

Newsletter

Monday 29th April 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term.

It really is lovely to be back and as always we have a jam-packed term ahead.

It's not just the children who learn at Kingslea but all of us, adults included, see ourselves as learners. You've probably never wondered what teachers do in staff meetings but I thought I'd share some of the ones we have planned for this term. We are starting off with fire safety training and updating our understanding of four key areas of safeguarding. One of the teachers favourite staff meetings is a Teachmeet. At Kingslea all the teachers learn from each other, be it through learning walks, video coaching or a Teachmeet. At a Teachmeet, teachers share and demonstrate techniques/activities based around a theme which they use in their classroom with the rest of the staff. This term's focus is emotional development and wellbeing. Other meetings this term include sports day practice, effective teaching of reading, how to scaffold and model learning for children, updating the curriculum for 2019/20, analysing test and teacher assessment data at individual and cohort level and pupil handover meetings where teachers discuss their 2019/20 class with the current class teacher.

I hope that gives you a sense of just some of the professional development teachers will be up to this term. Mr Conway



Welly Walk

What a fabulous success Welly Walk 2019 was! Over 420 children and staff walked 10 circuits of the school grounds, approximately 5km in total. It was lovely to watch older and younger children walking side by side and siblings walking and chatting together in our wonderful grounds. Thank you to KLASS and all our volunteers for marshalling the event and providing refreshments.

As you are fully aware funding is very difficult and the Welly Walk is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year we raised around £6000, which equates to an average of £15 per child. Please do try and raise as much money as you can and return sponsor forms and all collected money to school by Friday 3rd May. This year we will be using the funds to improve our playground and replace IT equipment across the school.



Kingslea in the community

It has been lovely to see Kingslea children taking part in so many community events. One area that we feel passionately about at Kingslea is that children should feel part of a community: both the Kingslea school community and part of the community of Horsham. Recently, two of our dance clubs danced at The Capitol Theatre, wowing the audience with their four dances, one of which you would have seen as part of the morning flashmob in the KS1 playground during the last week of term. A group of Y6 children are preparing to sing in the Horsham Music Festival, our Y6 pupils took part in Junior citizenship at the Drill Hall and our Y4 children will be one of the lead schools in the first ever Horsham Children's Parade on Sunday 7th July. We are also hoping to work closely with the Friends of Horsham Park at part of one of our learning journeys, perform a joint Kingslea / Theatre 48 production, and for our Eco Committee to work with Horsham District Council to monitor air quality in our locality.



Amazon Wishlist.

Thank you to all of you who bought books for your children and the school from our wishlist. It has been a fabulous success and we have had around 150 books delivered to the school. Books have been arriving everyday since we first sent out the wishlist. If you would like to contribute please click on the link below.



Gardening Club

Spring Term for the Gardening Club was a short one, but even so, we started to plan ahead with the weeding of beds, sowing of seeds, and on rainy days, we painted sun catchers! Summer Term will be an exciting one, as we busily prepare for our entry in Horsham in Bloom. This year's theme is to be The Seaside, and if you happen to have broken wooden deckchairs, old fashioned sun loungers, small parasols, buckets/spades and small fishing nets, please could you let us know, as we can upcycle into unusual planters! Any donation, will be gratefully received! Please drop off by the greenhouses at the back of Y4/5.



E-Safety Meeting

We will be holding three workshops for parents on E- Safety on Thursday 2nd May at 9.00am, 2.15pm and 7.30pm. Sessions will last for 45 to 60 minutes. We would encourage all parents to attend one of these meetings as children are being allowed, often unsupervised, onto the internet and social media at an earlier and earlier age, when they lack the maturity and life experience to deal with issues that arise. Areas we will cover include: children's use of technology, popular websites to be aware of, tips for safe use of technology in the home and parental controls.



Uniform - PE kit

Just a reminder that if children want to wear a top during PE lessons they should be wearing a school hoodie or their school jumper and all tracksuit bottoms should be black. The PE Hoodies are also good to wear when representing the school at sporting events. Hoodies and all other items of uniform are available from Taylor Made Uniforms.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE)

You may have read that the Department of Education is introducing compulsory relationship education in primary schools from September 2020. As I hope you are aware, in line with the vast majority of schools, we already teach sex and relationship education as part of PSHE lessons and have done for many, many years. Our policy can be found here: <https://www.kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/policies.html>

Governance at Kingslea by Maria Anderson, Vice Chair of Governors

I have been a Governor at Kingslea since January 2018, and have recently been elected Vice Chair. I have a son in Year 1, and a younger daughter of pre-school age, so the success of this school is so important to me, as it is for every parent and our wider community.

Kingslea is a happy and inspiring environment. In my role as a Governor, my eyes have been opened to some of the exceptionally hard work that goes into running this successful school.

Each Governor has an area that they focus on and monitor; mine is 'assessment' and the work that goes into this one area is staggering. Each pupil's individuality is embraced wholeheartedly by every member of staff. The children are continually monitored, discussed, and supported. Their progression is not just box ticking. Rather, it's a constant investigation of what makes each child who they are, and strategies which can be put in place to empower their learning.

