



Newsletter

Monday 22nd May 2023

Dear Parents,

Post Covid we have seen a significant increase in the number of parents asking the school for help and advice for home-related issues with their child/ren, including challenging behaviour, difficulty sleeping, or general anxiety. Many of these issues are typical, normal behaviours where children challenge their parents and go through 'difficult' patches. I'm sure most of you can remember causing an issue or two for your own parents.

At Kingslea we are committed to providing the most effective support for all our pupils and place great importance on school and parents working together productively in order to achieve this. In school, children often seek out the adults 'who say what they mean and mean what they say.' Children thrive when the boundaries and expectations are clear and consistent. This not only gives children a sense of belonging but makes them feel safe. Our role in keeping them safe means we are nurturing, we are curious and we are reliable.

For several years, we have run our Family Links programme which enables parents and school to share experiences and strategies to best support children. A common theme throughout the programme is boundaries: setting clear boundaries and children pushing those boundaries. As adults, we often hold children to a higher standard of emotional literacy than we do ourselves. Children need to feel heard, understood and safe. The ever-changing societal pressures on children means this modern world is quite difficult to navigate. How can we make sure our children are hearing the same messages from all the key adults in their life?

Consistency is key. It takes time and effort to embed new strategies/routines at home and school that can support positive changes in behaviour. We need to give children clear expectations, set realistic goals, allow them to achieve, give specific positive praise and logical consequences to adverse behaviours.

Our Top 5 School Strategies for Home

1. Routines and boundaries. Children knowing the end game, what is happening and when helps them feel safe and secure in daily life.
2. Clear expectations that are consistently revisited and explained.
3. Hearing the same messages from all adults who care for them: parents/carers working together, whether in the same household or not.
4. Avoid projecting adult anxieties on children: do not overshare with children things that are out of their control (for example finances, relationship breakdowns).
5. ASK FOR HELP. (Parenting is hard, it takes a village)!

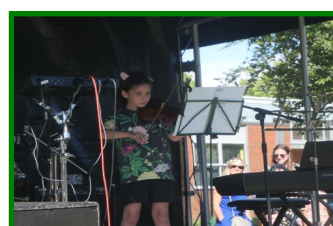
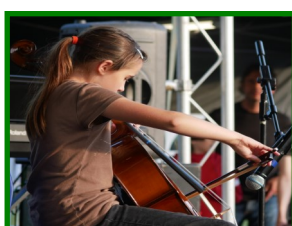
All staff are here to help but the three members of our inclusion team, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Russell and Mrs Howard have a particular expertise and focus in helping parents navigate the world of parenting. They are here to help, offer advice and signpost where appropriate. Please do contact them via office@kingslea.org.uk or speak to them on the gate. Please also look out for our Family Links sign-up that will be starting in the Autumn Term.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

Music Auditions for Kingslea Fest

Is your child a budding musician or singer? Are they looking for the chance to perform in front of the encouraging school community? Nevertheless, we'd like to start gathering some potential musical performances for Kingslea Fest on Saturday 17th June. We will be holding some informal auditions for the event to ensure performers are in place to perform at the event. If your child would like to perform at the event, either as an individual or as a group, please fill in this form and they will be called one lunchtime for a brief audition of their musical piece or song in the small hall. Please speak to Mrs Payne on the gate or contact the office if you have any questions about this. **Please fill the below form by Mon 5th June.**

Kingslea Fest Auditions



Sports Update

The summer term is always a very busy time for sport and as a school we enjoy being able to use our wonderful grounds – we just need the rain to stay away! Recently, we have had children represent the school in a variety of sports including basketball, football and netball. All the children who took part worked hard and enjoyed the experience, many of them wearing Kingslea kit for the first time! We were also pleased to host the Alternative Sports Festival on Wednesday 17th May. The children who took part had a great time experiencing a range of unusual sports and activities like fencing and frisbee golf.

Clubs are now in full swing, with the children preparing for a wide range of future competitions including rounders, cricket, stoolball, District Sports, Quadkids and Country Dancing. We are delighted that children from across the whole school will get to represent Kingslea this term.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Sport's Day, which is earlier than usual (Tuesday 27th June). During this week (w/b 26/6/23) there will be the opportunity for families to come and exercise together before the school day starts, in a variety of activities which will be suitable for all. More details to follow closer to the time. We hope to see as many of you as possible!

Days Of Art

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to the day of art. If you haven't yet, please click on the link below. Exact times will be sent out nearer the time but most will start around 2.00pm.

