

Newsletter

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for an excellent start to the term. So far it has been one of the smoothest and most positive starts to the year I can remember.

Children have settled well into classes, teachers are pleased with the standard children are working at and the wider curriculum has taken off well with Y1 flying (relatively) high in the hot air balloon, Y4 visiting both Horsham and Worthing, Y3 starting swimming lessons and visiting Mr. Simms, and Y6 visiting Leonardslee Gardens to study the sculptures of Anton Smit. It has also been lovely to see our woods being so well used during lesson times and groups of children exploring them, under supervision, at lunchtimes.

Thank you also for your very positive feedback about the trip list that we sent out, giving a breakdown of trips and last years costs. I'm sure you are aware that schools are also in a difficult position financially with rising energy bills and other unfunded cost rises, such as salary hikes.

Maths Workshops (Y1-Y6) Friday 7th October

As you will have read in the previous newsletter, we are running a maths workshop for Y1 to Y6 parents on Friday 7th October. This will give you the opportunity to come into school to gain an insight into how we teach calculation; and you will have the chance to work alongside your child in class. There will be two workshops: one for Y1-Y3 and the other for Y4-Y6. We will start with a workshop in the hall, followed by a visit to classrooms. Timings will be 9.10am -10.30am, but remember you can stay for break until 10.45am if you would like to. Unfortunately we cannot cater for younger siblings at this session. Please sign up here [Maths Workshop](#)



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a Parent Governor and we are particularly looking for someone who has an interest in finance, HR, law, premises or auditing. If anyone is interested please contact Mr Conway by Friday 7th October for an initial chat. If we have more than one person who would like to stand we will hold an election.

Attendance / Punctuality

If you need to put in a request for absence, for example for a funeral and a religious occasion please ensure it is done at least seven days before the event. We look at absence requests on a weekly basis so please put them in early to allow them to be dealt with in good time. Please also remember that absence for holiday is not authorised.

Whilst the vast majority of children are at school on time, arriving between 8.40am and 8.50am, we will be taking a stronger line with lateness. If you are late, it will be marked as unauthorised, with a number of unauthorised absences leading to a possible fine. Please, please think of your child. It isn't fair on children to have to walk into a classroom when everyone else is there, settled and working. They often feel embarrassed, so please be punctual.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team



Pupil Achievement

Last term we shared our KS2 SATs results with you, as we are required to do by the Department for Education. As we said at the time, they were pretty impressive and above national averages. The results showed that the online work we did during Covid, the extended school day and the internal catch-up programme we had in school all had the desired positive impact. The DfE have now released our progress data. This is data based on the children's progress from Y2 to Y6. The government are not producing comparison tables this year; however, if we compare our data to the last comparison data available, our children would have made the second highest progress in West Sussex. A very, very impressive achievement.



Birthdays

Please remember that your child can wear their own clothes for their birthday, either on the day or close to the actual day, if the birthday falls on a weekend or in the holidays. If your child's birthday falls on a PE they can either wear something sporty with trainers or choose to wear their own clothes on another day and come in in PE kit. Due to the number of children we have on special diets, with allergies and food intolerances, please do not send in sweets and treats for birthdays. However, if you would like to donate a book or two for your child's class to enjoy from the [Amazon wishlist](#), this would be greatly received.

PE Quality Mark

We are thrilled to announce that Kingslea has, once again, been awarded the Platinum Plus Award for P.E. and Sport in KS1. The school has been recognised for providing a high level of P.E. and Sport through curriculum lessons and the range of free sport clubs on offer. We endeavour, as a school, to enter as many competitions and festivals as possible to give the children the opportunity to experience a variety of activities. We are looking forward to attending even more KS1 competitions and festivals this year, thus giving the children even more opportunities to achieve their own colours. A huge congratulations to Mrs Smith for her leadership of P.E. over the last few years and the enthusiasm and dedication of Mr Mothee.



