



Newsletter

Monday 23rd May 2022

Dear Parents,

I just wanted to start the newsletter off with thanking all of you for the support that you have given to your children and to the school so far this term; it makes such a huge difference to the feeling, the achievements and the success of every individual child and the school as a whole. It is by working together that we achieve what we do. The types of support I'm thinking of include: ensuring children are at school on time, making sure they have completed their homework and have read at home, encouraging resilience in your children—be it in the classroom or socialising with friends, taking them to out of school activities and your understanding that education is a partnership between home and school.

When I first started at Kingslea seven years ago I held parent forum meetings, a chance for parents to come along and have an informal group chat with myself about what was happening at school, thoughts for the future and to listen to ideas from parents. There was significant change within the school at the time and I found them informative, enjoyable and constructive. Over time attendance dwindled but I'd like to restart them. Since Covid we've seen an increased interest from parents in school and school life and I'd like to tap into that in an informal way. In one of the last meetings we had we discussed how the curriculum is developed, whether there was a benefit in having an additional parents evenings in the summer term (which we now have) and how schools are funded. The sessions are designed to give you a background into decisions that are made. The meetings would happen once a term, alternating between during the school day and the evening. Please look out for future dates.

One of the highlights of last year had to be Kingslea Fest. We are once again looking for children who would like to perform in front of our wonderful school community. We will be holding some informal auditions the week after half-term. If your child would like to perform at the event on Saturday 2nd July, either as an individual or as a group, please fill in [this form](#) and Miss Nicholls will contact them. They will be called one lunchtime for a brief audition of their musical piece or song in the small hall. Please contact Miss Nicholls if you have any questions.



Yours sincerely, Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

Start / End of the school day

On a number of occasions we have found Y1 and Y2 children in the playground alone before the start of the school day. For their safety do not leave your child alone in the playground and ensure you escort them to the classroom door.

At the end of the school day some of you stay in the playground for a chat, which is absolutely fine but please ensure you keep an eye on your children, including those playing football on the MUGA. Please ensure that children are not going in the woods, that they are supervised by yourselves and after-school clubs are not disturbed.

Message from our family link worker Nicola Russell

I have had a great introduction to life at Kingslea, everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. Over the last few weeks I have been in classrooms getting to know the children and staff as well as supporting lessons. I have definitely learnt something new each day particularly in Year 5&6 maths lessons! I have also spent time doing nurture groups with children and meeting parents, which has been lovely. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks

Below is a link to a free course that West Sussex Mind are providing for parents which you may find useful.

[West Sussex Mind | Understanding Young People's Mental Health](#)



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As a parent, we often find ourselves ill-equipped when it comes to dealing with, or even being aware of, our child's or young person's mental wellbeing, but help is at hand.

www.westsussexmind.org



Day Of Art

Thank you to all of you who have signed up. If you haven't signed up and would like to attend please complete this form.

Year Group	Date	Theme
Reception	Monday 4 th July	Summer Themed Art Activities
Year 1	Tuesday 14 th June	Junk Modelling Castles
Year 2	Thursday 23 rd June	Decorating Globe Structures
Year 3	Monday 27 th June	3D Models of Roman Buildings
Year 4	Friday 17 th June	Ancient Egyptians
Year 5	Wednesday 22 nd June	Sewing Mola Tapestries & Batik
Year 6	Thursday 9 th June	Gill Williams Day

Sports Update from Mr Mothee

This term our children have continued with their positive energy and enthusiasm in PE. They have all worked very hard in lessons, helping peers, showing great sportsmanship and encouragement throughout. One thing that makes us proud at school is that the children are becoming more independent in lessons by setting up equipment and progressing through different activities when they feel ready and want a higher level of challenge. They have showed a real togetherness and support to their peers.

We hosted the Horsham basketball tournament this term on the KS2 playground, showing off some of the great skills developed at the club. We had four teams in the tournament and they all played brilliantly, scoring some really good team baskets and playing some great defence. Our A team finished 2nd place.

We have lots of sports to look forward to in the final part of summer term including cricket, rounders, stoolball and athletics.



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 Miss Nicholls. 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.

