

Newsletter

Monday 8th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for a great start to the term. We've been very impressed with punctuality, attendance, how well the children have settled into their new year groups and how enthusiastic the children are about their learning. My office has had a constant flow of children coming to show me their work.

One of the highlights of my day is walking around the school, popping into classrooms to see the quality of teaching, the high expectations in place and the children engaged.

However, learning at Kingslea isn't just confined to the classroom. We have already been on a number of visits, Y4 have visited Wagamama to look at healthy eating and have been undertaking a survey in Horsham town centre, Y3 visited Mr Simms to learn about chocolate, Y6 are off to see the stage performance of Private Peaceful, Y4 are visiting Brighton as a comparison study to Horsham, and Y1 flew to Africa in the capable hands of EasyJet (I'll leave that one with you!)

It has also been lovely to see so many children attending clubs. We know these are very popular and we continue to provide them at no cost to parents. We are running 28 clubs every week this term. I really don't think there are many other schools in the country that provide so many extra-curricular activities. Our two new clubs, photography and history, have proved very popular.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our spelling and vocabulary workshops this Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Please do sign up to come along and hear how you can help your child. You will also get the chance to spend some time in the classroom with your child on Thursday morning, which we know our children love.

Our conker competitions are coming up soon. We will be modelling the art of 'conkers' in assembly but if you can practise at home that would be fantastic. Can you please also ensure that everyone has string of a decent thickness and that there is a large knot at the end of string to stop the conker slipping off the string?

After half-term we will be collecting for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Members of our Community Action group will be selling poppies in the Kingslea playground before and after school. We suggest a minimum donation of £1.00.

Before you know it, Christmas will be here. We've already had a few thoughts about Christmas productions. We will be continuing with Reception having their own production, with Year 1 and 2 having a separate performance. See the back page for dates. The choir will also be performing their 'Carols by Candlelight' service, which usually lasts for about an hour. All families are welcome, whether your child is in the performance or not. Ticket information will come out after half-term.

If you look on the date sheet you will also see the KCLASS events that are running this term. As always, we need your help to set up, run and clear up after these events. Without your support, these events could not run.

Many thanks,

Alexis Conway



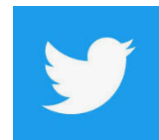
Healthy Snacks

Each morning, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children are given a piece of fruit or a vegetable to snack on. We encourage Y3 to Y6 children to bring in their own piece of fruit or vegetable. Other suggested 'healthy' snacks include dried fruits, cereal bars (read the nutritional values carefully), crackers etc. but obviously not items from their packed lunches or crisps, chocolate etc.



Twitter

Remember you can keep up to date with what is going on at school on our Twitter pages. For general school activities you can follow us on @KingsleaPrimary and for sporting updates there is @PEKingslea



Gold Quality Start Award

We are delighted to announce that Kingslea has achieved the Gold Quality Start Award for PE within KS1. The Quality Start Award criteria looks at: engagement for all pupils; competitions and festivals entered; the profile of PE and school sport; healthy and active lifestyles; workforce and sports leadership. The positive impact of extra-curricular clubs and our 'Fortnightly Fitness' was highly praised as raising the children's level of active participation. The Year 5 Play Leaders have been a real credit and shown great enthusiasm when supporting all KS1 children during lunchtime play.

Remember to keep abreast of all the skills, challenges and sports the children have been developing in lessons and extra-curricular activities through our 'very active twitter accounts'.



Parking

I would like to thank parents for refraining from parking in the school car park during the start and end of the school day. Many of you, who have previously parked in the car park, are now parking further away or walking to school. Can I please remind you to be respectful of local residents by not parking on pavements, double yellow lines/zig-zags and over peoples driveways? Whilst it is only a very small minority of parents it is selfish. Please make the effort to add five minutes on to your journey and park further away.



Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to parents' evening. Please do arrive in good time for your appointment as there is an opportunity to look at your child's books prior to the meeting. You are welcome to bring your child with you. The car park will be open for you to park in. KLASS will also be in attendance. We will be looking for people to sign up to help at events, such as the fireworks, disco and Christmas Bazaar, and will be selling tickets for the fireworks and disco, so bring along some money! We look forward to seeing you then.

