

Newsletter

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I've previously said, it has been a fantastic start to the term. Thanks to your hard work, the children have returned socially, emotionally and academically in a good place. It is obvious that they want to be here, with their teachers and with their friends, they are enjoying the routine and structure of school, and they are really engaging with their learning in such a positive way.

Additional Funding

In a newsletter last term, I mentioned that all schools have been given a sum of money to mitigate the effects of the disruption caused by coronavirus. As a school, we are using this funding to provide additional teaching assistant support, to provide 1:1 online maths tutoring to identified children and to extend the school day in the summer term (please see the next page for more details).

Assemblies

The curriculum doesn't just take place in the classroom. Each week we have a year group assembly where we present our 'Stars of the Week' with their certificates, we look at how many house points each house have been awarded and the rest of the assembly is built around a theme.

Over the last four weeks we have looked at the routines and expectations in school, for example kindness, politeness, team work, hard work and friendships. We also watched this year's kindness video that the classes have made. The video can be seen here <https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/kindness.html>

In another assembly, we discussed the concepts of 'practice' and 'hard work', using the 1988 Jamaican Olympic Bobsleigh team as an example. We watched bobsleigh teams from around the world at the Calgary and Sochi Olympics to get an idea of what bobsleigh is all about and then watched the clip from Cool Runnings where the team are training in Jamaica. It was practice, hard work and self-belief that got the team to the Olympics.

Last week we discussed keeping healthy, with an emphasis on mental health. The teachers and myself shared what we do to decrease our own anxiety and how we have fun. Running, walking, dancing and singing came up quite a lot. We then looked at the montage of the 100s of photos that you sent in with your child 'Expressing Themselves'. Photos included cooking, gymnastics, reading, cycling, singing, dancing and crafting.

This week is Autism Awareness Week and two of our children led an assembly where they shared what autism is, how we can help each other, famous autistics, their personal view of autism and their autism superpower. It really was a fantastically presented assembly.

Have a lovely Easter, Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

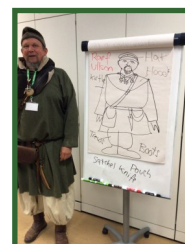
Curriculum spotlight - History: gossip well told.

Much has been happening in History since our return to school. The 'Smashing Saxons' and 'Vicious Vikings' have taken over Year 4 and the children have been immersed in a historical enquiry about Anglo-Saxon life. Starting with the poem 'Beowulf', which describes a hero's burial, the children went on to uncover the Sutton Hoo ship burial and used pictures of the treasures discovered to try and identify who the ship belonged to. Using their understanding of fact and opinion, Year 4 placed Alfred the Great and King Athelstan under close scrutiny to compare these two famous Anglo-Saxon kings.

Earlier this term, the hall was transformed into 17th century London. Year 1, dressed as the poorest citizens of London at this time and witnessed the unfolding of events that led to the 'Great Fire of London.' Samuel Pepys made a guest appearance and was able to record the drama in his diary. Following this, the children became historical detectives and used their skills to compare London then with London today.

For Year 6, their time navigating their way through the war, as a child living in 1940s Horsham, is drawing to a close. Having lived through making preparations, the announcement, producing government leaflets, the Battle of Britain, the 'Blitz', 'Children's Hour,' evacuation, Make, Do and Mend, and war time food, the children are looking forward to VE day celebrations.

Y4 Viking Day



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.



Kingslea Community Fund

Using generous donations from Kingslea parents, we are able to give limited support to Kingslea families where the change to the economy and the job market has meant your household has seen a sudden and significant drop in income. We are able to support families who are struggling to pay for food and other essentials in the form of a supermarket voucher. If this would help you out, please email aconway@kingslea.org.uk and we will see what we can do. This would be in confidence.

Stay Late, We'll Educate

From Tuesday 20th April to Thursday 8th July we will be extending the school day on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with collection times being 20 minutes later than the current pick-up times. At 3.25pm, 3.35pm, 3.45pm for Reception and 3:30pm, 3:40pm or 3:50pm for the rest of the school. This worked very successfully in the Autumn Term and will allow us to teach the full curriculum, ensure children have a good period of time outside socialising and playing, as well as implementing additional key skills sessions in maths and English. Collection times will remain as normal on Monday and Friday. With the staggered start in the morning it means children will get around 30 minutes extra time in school on these days.



