

Newsletter

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, and a very special welcome to all our new families, whether you are starting in Reception or in other year groups.

As always, it's been a busy summer at Kingslea: the Reception classrooms have been painted, the KS1 playground and Reception outdoor area have fantastic new playground markings, the soft surface in the KS1 playground has been replaced, Y6 have a refurbished communal area, a stationery cupboard has been converted to an office, the hedge separating the car parks has been significantly reduced to allow better sight lines, we have put in a planning application for a well-being walk, upgraded our data cabling and Mrs Richmond has been busy ensuring the gardens look lovely.

Yesterday, our new Reception children came in for their Teddy Bears picnic. It was a lovely start to the term for both children and parents. On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd, all the teachers and support staff are meeting for our INSET days. On Thursday, the year groups will be working together on reflecting on 'What makes good teaching', we will be reviewing our adapted day-to-day procedures for working in school in the current situation, there will be a session on pupil well-being and we will look at how we can improve the impact of online maths learning. On Friday, we will be updating our safeguarding knowledge and practice, including contextual safeguarding and the use of various tools to support the wellbeing and protection of children. Mrs Barrett is leading a session on inclusion and we will look at the teaching of handwriting and each of the subject leaders will share their subjects' key aims for this year.

At Kingslea, we have three words that we keep coming back to and base many of our decisions on: kindness, curriculum and expectations.

Kindness—the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness is something we talk about a lot, model constantly and we hope it is children's default position when they interact with others.

Curriculum—the curriculum is everything we do. From when the children walk through the gate in the morning and say 'Good Morning' to whoever is on duty, to the skills and knowledge they learn, their interaction with others, their successes and failures in and out of the classroom, the new experiences they are involved in and their desire to learn.

Expectations—one of my daughters was always very good at achieving the expectations set for her at school. If they were high, she worked hard and tended to achieve them. If they were low, she did the minimum possible and achieved them, with a smirk. One thing we strive to do at Kingslea is set consistent, high expectations; expectations that inspire, motivate and challenge pupils both academically and socially. Expectations that stretch and challenge all children to achieve and be proud of their achievements.

Please have a look at the date sheet on the back of the newsletter for dates for this term.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team



Staffing

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. Below you can see an overview of teaching staff and areas of responsibility.

Class	Class Teacher	Area of responsibility	TA Support
RS	Miss H Stoneman	Art/DT, Student Placements and Volunteers	Mrs J Hughes
RH	Miss S Hancock	EYFS Lead , Curriculum Team	Miss B Varney Miss J Hawkins
1F	Miss C Finley	Early Reading /Phonics/ Handwriting	Mrs T Hoskins Miss C Vine
1C	Miss E Cooper	Computing	Miss Stallard Ms Gundian-Silva
2S	Miss N Snell	Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education	Mrs M Booker Mrs N Slater
2B	Mrs J Burnett	Maths, Y1-3 Phase Lead	Mrs F Fallows
3S	Mrs C Smith	PE	Mrs V George Mrs A Rothwell
3K	Mr T Kane		Mrs C Power Mrs A Rothwell
4RB	Ms R Baldwin	RE	Mrs S Kayyala Miss N Wright
4JB	Mr J Biggs	Science / Outdoor Learning / Environmental Education	Mrs L West
5H	Mr R Hill		Miss K Mitchell
5W	Mrs T Wingfield	English Lead	Miss N Alderton Mrs L Bassett / Mrs F Harris
6W	Mrs H Whiteley	Curriculum Lead / Geography / History / Music	Mrs C Aiken Mrs S Ravenhill
6L	Miss K Laker	English as an Additional Language	Mrs A Longdon Miss R Tweed
	Miss L Nicholls	Upper KS2 Maths teacher, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Early Career Teacher Mentor	
	Mrs P Barrett	Inclusion Lead, Safeguarding Lead	
	Mrs K Howard	Inclusion Team, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Y4-6 Teaching Assistant Lead, Higher Level Teaching Assistant	
	Mrs A Rothwell	Y1-3 Teaching Assistant Lead, High Level Teaching Assistant, Cover Teacher	
	Mrs L Bassett	Inclusion Team, Family Liaison, Teaching Assistant, Learning Mentor	
	Mrs D Cairns	Reading Booster Teaching Assistant	
	Mr D Mothee	Sports Coach, Learning Mentor	
	Mr J Borley	Outdoor Education Teacher	

