

Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2019

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. Rocketeers have hosted a popular holiday club which has been a great success. Mr Richmond, our Site Manager, has been very busy refurbishing various rooms and the grounds across the school. I would like to personally thank him and his wife for the pride that they take in ensuring that our school looks so welcoming and fresh. We've refurbished the Y4 communal area, many thanks to Mr Bejer for his great work. The Y3/4 corridor and the Y3 classrooms have been decorated, thank you to Mr Bassett for an excellent job. We are very excited to be back and looking forward to the new term.

On Monday 2nd September all the teachers and support staff met for our INSET day. The first part of the day involved reflecting on our values (see the 'Kingslea is a place where....' and 'We are proud of our.....' pictorials below). We defined what they actually look like in practice, as the basis of successful schools is a culture that permeates across the whole school and through all staff.



We then spent some time dreaming. We imagined that the government increased school budgets by an amount that would make a difference. In year groups, we thought about how we could use the additional funding to have the biggest impact on children, staff and our community. The government has announced that extra money will be coming into education next year but we'll wait until we have further details and it's in the bank account before we get too excited.

Mrs Payne then led a session on teaching and learning, with a focus on 'How to make learning stick?', thinking about the difference between deliberate practice and retrieval practice. This was followed by a session on safeguarding.

It has been a lovely start to the term, with teachers commenting on how impressed they are with the standard of work, enthusiasm and attitude of their new class. Early days, but I'm sure it will continue!

Looking forward to an excellent term,

Alexis Conway

Uniform

I am always very proud of 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.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE)

You may have read that from September 2020 the teaching of Sex and Relationship Education will be made compulsory in schools across England, and the government has published guidance for schools to follow. The updated content aims to support children with growing up in the modern day world and the challenges this brings.

We have followed the non-statutory guidance for many years, focusing on ensuring that children and young people know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. As a result of the new guidelines, there will be changes to how we teach however the only aspect that we need to introduce is a first aid module. Our SRE is taught in personal, social, and health education lessons (PSHE).

We share information on the PHSE curriculum with you at the year group meeting for parents and on the termly curriculum letter but if you would like to find out more we will be holding two meetings to provide an insight for parents into what we teach at Kingslea, how these requirements will change our teaching, an overview of the content which each year group will cover, links to other curriculum areas and the importance of teaching Relationships and Health Education to our children. You will also have the opportunity to share your thoughts.

On Tuesday 12th November 9.30am and Thursday 14th November 6.30pm we will be holding two Relationships and Health Education meetings for parents to attend. Sign up nearer the time.

Volunteers meeting

If you would like to volunteer in school on a regular basis, we are holding our volunteers meeting on Thursday 12th September at 9.00am 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.

Homework

Earlier in the week, a letter went 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 your child's class teacher.

Meet the Teachers

On Wednesday 11th 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 30 minutes and you are welcome to take your child home once the afternoon meeting has finished. The 6.00pm meeting for Y5 will be followed by the Y5 Sex and Relationship meeting. 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 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 and Mrs Richmond; they came first in the schools category in the Horsham in Bloom competition. The children put on a fantastic display of produce and a nautical-themed garden, with some of our children attending Saturday gardening club. The judges commented on our work on three different themes with a variety of crops, flowers and vegetables, all very well maintained and our keen awareness of the importance of pollination and conservation.



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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 9th 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 16th September and run until Friday 29th November. Please note that during the week of 21st 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 concert 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 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 will soon be time for the 4th Annual Kingslea Conker Championship. It has been lovely to see more and more children enter each year. 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 2020

Applications open on **Monday 7th October 2019** for children due to start school in September 2020. Applications close on **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. 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

- If you have not done so already, please return all necessary inhalers & medications to you child's class. If your child no longer requires their inhaler or medication at school please inform the school office in writing and then we will remove their name from our medical list.*
- Please, please, please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in all items of uniform. There are over 420 school jumpers and cardigans in circulation and we can only return lost items to their owners if they are named.*

Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 10th September	pm 3S swimming (and then every Tuesday until 28th Nov)
Wednesday 11th September	Reception in full-time 2.30pm New year group (Y1-6) welcome meetings 6.00pm New year group (Y1-6) welcome meeting and Y5 Sex and Relationship meeting
Thursday 12th September	9.00am & 2.30pm Volunteers mtg
Thursday 19th September	2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit 6.00pm Full Governing Body mtg
Tuesday 24th September	Y4 visiting Horsham town centre
Thursday 26th September	Y3 visiting Mr Simms Sweet Shoppe
Friday 27th September	2.00pm-3.00pm Reception Parents mtg 4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Horsham Park
Thursday 3rd October	2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit
Friday 4th October	4.00pm Y3&4 Football @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 8th October	Y4 Trip to Brighton
Thursday 10th October	9.15am Parent Workshop and Classroom visit 6.00pm Parent Workshop 6.45pm Governors Curriculum Ctte
Friday 11th October	4.00pm Y5&6 Football @ Horsham Park
Saturday 12th October	Year 5&6 Trip to Fast 5s Netball @ The Copper Box
Tuesday 15th October	am Y3-6 Paralympic Sports Day @ Horsham Park
Wednesday 16th October	Y2 Trip to Preston Manor
Thursday 17th October	2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit
Friday 18th October	4.00pm Y3&4 Football @ Horsham Park
Monday 21st October	Individual School Photos & Sibling Groups
Wednesday 23rd October	2.20pm Reception Stay & Play (and then every Wednesday) 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 24th October	3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY
HALF TERM : MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER –FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 5th November	Y6 Homefront Bus visit
Wednesday 6th November	Governors' morning
Thursday 7th November	2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit
Friday 8th November	Firework night
Thursday 14th November	Big Draw 9.00am Resources Governors
Tuesday 21st November	2.45pm Y1 Parents' classroom visit
Tuesday 28th November	3S Last swim before Christmas
Thursday 5th December	Flu vaccines—all year groups 2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit 6.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 13th December	Christmas Dress up day / Christmas Lunch / Christmas Decoration Afternoon
Monday 16th December	pm Y1/2 Christmas performance
Tuesday 17th December	am Reception Christmas performance pm Y1/2 Christmas performance 7.00pm Choir Candlelit Concert
Wednesday 18th December	am Y1/2 Christmas performance pm Reception Christmas performance
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term