

Newsletter

Monday 3rd September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a very special welcome to all our new families, whether you are starting in Reception or in other year groups. It's been a busy summer at Kingslea, we've refurbished the Y5 communal area, decorated the main corridors, cleaned up some of the outside areas, tarmacked the scooter parking area by the Infant gate (thank you to SGS Surfacing for doing that at no cost), installed barriers at the entrance / exit to the car park, deep cleaned the school and the teachers have been preparing classrooms and plans for the new school year. We are very excited to be back and looking forward to the new term.

Last term governors and staff spent time looking at our aims for education at Kingslea. We also took into account what new Reception parents have written about the sort of education they want for their child. We thought about what we were proud of, what kind of place we want Kingslea to be and what our vision is for education and our children. I purposely use the word 'our'. I strongly believe that Kingslea is a community: a place where we work together for the benefit of our children, our locality and for a better society, where we (children, parents and staff) are proud of our achievements and our contributions to our community.

The two diagrams below visualise our thoughts, thoughts I hope you agree with and support.



We are very fortunate to have an amazing team of teachers, support staff, office and premises staff. They work incredibly hard and do their very best to ensure that your children are happy, cared for, enjoy school and are making great strides with their learning. We look forward to another successful year and with your support, I know we can achieve fantastic things for your children.

Please have a look at the date sheet on the back of the newsletter for dates up to mid– November.

Alexis Conway

Well done, we did it!

When we put our minds to something at Kingslea, there's not many that can beat us. You'll be pleased to know that we came first in the Tesco token competition, therefore £4000 is on its way to us. Well done to everyone for your great work in collecting the tokens. I'm not sure our local Tesco Extras ever have had such demand for tokens! We are hoping to build an outdoor shelter/reading area and install a couple of reading sheds with the money.



Uniform

I am always very proud with how smart and well-presented our children are. Just a reminder that school shoes should be black, be shoes—not trainers and should not have flashing lights!!! Earrings must be studs and hair over shoulder length should be tied back.

MUGA

We have been given planning permission to build the MUGA on the far car park. There were a number of objections from residents concerned about parents parking across driveways, on pavements etc. This has led to conditions, and a delay, being imposed before we can commence with the MUGA. These include the school having to produce a Travel Plan to show how we are working to develop alternatives to car usage and decrease traffic issues around the school. Please can we be respectful of residents and access to their properties. It would be a pity if the building of the MUGA was compromised through parents inconsiderate parking. On a related matter central government has given each local authority a pot of 'sugar tax' funding, for projects such as MUGAs. We have put an application into West Sussex and will find out in November whether we have been successful. If our bid is successful, then we hope to astro turf the MUGA.



Volunteers meeting

If you would like to volunteer in school on a regular basis we are holding our volunteers meeting on Thursday 13th September at 9.15am and 2.30pm. It is important that all volunteers, new and experienced attend the meeting. Many of our volunteers spend invaluable time reading with our children, however if you feel you have a skill that would enhance education at Kingslea, for example sewing, IT skills, coaching qualifications please do come and speak to us about voluntary work. Please contact Mrs King in the school office to book your place. If you have any questions about the meeting please see Mrs Payne, who is our lead for volunteers.

Car Park

A reminder that there is no parking or movement of vehicles in the school car park at the start and end of the school day. Gates will be closed at 8.20am and re-opened at 9.00am. In the afternoon, the gates will be closed at 2.40pm and will re-open at 3.40pm. Please note these are approximate times. If the gates are open and you park in the car park at these times please do not be offended when you are locked in. At other times, including club pick up, you can park in the school BUT do not block in other cars, including staff cars.

Meet the teachers

On Wednesday 12th September, we would like to invite all parents to come and meet the Y1 to Y6 class teachers. We will be running the meeting twice, at 2.30pm and 6.00pm. For both meetings please enter the school via the office. The meeting will last for approximately 20/30 minutes and you are welcome to take your child home once the afternoon meeting has finished. You are welcome to bring pre-school siblings to the 2.30pm meeting. It is important that every child has a representative at the meeting to ensure all parents are clear about the curriculum, routines, home learning and expectations.

Scooters and Bicycles

We are delighted that so many children are scooting and cycling to Kingslea. As there are now lots of scooters and bicycles being kept at school each day, please put scooters neatly on the new tarmacked area and bicycles should be locked on the racks at the front of the school (one by the hall and one by the junior entrance).