House Captain Visits

As part of our work across Horsham and also to give our children leadership and responsibility roles, our House Captains have been visiting other schools. Previously we have visited Arunside and more recently four of our House Captains visited Heron Way. We have also hosted House Captains from both schools. Our House Captains interviewed the head teacher and children in the school, as well as visiting lessons, touring the school and getting a feel for the environment. They looked at similarities and differences between the schools and fed back to Mr Conway on new ideas for Kingslea. Next term some of our teachers will be visiting each of the schools.



Hot Weather (we are being optimistic!)

During the warm weather please ensure you have applied sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school, you may then send the clearly named bottle to school **for them** to re-apply at lunchtime. Teachers will remind children to reapply sunscreen, although they are not able to apply it for them. Please also ensure all children bring a hat and refillable water bottle each day.

If your child suffers from hayfever, please ensure they take medication before school each day. We are unable to administer hayfever medication in school unless it is prescribed. We recommend a dose of Piriteze (or equivalent) each morning.

Parents Football Team

Did you know that Kingslea has an adult's football team, who are on the lookout for new recruits? Playing 7 a side on a Friday evening at Horsham's Camping World Stadium 8.00 – 9.00pm, with occasional 11 a side games against Horsham Veterans. The team are looking to increase their numbers, and would welcome anybody who may be interested in joining. There is no minimum standard, with enjoyment being placed over ability! For further information, please contact Kevin on 07468 264750 or Gareth on 07977 236169



Cost of Living

We are aware of the financial pressures on families have increased significantly recently and pressures will remain for sometime. We do think carefully about events that we put on and the contributions that we ask parents for. If you are struggling to pay for a school event please contact the school office or email : trips@kingslea.org.uk

Notes from the School Office

Can we just remind parents that all children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free hot school lunch—parents of these children should not be ordering from Chartwells or paying for meals. The school order meals for these children already.

We do ask that KS1 children either opt in or out of hot lunches however, it is not possible to pick & choose which days they have a hot lunch—this would create an unacceptable amount of food waste as we are unable to adapt our ordering on this basis.

Summer Term 2022	
Monday 23rd May	Y6 Swanage Trip (return Friday 27th) pm Y5 Music Festival Rehearsal & Performance @ The Hawth
Thursday 26th May	Y2 World Bee Day
Friday 27th May	Y3 Bronze/Iron Age Workshop pm Y6 Return from Swanage
HALF TERM : MONDAY 30th MAY—FRIDAY 3rd JUNE	
Tuesday 7th June	3.45pm & 7.00pm New Intake Parents' Meeting
Thursday 9th June	Y2 Drusillas Trip pm Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles Visit Y6 Day of Art
Friday 10th June	Y4 Camping Night 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Tuesday 14th June	Y1 Day of Art
Wednesday 15th June	am Y5&6 Rounders @ Millais am Y4&5 Cricket @ Southwater CC
Friday 17th June	Y4 Day of Art 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 22nd June	Y5 Day of Art
Thursday 23rd June	Y2 Day of Art 6.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 24th June	INSET DAY 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge
Monday 27th June	Y3 Day of Art
Tuesday 28th June	4.00pm Country Dancing Festival @ Shelley Primary School
Wednesday 29th June	Y4 Maidstone Museum Visit
Thursday 30th June	Y2 Earth Café Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip
Friday 1st July	am Y3&4 District Sports A @ The Bridge pm Y5&6 District Sports A @ The Bridge
Saturday 2nd July	Kingslea Fest
Sunday 3rd July	Horsham Children's Parade (Y2)
Monday 4th July	YR Day of Art
Wednesday 6th July	Transition Day
Thursday 7th July	Y4 Mosque Visit
Friday 8th July	am Y3&4 District Sports B @ The Bridge pm Y5&6 District Sports B @ The Bridge Mr Conway's Surprise Event
Monday 11th July	Trip to Women's Euro 2022 match @ The Amex
Tuesday 12th July	Cricket Festival @ Kingslea 3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports 3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports
Friday 15th July	Y5 to Southwater Watersports
Tuesday 19th July	Whole School Sports Day (9.00am-12noon)
Thursday 21st July	Last Day of Term

Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022			
First Day	Monday 5 th September 2022	Last Day	Friday 16 th December 2022
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	INSET Days	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September Friday 21 st October 2022
Spring Term 2023			
First Day	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Last Day	Friday 31 st March 2023
Half Term	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
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