Parking

Please can I remind you that parking away from the school and parking away from Kingslea road is encouraged. If you do have to park next to the school please do not park in, or block, Kingslea residents' private parking areas.

School Uniform

We understand that school shoe buying has been an issue recently but please can all children be back in school shoes when we return after Easter. Trainers (including black trainers with or without logos) and boots are not part of school uniform. For all children, hair that is over shoulder length needs to be tied back.

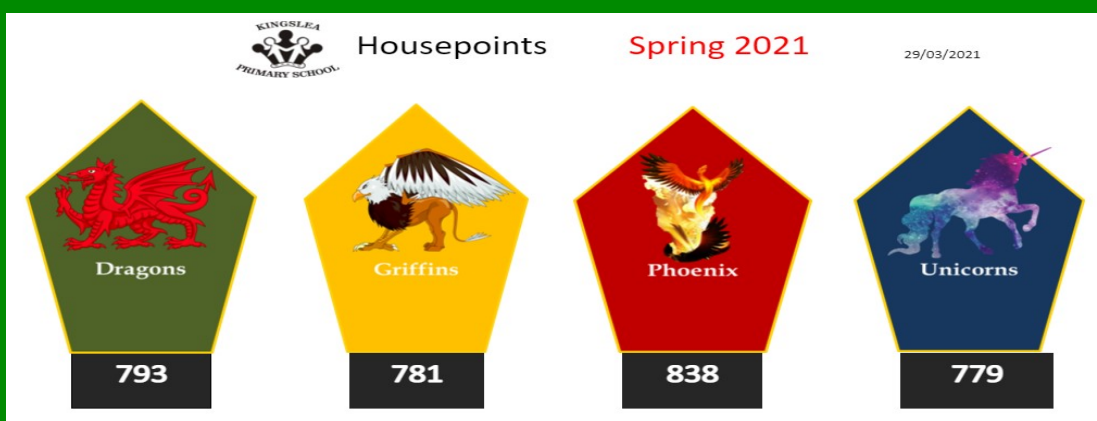
A message from Rocketeers

In anticipation of increasing numbers at our various sites and of a very busy September 2021, Rocketeers are currently hiring Childcare Practitioners. We thought it particularly relevant to extend this recruitment drive to the families who use our services as it is you who knows best the type of people that you would like to have caring for your children.

If you know someone who has a knack for engaging children, or if you are interested in a role at Rocketeers yourself, please do get in touch with Tanya Parker (tanya@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk), our Human Resources Manager, for more information.

Kindest Regards

The Rocketeers Team



Summer Term 2021

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| Monday 19th April | First day of Term |
| Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday | |
| Monday 10th May | Y3 Stone Age Workshop |
| Monday 11th May | YR Trip to the British Wildlife Centre (TBC) |
| 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 | |
| Thursday 10th June | Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles |
| Thursday 24th June | Y6 Holmbush Activity Day |
| Friday 25th June | INSET Day New Intake Visits |
| Tuesday 29th July | Y6 trip to West Wittering Beach |
| Friday 2nd July | Y3 trip to Bignor Roman Villa |
| Thursday 8th July | Y6 Southwater (Thurs & Fri) |
| Monday 12th July | Y6 Bikeability (all week) Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 13th July | Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 14th July | Y5 Southwater (Weds-Fri) |
| Monday 19th July | Sports Day—Reception, Years 1&2 |
| Tuesday 20th July | Sports Day—Years 3&4 |
| Wednesday 21st July | Sports Day—Year 5&6 |
| Friday 23rd July | Last Day of Term |

Positive cases over Easter

For the first six days after school closes on Thursday 1st April, if a child tests positive for COVID-19, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours** of being in school, i.e. the symptoms have developed prior to 4.00pm on Saturday 3rd April, you should inform school by email using the following email address office@kingslea.org.uk. This email will be checked by school staff a number of times during the day. Please see flowchart below for clarification.

Should a positive test identify your child/a group of children/a bubble as close contacts and therefore needing to self-isolate, you will receive a message from school via Parentmail with the self-isolation dates.