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 Mr Conway, Miss Hancock 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.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Maths Competitions

Congratulations to the Y5 and the Y6 Year Maths teams who attended the Christ's Hospital and Windlesham House Maths Challenges earlier this term. Each competition had around 70 teams, from state and private schools from all over the south-east. Our Y5 teams came a fantastic 6th (equal) and 8th, with Kingslea being the only school to have both teams in the top 10 and our Y6 teams came 2nd, 7th and 42nd, with only one other school having two teams in the top ten. We feel this reflects the quality of maths teaching across the school and how challenged our most able pupils are.



Reception

It has been a fantastic few weeks for Reception. The children have settled in beautifully and have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and outside area. They have quickly understood our expectations and routines and made lots of new friends along the way. The Reception team have been very impressed with how enthusiastic, well behaved and kind the children are, and they are looking forward to a great year ahead!



Outdoor learning

As I hope you are aware, we have our own outdoor learning teacher, Mr Townsley. Mr Townsley works in school a couple of days a week and is currently working with Reception and Year 1.

The Reception classes have started going on "wellie walks" to Kingslea's woodland, to explore and play and get to know the area. This is the area we will be mostly based in throughout the year, so it is important they know their way around and feel at home in the woodland setting!

Year 1 have been learning about how animals hide and blend into the background. We've put this into practice by using camouflage clothing and seeing how effective this can be with games of hide and seek. We will be shortly moving onto learning about the directions of the compass, and some basic map work. Mr Townsley designed and built an on site orienteering course over the summer holidays and will be working with all year groups on various aspects of outdoor learning, geography, science and even history over the course of the year.



Big Draw - Thursday 1st November

The Big Draw is one of our most popular events of the year. It is an opportunity for you to spend time with your child taking part in a variety of art activities and is open to all Reception to Year 6 parents. We will be running three sessions over the day: 9.30-11am, 1.45pm-3pm and 5-6pm. The theme this year is 'Play'. Siblings are welcome but buggies need to be left outside the school.



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

- SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR Y3-6 : THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER** — The Chartwells online ordering system will not allow our KS2 parents to order and pay for their child's meal on the last day of the Autumn Term (20th December). Bookings and payments for this day will be made directly with the school office. Details for this will be sent out to parents shortly. Lunches for children in Reception, Y1&2 are not affected.

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 8th October	Y4 to Brighton
Wednesday 10th October	Flu Vaccinations YR-5 6.00pm Parent Workshop—reading and spelling 7.00pm Governors Curriculum meeting
Thursday 11th October	9.00am—10.45am Parents' Workshops Reading and spelling Y1 to Y6 and classroom visit
Friday 12th October	4.00pm Y5/6 Football Tournament 6.00pm Family Cinema Night
Saturday 13th October	Visit to Olympic Park for Netball Tournament
Monday 15th October	R/Y1/Y2 Conker competition
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17th October	Y3—Y6 Conker Competition Parents' Evening 2.20pm Reception—Stay and Play (and then every Wednesday)
Thursday 18th October	9.30am Y1 African Drumming Workshop 2.45pm Y1 Parent visit
Friday 19th October	INSET Day

Half-Term	22nd-26th October
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Monday 29th October	Individual and sibling photos
Thursday 1st November	Big Draw
Friday 2nd November	4.00pm Girls Football Tournament 6.00pm Firework night
Week of 5th November	World War 1 Commemoration Week
Wednesday 7th November	Governors' Morning
Thursday 8th November	9.00am Governors Resources meeting 2.45pm Y1 Parent Visit
Friday 9th November	4.00pm Hockey Tournament at Tanbridge
Monday 12th November	9.00am East Horsham Pupil Governors meeting
Friday 16th November	Children in Need—pyjama theme. 9am KLAS (PTA) meeting 3.30pm Discos 4.00pm Girls Football Tournament
Wednesday 21st November	Y5 Girls to Millais for computing
Thursday 22nd November	2.45pm Y1 parent visit
Tuesday 27th November	pm Badminton Tournament @ Collyers
Wednesday 28th November	Y2 Horsham Maze visit
Friday 30th November	Christmas Decoration Afternoon 4.00pm Girls Football Tournament
Tuesday 4th December	Y3 Mayan Day pm Y5 Greek Workshop
Wednesday 5th December	6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 7th December	Y2 Dinosaur Day 4.00pm Hockey Tournament @ Tanbridge
Friday 14th December	am Y1/2 Christmas Performance pm Reception Christmas Performance
Monday 17th December	pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 18th December	am Reception Christmas Performance pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance 7.00pm Candlelight service
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Dress up day
Thursday 20th December	Last day of term