Horsham in Bloom



Congratulations to our gardening club who were awarded 'Best in category' in the Horsham in Bloom competition. The children put together a table of produce for a healthy three course meal, grown in three named raised beds; Soup Garden, Roast Dinner and a Salad Garden, all amounting to a wide variety of vegetables and salads. We were awarded £50 of Newbridge Vouchers which we will spend on new equipment for the club. Well done all.



Start/end of the day

Please remember that the school gates are open from 8.00am and the bell is rung at 8.45am for children to enter classrooms. Teacher set early morning work from 8.45am and we expect all children to be in class for 8.45am. The gates will be locked at around 8.50am. If you arrive after that time you must enter via the school office, where children will be marked in late. You may also meet a grumpy Mr Conway!! At the end of the day learning finishes at 3.10pm for Reception, 3.15pm for Year 1,2 and 3.20pm for Year 3,4,5,6. Children are dismissed from classrooms once they have packed up and are ready to leave. This will be a few minutes after the stated end of the day time.



Clubs

As always, we had an overwhelming response to our extra-curricular club offering. Thank you to all of you who have requested a place. You will receive an email no later than Monday 10th September confirming places. Many of the clubs were heavily oversubscribed* so if you do not receive an email, please presume you haven't got a place at that club. Clubs start on



*Monday 17th September and run until Friday 7th December. Please note that during the week of 15th October (Parents' Evening) only a limited number of clubs will run (please check those marked ** on the timetable). Please remember that if your child would like to sing at the Young Voices concerts at the O2 they do need to attend Choir Club. If they would like to be considered to represent the school at tournaments and other events they need to attend the relevant club e.g. football, netball etc.*



*Waiting lists will operate for all oversubscribed clubs. We aim to offer all children on the waiting list a place in their chosen club for the following term wherever possible (subject to numbers).

Conkers

It's that time of year again. After last year's great success we are organising the 3rd Kingslea Conker Championship. A letter will be coming out soon, but we thought we would warn you in advance so you can collect your conker, string it and practice. The 'competition' is open to Year 1 to Year 6 and runs at lunchtime.



Reception Applications for September 2019

Applications open on *Monday 7th October 2018* for children due to start school in September 2019. Applications close on *Monday 15th January 2019*. Application details can be found at www.westsussex.gov.uk. Even if you have a sibling currently at Kingslea you still need to apply. We have several dates available for prospective Reception parents and children to visit the school. Please contact Mrs King in the school office to book.

Notes from the School Office

Medications & Inhalers etc

- *If your child regularly keeps an inhaler or other medication at school, please ensure that they are 'in date' and return to your class teacher/ teaching assistant on the first day of school.*
- *If your child requires a new medication that they have not had in school previously, please hand it in at the office and complete any necessary paperwork.*
- *If your child no longer requires a medication they have previously had in school please inform the office*

Autumn Term 2018	
Tuesday 4th Sept	First day back for Y1 to Y6 (Reception see own timetable)
Tuesday 11th Sept	3S Swimming
Wednesday 12th Sept	2.30pm and 6.00pm Year group meetings for parents (Years 1-6)
Thursday 13th Sept	9.15am and 2.30pm Volunteers meeting
Monday 17th Sept	Clubs start
Thursday 20th September	Full Governing Body 6.00pm
Monday 24th September	Parents' Evening sign up opens
Wednesday 26th Sept	4W to Wagamama
Thursday 27th Sept	Y3 to Mr Simms
Friday 28th Sept	2.00pm Phonics/ reading meeting for Reception parents
Wednesday 3rd Oct	4C to Wagamama
Monday 8th October	Y4 to Brighton
Wednesday 10th October	Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 5
Thursday 11th October	9.00am—10.45am Parents' Workshops Reading and spelling Y1 to Y6 and classroom visit
Monday 15th October	R/Y1/Y2 Conker competition
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th October	Y3—Y6 Conker Competition Parents' Evening
Friday 19th October	INSET Day
Half-Term 22nd-26th October	
Monday 29th November	Individual and sibling photos
Thursday 1st November	Big Draw
Week of 5th November	World War 1 Commemoration Week
Wednesday 7th November	Governors' Morning
Friday 16th November	Children in Need

Autumn Term 2018	
First Day Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Last Day – Thursday 20 th December 2018
Half Term – 22 nd – 26 th October	INSET Days 3 rd September and 19 th October 2018

Spring Term 2019	
First Day Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Last Day – Friday 5 th April 2019
Half Term – 18 th February – 22 nd February	INSET Day Friday 15 th February 2019

Summer Term 2019	
First Day Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Last Day – Friday 19 th July 2019
Half Term – Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	INSET Day Friday 21 st June 2019