

Newsletter

Wednesday 30th June 2021

Dear Parents,

As we move into the last four weeks of term, I'd like to say thank you to all of you who attended the Days of Art, supported the scootering days and gave us feedback about how much your child has enjoyed the Lego sessions, Lasertag and about their general excitement around all the other events coming up. We are very much looking forward to seeing you virtually at parents' evenings and in-person sports days.

The extended school day finishes on Thursday 8th July and, for the last two weeks of term, we will continue with the staggered start in the morning and the staggered end of the day. This means for the final fortnight of the school year your child will be finishing at their Monday and Friday time (3:10pm, 3:20pm or 3:30pm) every day of the week. Thank you for your support and positive comments regarding the extended day; it really has had a positive impact on the children's education and has allowed us to include many of the experiences within our full curriculum offer.

Overleaf you can read the staffing changes for next school year, including some sad farewells. Mrs Russell, who is retiring after 42 years of teaching in Horsham, deserves a special mention. Mrs Russell has guided and counselled numerous families, children and teachers in inclusive education, and her kindness and understanding has ensured parents/carers felt heard and valued. The impact of her expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm for supporting children has helped many of them reach their potential and she is now supporting the children of her past pupils, which probably indicates that it's a good time to retire! The Kingslea Primary School community wishes Mrs Russell all the very best for the future. Mrs Barrett has been working alongside Mrs Russell for many years and will be taking over the role.

A number of parents have asked me about September. Our ambition is to return to our usual start times of 8.45am and finish at 3.10pm (Rec), 3.15pm (Y1-2) and 3.20pm (Y3-6). We also aim to return to the option of hot dinners for Y3-6 and clubs across the school. However, this will depend on whether the system for bubbles and contact tracing is still needed when we return in September. Thanks to the systems we have in place, your vigilance and a fair bit of luck, we have not (yet!) had to close down a class or year group bubble. However, every positive case in school has a massive knock-on effect, which leads to significant disruption for education, school and families due to children and staff having to self-isolate.

Whilst we will obviously follow the government guidance in place, I am wondering what alternative options to self-isolation for close contacts of positive cases the government is considering for primary schools like ours. With only four weeks until the end of term, concrete decisions cannot be made regarding September. Therefore, I think that the answer to 'So what's happening in September?' will only be confirmed by the government in August. As soon as we have the guidance, we will adapt our plans and inform you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Alexis Conway and the staff of Kingslea Primary School

Art at Kingslea Spotlight

Art lessons at Kingslea provide children with opportunities to explore a wide range of materials, tools and techniques. Children are given time to practise and experiment and therefore become independent artists with the confidence to try new things.

In Reception, children are given time to craft, paint, draw and build. They have access to materials they may not have experienced before, such as clay. Children are given freedom to investigate and be creative with their ideas. They begin to learn how to use pencils to draw and paint to create pictures. Children have access to a variety of tools and resources to use as they please. In addition to this, teachers carefully plan creative activities, such as observational drawing to link art experiences with what the children are learning about.

In the summer term in Year 1, children enjoy learning about castles. With this comes lots of opportunities to explore print and pattern. Children study the work of Paul Klee to make their own collage. Year 2 look at the beautiful, natural artwork of dyer and embroiderer, Vivien Prideaux. Children develop their printing, tie dying and business (!) skills to create products for their Earth Café! In KS2, Year 3 experiment with a variety of tools, such as sticks, tubes, bones and sponges to create their own cave paintings. Year 4 leap head first into learning about the Ancient Egyptians and make their own wall painting and Year 5 design their own Mola artwork. Further up the school in Year 6, children delve into coastal art and, inspired by artist Gill Williams, create their own piece with a watercolour wash and very careful sketches of a coastal feature.

This term, all year groups take part in a very special art day! This day gives all children the opportunity to engage with different art activities related to their learning journey. The children and teachers are very excited to welcome parents back into school to share this experience!