Recently I have enjoyed discovering more about how spelling is taught, both in my role as Assessment Governor in focused Standards meetings, and as a parent in the reading and spelling workshops. With a continual focus on the importance of reading, spelling and vocabulary, I think this summer term will be made all the more special with our wonderful new outside reading area, and newly donated books by very generous & kind parents, grandparents, staff & friends of the school.

As a Governing body, we have also been learning more about the new Ofsted framework which is being piloted for introduction into schools this year. Their new focus on 'The Curriculum', is fantastic, as we know we have a wide and enriching curriculum in place at Kingslea, that will continue to evolve & strengthen. I love to hear about all of the activities that bring learning to life for the children at our school.

It's incredible how fast a school year can go, and I can't believe my son is already in his final term of Year 1, so I will embrace all the opportunities that the school give me as a parent to be involved in his learning journey. As a Governor, I can continue to support the team at Kingslea, and would be very happy to talk to anybody who may wish to understand more about the role, or who may have any questions.

Dads' Morning

On Friday 17th May we will be holding our annual 'Dads' Morning'. This year's focus will be on emotional wellbeing. We all have a much greater awareness of the importance of mental health and the increasing pressures on young people. The workshop will focus on building and developing your child's self-esteem, followed by a session in class with your child. Please remember for this session 'Dad' is an all encompassing term for dad, step-dad, uncle, brother, grandad or another adult with a caring role. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception 2019 Admissions

We were again heavily oversubscribed for September 2019 for Reception with over 100 applicants for 60 places. Whilst there will be some movement and one or two places being freed up it does mean that, for the second year running, out of catchment non-siblings haven't been offered a place at the initial allocation.

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, Mrs Payne, 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.



Parking

A reminder to everyone to park legally and safely, including not to park across residents' driveways and not to sit in cars with engines running. The school car park is now a much safer place as parents and children do not have to cross over road ways to get to pavements but please ensure that Kingslea road is just as safe.



What's been going on?



Notes from the School Office

Hayfever

With the summer season almost upon us just a reminder that parents of children who suffer from hayfever are asked to administer preventative medication before school each day. School are permitted to administer piriton (with parent's consent) in the case of a serious allergic reaction on a one-off basis. However we are unable to give it for an ongoing condition such as hayfever. Should your child suffer from severe hayfever that would require medication during the school day you would be required to obtain this from your GP on prescription or pop in to school at the start or end of the lunch break to re-administer it..



Summer Term 2019

Thursday 2nd May	9.00am Governors Resources Ctte 6.30pm Y6 Swanage Trip Parents Meeting	9.00am/2.15pm/7.30pm Parent E-Safety Workshop
Friday 3rd May	am Music Festival Rehearsal @ Hawth 7.00pm Music Festival Performance @ Hawth	4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 8th May	6.00pm Governors Curriculum meeting	
Friday 10th May	4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park	
Monday 13th May	Beginning of Y6 SATS week	am Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles
Tuesday 14th May	Bowls Tournament @ Horsham Indoor Bowls Club	
Friday 17th May	Dads' Morning	4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 21st May	Reception to British Wildlife Centre	
Wednesday 22nd May	Horsham Schools Alternate Sports Festival @ Kingslea	
Friday 24th May	International Day	4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park Y4 Camping Night
Half Term Monday 27th—Friday 31st May		
Monday 3rd June	Y6 to Swanage	
Tuesday 4th June	pm Family Links introductory session	
Friday 7th June	Y3 to Bignor Roman Villa Y5 Rounders @ Millais	4.00pm Tennis @ Horsham Park
Monday 10th June	Y2 trip to Portsmouth Dockyard	
Tuesday 11th June	3.45pm & 7.00pm Meeting for September 2019 Reception intake parents 7.00pm Country Dancing Festival in Horsham Park	
Wednesday 12th June	Artist working with Y4	pm Y1 Castle Building
Thursday 13th June	pm Y4 church visit	
Friday 14th June	Artist working with Y4	Y5&6 Stoolball @ Horsham CC
Tuesday 18th June	am Y6 Mosque Visit	
Thursday 20th June	Y2 Pirate Day	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 21st June	INSET Day	
Wednesday 26th June	Y5 to Big Bang Science Fair @ Ardingly	
Friday 28th June	2.00pm Grandparents' Afternoon	
Wednesday 3rd July	Y6 Transition Day	
Thursday 4th July	7.00pm Horsham Primary School Sports Awards @ Millais	
Friday 5th July	am District Sports A Y3/4	pm District Sports A Y5/6 @ Broadbridge Heath
Saturday 6th July	Summer Fair	
Sunday 7th July	Horsham Year of Culture Children's Parade (Y4 and possibly some Y5 children)	
Monday 8th July	Y6 Bikeability Week	
Tuesday 9th July	pm Cycling Event @ Kingslea	3.30pm-7.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 10th July	Y5 to Southwater Country Park (3 days) for water sports	am Cricket Festival 3.30pm-7.00pm Parents Evening
Friday 12th July	am District Sports B Y3/4	pm District Sports B Y5/6 @ Broadbridge Heath
Tuesday 16th July	9.00am Sports Day	
Wednesday 17th July	9.00am Reserve date for Sports Day	
Friday 19th July	Last day of term	