Y3 Mayan Day	pm Y5 Greek Workshop
Wednesday 5th December	6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting	
Friday 7th December	7.00am Spring Term Club Bookings Open pm 5K to recording studio	Y2 Dinosaur Day 4.00pm Hockey @ Tanbridge
Monday 10th December	Christmas Bazaar — Non Uniform Day	
Tuesday 11th December	Last Sama Karate of the term	4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Tythe Barn
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Dress Up Day	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14th December	am Y1/2 Christmas Performance	pm Reception Christmas Performance
Monday 17th December	pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance	
Tuesday 18th December	am Reception Christmas Performance 7.00pm Choir Candlelit service	pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 19th December	7.00pm Drama Club production	
Thursday 20th December	Last day of term	

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January	Back to school	
Tuesday 8th January	3S Swimming	First Sama Karate of term
Monday 14th January	First week of clubs	
Wednesday 16th January	4.00pm Netball at Collyers	
Thursday 31st January	Y5 Boys Tag Rugby @ Forest	Choir to O2 for Young Voices
Friday 1st February	Y3 to Wakehurst Place	5.00pm Y5&6 Table Tennis @ Collyers
Thursday 7th February	am Y3&4 Sports Hall Athletics @ Forest	
Friday 8th February	5.00pm Y5&6 Table Tennis @ Collyers	
Tuesday 12th February	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 13th February	Parents' Evening	
Friday 15th February	INSET Day	

18th-22nd February Half Term

Tuesday 26th February	Y4 Viking Workshop	pm 3L First swimming lesson
Friday 1st March	Y2 Space Day	
Friday 4th March	Y1 Rainbow Theatre Visit	
Wednesday 6th March	4.00pm Netball @ Collyers	

Spring Term 2019

First Day Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Last Day – Friday 5 th April 2019
Half Term – 18 th February – 22 nd February 2019	INSET Day - Friday 15 th February 2019

Summer Term 2019

First Day - Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Last Day – Friday 19 th July 2019
Half Term – Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2019	INSET Day - Friday 21 st June 2019