Welcome videos

Next week we will be uploading 'Welcome to Year X' videos that the teachers have put together. In the videos, the teachers from each year group will be telling you about the plans, expectations and learning for your child's year group. We will also be sending home the curriculum overviews so you can see what your child is learning this year.

Homework

Next week we will send a letter home to Y1 to Y6 regarding homework. Please do take time to read it as you really do make the difference ensuring that your child is doing their homework and supporting them with it. We expect, and hope, that children read at least five nights a week. For maths, short bursts of daily practice are much more effective than spending hours once a week. Your praise and reminders, and you sitting down next to them, encouraging them and checking their work, will help them improve faster. If you have any questions, about homework please speak to the class teacher.

Volunteers meeting

If you would like to volunteer in school on a regular basis we are holding our volunteers meeting on Thursday 17th September at 9.30am and 2:15pm. 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.

Books

We are still missing hundreds of scheme books and chapter books that went home during the summer term. Please do have a look around your homes and drop them off at the office. We envisage some households have many books as children took more than usual.

Uniform

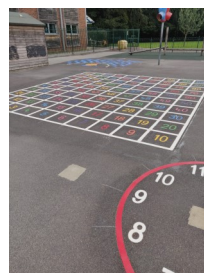
We are always very proud with how smart and well-presented our children are. Just a reminder that school shoes should be black and be shoes, not trainers, and should not have flashing lights!!! Earrings must be studs and hair over shoulder length should be tied back with a green or black hair band. PE jumpers needs to be school hoodies or school jumpers.

Notes from the School Office

Medications & Inhalers etc

- ***If your child regularly keeps an inhaler, auto-injector 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 and we can amend our records.***

Photos



Autumn Term 2021		
Monday 6th September	First Day of term for Years 1-6	Reception staggered start
Wednesday 8th September	Reception start full-time	
Friday 10th September	Y6 to Southwater for water sports	Y1 going on Safari
Tuesday 14th September	Class 3S first swimming lesson @ Pavilions	
Thursday 16th September	9.15am & 2.30pm Volunteers Meeting	6.00pm Full Governing Body
Thursday 23rd September	am Y3 visiting Mr Simms Sweet Shoppe	
Friday 24th September	2pm—3pm Reception reading meeting	
Wednesday 29th September	Y2 Horsham Museum Visit	
Monday 4th October	Y5 Greek Workshop	
Monday 11th October	Y1 / Y2 Conker Competition	
Tuesday 12th October	Y3/4/5/6 Conker Competition	
Tuesday 19th October	3.30pm—7.00pm Parents' Evening	
Thursday 21st October	am Governor's Morning	3.30pm—7.00pm Parents' Evening
Friday 22nd October	INSET DAY	
HALF TERM : MONDAY 25th OCTOBER –FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER		
Thursday 4th November	Y6 Homefront Bus	
Friday 5th November	Y2 Historical Walk	
Friday 26th November	Y2 Rainbow Theatre Visit	
Friday 3rd December	Christmas Decoration Afternoon	
Thursday 9th December	am Reception Christmas performance	pm Reception Christmas performance
Tuesday 14th December	am Y1 Christmas performance	pm Y1 Christmas performance
Wednesday 15th December	am Y2 Christmas performance	pm Y2 Christmas performance
Thursday 16th December	Christmas Dress up day /Christmas lunch (provisional)	
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term	

Autumn Term 2021			
First Day	Monday 6 th September 2021	Last Day	Friday 17 th December 2021
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	INSET Days	Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th September Friday 22 nd 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 4 th 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 3 rd June	INSET Days	Friday 24 th June 2022