Parents' Evening

On Tuesday 18th October and Thursday 20th October we will be holding our parents evenings. Timings will be 3.40pm to 7.00pm with both sessions being held in-person at school this term. Sign up details will be sent shortly. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's books, wander the school, buy nearly new uniform and there will also be a survey for you to complete. We are also pleased to announce the return of the book fayre which will be running on both evenings (details to follow). Please remember that no clubs will run on the week of parents' evening.

Online gaming

We have spoken in this newsletter a number of times about online gaming. One of the issues we have had to deal at school is playground disagreement and upset because of arguments that have happened the previous night whilst children have been online. Please can I remind parents that children should be within sight and earshot of adults when online gaming. In the past, we have had to deal with online swearing and upset that has been caused from unsupervised online play. Please help us, and your children, by monitoring their online gaming and opening up discussions about any other online activity.



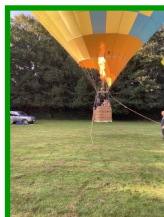
Safeguarding



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 (DSLs). 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.

If a child at school discloses that an adult at home has harmed them (e.g. smacking), a DSL will speak with the parent to understand more about the situation and ascertain the parent's understanding of the situation. Sometimes it is appropriate for us to seek further support and advice from the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) and the DSLs would inform parents of this. It is all of our responsibility to keep children safe.

You may have seen the hot air balloon on the school field the other day. It was for Y1 to help them travel around the world!



Mr Simms

Year 3 had an exciting time visiting Mr Simms. We learnt a little about the history of chocolate and a group of people called the Mayans. We were also thrilled to hear a missing chapter from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory that was never published called 'Spotty Powder'. The children then had the opportunity to purchase a bar of chocolate and Mr Simms also kindly ran a 'Golden Ticket' competition. The children are really inspired to continue to learn more about the Mayans and perhaps we could even write our own missing chapter? A great trip with so much more to now learn!



Y6 visit to
Leonardslee
Gardens



Notes from the School Office

Messages etc

- Please try to confirm any changes to normal collection arrangements for your child at the start of the day, and let your class teacher/teaching assistant know. While we will always do our best to pass on messages received at the office during the school day, we are unable to disturb lessons and we may not be able to get messages to class during the very busy end of the day period.*

| Autumn Term 2022 | |
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| Wednesday 28th September | Y5 Maths Competition |
| Thursday 29th September | Y1 African drumming |
| Tuesday 4th October | Y5 Greek Workshop 5W Virtual British Museum Tour |
| Thursday 6th October | Individual Pupil Photos 5H Virtual British Museum Tour |
| Friday 7th October | 9.10am Y1-Y6 Parents Maths Workshop and classroom visit |
| Monday 10th October | KS1 Conker Competition |
| Tuesday 11th October | KS2 Conker Competition |
| Friday 14th October | Y2 Horsham Museum Visit KCLASS Discos |
| Tuesday 18th October | 3.40pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening—in person |
| Thursday 20th October | 3.40pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening—in person |
| Friday 21st October | INSET DAY |
| Half Term Monday 24th—Friday 29th October | |
| Thursday 3rd November | Firework night |
| Tuesday 8th November | Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop |
| Thursday 10th November | Y6 WW2 Experience Y2 to Everyman Cinema |
| Wednesday 23rd November | 1.30pm Governors Curriculum |
| Thursday 1st December | 1.30pm Governors Resources |
| Friday 2nd December | pm Christmas Decoration Afternoon |
| Tuesday 6th December | 6.00pm FGB |
| Wednesday 7th December | Flu Vaccinations (Whole School) |
| Thursday 8th December | 9.30am & 2.30pm Reception Christmas Performance |
| Friday 9th December | Y4 Church Visit |
| Tuesday 13th December | 9.30am Y1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm Y2 Christmas Performance |
| Wednesday 14th December | 9.30am Y2 Christmas Performance 2.15pm Y1 Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 15th December | Christmas Lunch & Dress Up Day |
| Friday 16th December | Last Day of Term |

| Autumn Term 2022 | | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| 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 |

