

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for a very positive first few weeks of term. As we progress through the term, we are carefully reviewing the Covid control measures we have in place and making decisions as to what we can relax and what needs to stay in place. We do this on a week by week basis. So far we have removed rows from classrooms; we initially did this with Y2/3/4 and, after a successful couple of weeks, we are now removing rows in Y5/6. Although the children and teachers have done well in rows, group tables are so much more conducive to discussion, group work and supporting one another.

We are now looking at allowing year groups to play together. We have such fantastic grounds and a large field that allowing two or three year groups to play together is another step towards normality.

One of the things we are looking forward to getting back to is our wide range of after school clubs. The sports clubs with Mr Mothee and Mrs Smith are going well and it's lovely to see children out on the field after school.

I've had a few questions about September already. Obviously we have to see how things progress but at this point we would envisage returning to our usual start and finish times (8.45am for all and 3.10pm for Reception, 3.15pm for Y1/2 and 3.20pm for Y3/4/5/6), our usual wide range of clubs, and as many trips and visitors as we can fit in.

Your child may have mentioned new adults in their classrooms. We currently have six trainee teachers in school, some at the beginning of their training; others at the end of their training. As a school, we feel it's important to grow the next generation of teachers as well as grow our own teachers for Kingslea. Each one of them also contributes to helping to raise standards across the school.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our parent survey. We are seeking your views on the priorities for your children over the next academic year. As a parent, what do you think we should be focusing on? Doing more of? Doing differently? Doing less of? Whilst we have a national curriculum, core knowledge and skills that have to be taught and standards to be met, there is some flexibility in what we teach, particularly when it comes to the wider curriculum. Please add your thoughts here: <https://forms.office.com/r/RBUX93eHj5>

Alexis Conway



Geography: Without Geography you are nowhere

Which geographical roads are our Kingslea children travelling along this summer term?

Year 5 are currently in South America and are immersed in exploring and researching the 12 countries that make up this continent of extremes. Running alongside this, the children are busy locating rainforests around the world, investigating what they have in common, their climate, biomes and vegetation belts. All this whilst writing a report on the Yanomami tribe of the Amazon rain forest.



It's all about sustainability in Year 2. An investigation into 'Why things happen' and how the natural world can be affected by human activity is about to take place. Year 2 will be looking at ways in which we can meet our needs without affecting future generations and by not using up all of our natural resources. Linked to this work, the children will be looking at endangered animals around the world and exploring what causes animals to become endangered.

'That's the way to do it.' Punch and Judy made an appearance to kick start Year 6's coastal work and their investigation into the history of the traditional British seaside holiday. Next, Year 6 will be working their way along the south coast, Britain's frontline, starting in Kent and ending in Cornwall. Their exploration will lead them through each of the seven counties where they will be investigating what role each of the counties play and their relationships with the sea.



Royal Mail Stamp Design Competition

The Royal Mail is looking to produce 8 stamps designed by children across the UK honouring the key worker and volunteer heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Children's designs could be of NHS frontline workers, school teachers or support staff, supermarket staff, delivery drivers. Or perhaps public transport workers, vaccine scientists, military personnel, emergency services, foodbank volunteers or cleaners or any other idea you may have. If you would like an entry form please collect it from Mr Conway or the office.



Home Learning

Thank you to all of you who support your child with their weekly home learning. Primary aged children need your help in learning the skills to work at home, to manage their time and to develop resilience. It is absolutely vital that you develop these good habits with your child at home from an early age. It may be hard work for some of you at the beginning but it will pay dividends for you and your child as they get older.

Long jump pit

Thank you so much to Mr Farley (one of our parents) of AC Farley for bringing back to life our long jump pit. Mr Farley was in school over the Easter weekend refurbishing the pit for no charge and, thank you to KLASS for paying for the materials.

Ardingly College

In the Autumn Term, we were approached by Ardingly College who were looking to make links with a school in the Horsham area. Ardingly selected Kingslea out of all the schools in Horsham due to our ethos and vision, our ambitions for our children academically, emotionally and socially, balanced with the kindness and politeness that is shown by pupils in the school, and the feeling of a happy, vibrant community. This link has led to one of our Y6 pupils being selected to attend Ardingly on a full bursary. We are now looking to formalise our work together so that we are able to offer a full bursary to a Kingslea pupil in future years. It really is a credit to the staff of Kingslea that the work we do has been recognised by a school outside the Horsham area.