Year group	Date
Reception	Friday 9th June
Year 1	Thursday 25th May
Year 2	Thursday 6th July
Year 3	Monday 3rd July
Year 4	Friday 7th July
Year 5	Tuesday 20th June
Year 6	Thursday 8 th June

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 Barrett, Mrs Howard and 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.

Visit to Arundel Castle

On Thursday 11th May 2023, Year 1 visited the very impressive Arundel Castle located in this picturesque part of West Sussex. Luck was on our side as the rain stayed away as the children and staff took in the features such as: the dry moat, arrow slits, battlements and even the oubliette (dungeon). The staff at Arundel were so impressed with our prior knowledge of castles and mentioned that the children were very inquisitive with the wide range of questions that the 'Penguins' and 'Puffins' were asking! Year 1 cannot wait to draw upon their immersive experience to enhance their learning of castles later this term!



Transition

Over the course of this term we start putting in place our transition plans for children moving up to the next year group. For Year 6, this has already started, including Kingslea teachers meeting with teachers from secondary schools and preparing them for moving up to a bigger setting. Whilst Reception to Year 5 have a while longer to find out their new class teacher, the transition process starts way before then. For Reception to Y5, this will include visiting their new classroom (Reception have already done this!) and spending half a day with their new teacher on the 5th July. For many children, it's quite a relaxed affair, but others can find it a challenge so there are more personalised, individualised transition plans for some children. Teachers will also be spending time watching their new class being taught by their current teacher. We also run transition meetings between the current and new class teacher as well as discuss curriculum coverage. The children's final unit of writing is completed in a new book which goes up to their new year group and class teacher with them. This allows the new class teacher to see their standard of work.

New Reception children

This week we had the first visits of our new Reception children. It's been lovely to see so many siblings joining us and also to welcome our new families. We had around 90 applications for 60 places this year, so there is quite a waiting list but changes do happen and places are freed up so please be patient if you are awaiting a place.

Notes from the School Office

Club Participation

- *If for any reason your child is unable to attend their club—please ensure you as a parent have informed the school office. If a child does not arrive at their club when they are expected we will contact parents as part of our safeguarding responsibilities.*
- *Repeated non attendance may lead to the child being removed from the club*

Summer Term 2023	
Monday 22nd May	Y6 to Swanage (return Friday 26th May)
Wednesday 24th May	Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop 1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Thursday 25th May	9.15am Governors Resources
HALF TERM—MONDAY 27TH MAY—FRIDAY 31ST MAY	
Tuesday 6th June	Y5 Children's Parade Making Day 12.45pm Family Links First Session (YR) 3.45pm & 6.30pm New Intake Parents' Meetings
Wednesday 7th June	Y5&6 Stoolball @ Horsham CC
Thursday 8th June	Y3&4 Cricket @ Horsham CC Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles visiting 2.00pm Year 6 Day of Art
Friday 9th June	Y2 trip to Drusillas 6.00pm Y4 Camping Night
Tuesday 13th June	Horsham Schools Country Dancing Festival @ Shelley Primary School
Wednesday 14th June	Y5&6 Rounders @ Millais
Thursday 15th June	Y5&6 Cricket @ Southwater CC
Friday 16th June	Y4 Maidstone Museum Trip
Saturday 17th June	KingsleaFest
Tuesday 20th June	2.00pm Y5 Day of Art
Thursday 22nd June	Y5&6 Girls Cricket @ Billingshurst CC
Friday 23rd June	INSET Day
Tuesday 27th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 28th June	Y3 to Butser Ancient Farm
Friday 30th June	am Y3&4 A Team District Sports pm Y5&6 A Team District Sports
Sunday 9th July	Horsham Children's Parade (Y5)
Tuesday 18th July	9.15am Governors Outcomes mtg 6.00pm Y6 Production
Wednesday 19th July	Mr Conway's Surprise 6.00pm Y6 Leaver's Party
Friday 21st July	Last Day of Term

Term Dates 2022-23

Summer Term 2023			
First Day	Monday 17 th April 2023	Last Day	Friday 21 st July 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	INSET Days	Friday 23 rd June 2023

Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023			
First Day	Monday 4 th September 2023	Last Day	Friday 15 th December 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	INSET Days	Friday 1 st September 2023

Spring Term 2024			
First Day	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Last Day	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024

Summer Term 2024			
First Day	Monday 15 th April 2024	Last Day	Friday 19 th July 2024
Half Term	Monday 27 th May-Friday 31 st May	INSET Days	Friday 21 st June 2024 Monday 22 nd July 2024 Tuesday 23 rd July 2024