Music Auditions for Klass's Summer Event (now postponed to Autumn)

Is your child a budding musician or singer? Are they looking for the chance to perform in front of the encouraging school community? Due to the delayed easing of restrictions, KLASS have postponed their exciting Summer Event to the early Autumn. Nevertheless, we'd like to start gathering some potential musical performances. We will be holding some informal auditions for the delayed summer event this term to ensure performers are in place for September. If your child would like to perform at the event in the Autumn, either as an individual or as a group, please fill in [this form](#) and they will be called around lunchtime on Friday 16th July for a brief audition of their musical piece or song in the small hall. Please speak to Mrs Payne on the gate if you have any questions about this.

Notes from the School Office

COVID TESTING

- A big thank you to all the parents who are ensuring PCR tests are taken if a child is displaying COVID symptoms. Remember the rapid lateral flow tests are not designed for use on young children or on anyone showing symptoms. If you are concerned enough to carry out a lateral flow test, you should book a PCR test.*
- The Horsham (PCR) Testing Centre is still open and generally results are returned in less than 24 hours meaning most children miss one day of school at most (returning a negative result). This in comparison with the home testing kits sent through the post which can lead to children missing up to six days of school waiting for results.*

Staffing and Class Allocations

As I said on the front page Mrs Russell is retiring. Also retiring are Mrs Karin Harris and Mrs Pauline Collett. Departing these shores are Mrs Tuerk, who is moving back to Austria, and Mr Marshman, who is moving to Germany. We thank then for all that they have done for the children of Kingslea.


We are welcoming two new teachers, Mr Kane and Mr Hill, both of whom trained with us over the last few years. We are also welcoming a number of new teaching assistants: Miss Stallard, Miss Alderton, Mrs Fallows and Miss Hawkins.

The eagle-eyed of you will have spotted that Miss Burnett will be Mrs Burnett in September. After having to postpone her wedding last year Miss Burnett is getting married this summer to Miss Ingram, who many of you will remember taught at Kingslea a few years ago. We wish the happy couple all the best.

Please find attached the class allocations for September 2021. I am very proud of the staff team we have in place next year. We have a very strong teaching team and have put a lot of hard work in to ensure we are fully staffed with strong, passionate teachers who will do the very best for your children. By September, over a third of our class teachers originally trained with us. Our teachers are ably supported by our fantastic team of teaching assistants and our office and premises staff.

Current Class			Next Year	
Rec	Miss H Stoneman	to	Year 1	Miss E Cooper (1C)
Rec	Miss S Hancock	to	Year 1	Miss C Finley (1F)
Year 1	Miss N Snell	to	Year 2	Mrs J Burnett (2B)
Year 1	Miss C Finley	to	Year 2	Miss N Snell (2S)
Year 2	Miss E Cooper	to	Year 3	Mr T Kane (3K)
Year 2	Miss J Burnett	to	Year 3	Mrs C Smith (3S)
Year 3	Mrs C Smith	to	Year 4	Ms R Baldwin (4RB)
Year 3	Miss K Laker	to	Year 4	Mr J Biggs (4JB)
Year 4	Mr J Biggs	to	Year 5	Mr R Hill (5H)
Year 4	Ms R Baldwin	to	Year 5	Mrs T Wingfield (5W)
Year 5	Mr R Marshman	to	Year 6	Miss K Laker (6L)
Year 5	Mrs T Wingfield	to	Year 6	Mrs H Whiteley (6W)






Housepoints


Summer 2021

28/06/2021




Dragons

1774




Griffins

1782



Phoenix

1822



Unicorns

1777



Summer Term 2021		
Wednesday 30th June	Y4 Day of Art	RS Scooter Day
Thursday 1st July	1S Scooter Day	2.30pm Y2 Earth Cafe
Friday 2nd July	Y3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm Y4 Lego Man	Reception Quad Kids
Monday 5th July	2.00pm Y5 Swimming @ Pavilions	
Tuesday 6th July	Y6 Day of Art	
Wednesday 7th July	Transition Afternoon (YR-Y5)	
Thursday 8th July	Y6 Southwater	Y3 Day of Art
Friday 9th July	Y6 Southwater	Y2 Lego Man
Monday 12th July	Y6 Bikeability (all week)	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13th July	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 14th July	Y5 Southwater	
Thursday 15th July	Y5 Southwater 1.30pm Governors Curriculum	Y1 trip to Windsor Castle
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 2022