Big Ask Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Rachel de Souza, is asking for your help in a national survey. The role of the commissioner is 'to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.' Rachel De Souza has set up what could be the largest ever survey of children and young people in England with the aim of using the information to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives. This survey takes around 5-10 minutes. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



Safeguarding

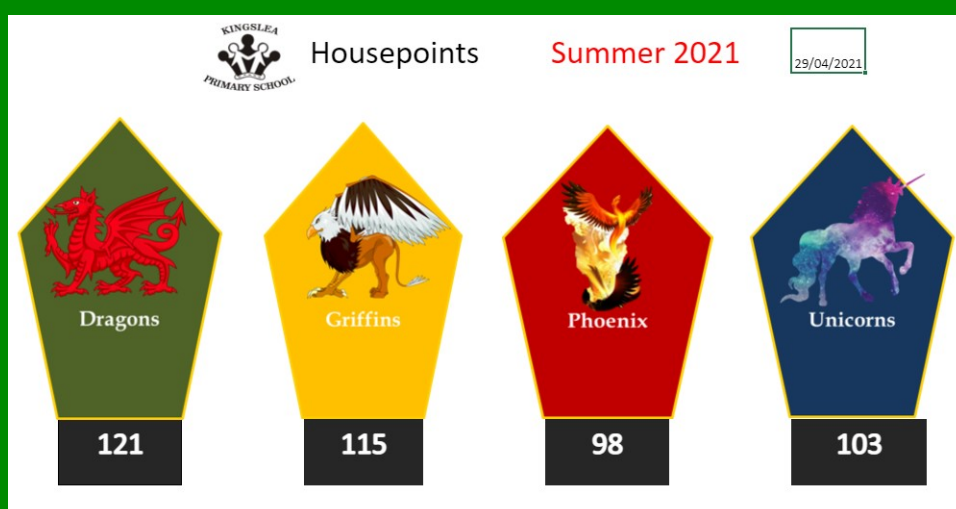
If you have any concerns about a child, be it in school or out of school, you are able to report your concerns to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. These are Mrs Payne, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Russell. You can either approach us directly or ask to speak to us via the office. Whilst something might seem quite minor to you, it could be one piece of information that is part of a bigger picture.



Notes from the School Office

Lateral Flow Tests—Clarification:

Please remember the rapid lateral flow (LFT) test kits are only for routine use for those not displaying COVID symptoms. If your child has any of the three main symptoms, you must book a PCR test for them. There is now a walk in test centre in Horsham. A negative lateral flow test is not acceptable for school purposes.



Summer Term 2021	
Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday	
Monday 10th May	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
Monday 11th May	YR Trip to the British Wildlife Centre
Monday 17th May	Class groups & Y6 Individual Photos
Thursday 27th May	Y3 Bronze Age Workshop
Friday 28th May	Welly Walk
HALF TERM : MONDAY 31st MAY—FRIDAY 4th JUNE	
Tuesday 8th June	9.00am Governors Resources
Thursday 10th June	Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles
Thursday 17th June	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Thursday 24th June	Y6 Holmbush Activity Day
Friday 25th June	INSET Day New Intake Visits
Tuesday 29th June	Y6 trip to West Wittering Beach
Thursday 1st July	Y2 Earth Cafe
Friday 2nd July	Y3 trip to Bignor Roman Villa
Thursday 8th July	Y6 Southwater
Friday 9th July	Y6 Southwater
Monday 12th July	Y6 Bikeability (all week) Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13th July	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 14th July	Y5 Southwater (Weds-Fri)
Thursday 15th July	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle 1.30pm Governors Curriculum
Monday 19th July	Sports Day—Reception, Years 1&2
Tuesday 20th July	Sports Day—Years 3&4 7.00pm Y6 Performance to Parents
Wednesday 21st July	Sports Day—Year 5&6 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Party
Friday 23rd July	Last Day of Term

2021-2022 Term Dates			
Autumn Term 2021			
First Day	Monday 6th September 2021	Last Day	Friday 17th December 2021
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	INSET Days	Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3rd September Friday 22nd October 2021

Spring Term 2022			
First Day	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Last Day	Friday 8 th April 2022
Half Term	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February	INSET Days	Tuesday 4th January 2022

Summer Term 2022			
First Day	Monday 25 th April 2022	Last Day	Friday 22 nd July 2022
Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3rd June	INSET Days	Friday 24 th June 2020