

Dear Parents/Carers,

Fireworks

We hope you enjoyed the fireworks; we thought it was a great success. A huge thank you to KCLASS who organised the event and everyone who volunteered. You will have noticed that there wasn't a BBQ this year: this was entirely down to the lack of parent volunteers. Whilst every teacher volunteered their time, we were again short of parent helpers. You often tell us how great Kingslea is: what a community feel there is, how we seem to do more than many other schools. However, to keep doing what we do, we need your help, and that includes helping at KCLASS events. We need your help to raise funds and to put on these events that bring our wonderful community together. I hope this plea encourages more of you to help out in the future. It is for the benefit of your child. Please contact KCLASS to show your interest in helping out at future events: KlassPTA@gmail.com



Christmas Performances

Thank you to all of you who have requested tickets for the Christmas performances. We will start sending tickets out this week. Everyone attending the performances, including toddlers, must have a ticket for the performance. Whilst we allow toddlers into the performances, if they are making a noise and being a distraction then please leave the hall. It really isn't fair for the children or audience members to be distracted by a younger sibling.

If we have any remaining tickets, we will let you know and you can then request additional tickets.

There will be a collection at the end of the performance (so bring cash!) to go towards the cost of putting on the performances and buying resources for the children. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Post boxes

Our Christmas post-boxes have been refreshed by the pupil governors and will be in situ on Monday 4th December. If your child would like to send Christmas cards, please ensure they have the name and class of the child on the envelope and that they bring the card into school and post in their year group post box. The cards will then be sorted and delivered by our pupil governors.

This Friday 1st December is our Christmas Decoration afternoon. Children will be spending the afternoon making Christmas decorations with children from different classes and year groups. We will be mixing the classes up so that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be working together, as will Year 3 to Year 6.

Thank you for your support, Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team



Horsham and District Hockey Champions 2023: Kingslea





Housepoints

Autumn 2023

27/11/2023



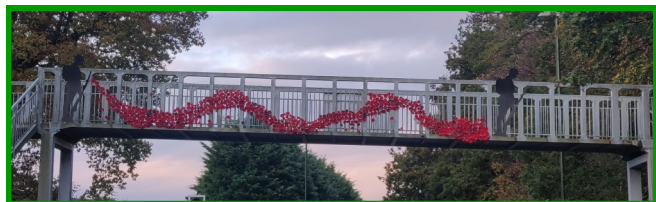
Assemblies

Every Monday we have a whole school assembly for Y1 to Y6 (Reception will be joining us after Easter). In each assembly, we announce the house points totals for each house (see above for current totals), we celebrate children who are 'Star of the Week' from each class and hand out our Golden Broom for the tidiest year group.

We then have a theme for the assembly. Last week's theme was all about politeness. We talk about how you greet someone, saying please and thank you, the etiquette of walking through a doorway at the same time as someone coming the other way, personal hygiene and eating. All things I'm sure you talk about at home.

In other assemblies we've learnt about Guy Fawkes, fireworks and fireworks safety, read the book 'Where the poppies now grow', used Horsham Football Club's draw with Barnsley as an example of doing your best and battling against the odds.

This week we invited an ex-Kingslea pupil and now Forest Head boy, Oscar, to talk to the children about his journey from Reception at Kingslea to Year 11 at Forest and the advice he would give his younger self.



Wellbeing Workshops and Classroom Visits

On Friday 26th January, we will be running a workshop for all year groups looking at 'How to support your child emotionally'. Over the past few years, we have seen a rise in the number of parents asking the school for help, advice and support with home issues, from children saying 'No' to their parent, not going to bed, refusing to eat certain foods to children talking about self-harm and showing significant signs of anxiety. Talking to other schools, it seems that more and more parents are asking schools for help with parenting.

At the workshop, we will be looking at

- What is 'normal' age-appropriate behaviour
- What parenting strategies can be used at home to support the emotional well-being of your child
- Support beyond the home (the graduated response)

Following on from the workshop, you will be able to visit your child/ren in the classroom and take part in a task with them. The session will start at 9.10am and finish at 10.30am (or 10.45am if you'd like to stay for playtime!)

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.

Teaching Assistant / Midday Supervisor positions

We are looking to recruit part-time Teaching Assistants to work in classrooms and as a Midday Supervisors. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Mr. Conway via the school office. Exact hours, timings and days worked are negotiable.

What else has been going on?

As always, it's been a busy time at school. You can see some of the things we've been doing from the photos below. Activities have included Y6 children being evacuated to Billingshurst, Y4 meeting a real life historian from the British Museum, Y5 have been tasting and making their own bread, some of our Y3s took part in a badminton festival and Y3 have also been designing and making packaging for chocolate that they are making. At Kingslea, we may do maths and English very well, but our curriculum is also one of the most wide-ranging and innovative in the county.



Notes from the School Office

Absences from School

- There are a number of ways to let us know if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or medical appointment: the absence reporting tool on ParentMail, by emailing office@kingslea.org.uk or by ringing 01403 254282 and leaving a voice message.
- If you inform the class teacher of a child's absence, please also inform the school office. Teachers are extremely busy first thing and often the message will not get through to the office team who collate the registers.
- If your child is absent and we have not been informed, we will contact parents or anyone else on the child's contact list to find out the reason they are not at school.

It is one of our safeguarding responsibilities to ascertain the whereabouts of any child who has not arrived at school when they are expected.

- School should be notified of any pre-planned absences e.g. holidays, renewal of passport, religious festivals etc. by completing our *Request for Absence form*, available by contacting the School Office.

Autumn Term 2023	
Tuesday 28th November	3S Last Swim Before Christmas
Friday 1st December	Y5&6 Girls Football @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 6th December	9.30am Y1 Christmas Production 2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
Thursday 7th December	9.30am Y2 Christmas Production 2.15pm Y1 Christmas Production
Friday 8th December	9.30am Reception Christmas Production 2.00pm Y2 Christmas Production 3.30pm KLASS Festive Fun
Tuesday 12th December	6.00pm Candlelit Concert
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term
Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	First Day of Term
Wednesday 17th January	Y1 Rainbow Theatre Workshop 12noon Y2 New Age Kurling @ Millais 7.30pm KLASS AGM
Thursday 18th January	10.00am Y6 Indoor Athletics @ Forest
Friday 19th January	4.00pm Y5&6 Table Tennis @ Forest
Thursday 25th January	12noon Y3&4 Netball Festival @ Millais
Friday 26th January	9.00am Parent Workshop 4.00pm Y5&6 Dodgeball @ The Bridge
Monday 29th January	Young Voices @ O2
Tuesday 30th January	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Thursday 1st February	Y2 Victorian Geography Field Trip 10.00am Y5 Indoor Athletics @ Forest
Friday 2nd February	4.00pm Table Tennis Skills Event @ Forest
Monday 5th February	3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Tuesday 6th February	Y4 Viking/Saxon Workshop 3.40pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Wednesday 7th February	6.00pm Dance Festival @ Tanbridge House
HALF TERM— MONDAY 12th-FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 20th February	pm Class 3C First Swim
Thursday 22nd February	9.15am Governors Resources
Friday 23rd February	4.00pm Y6 Cup Football @ Tanbridge
Wednesday 28th February	Y3 trip to Wakehurst Place 1.00pm Y4 Maths Competition
Friday 1st March	Y5&6 Cup Football @ Tanbridge

TERM DATES 2024

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 & Tuesday 23 rd July