



Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The relationship between home and school is crucial to ensuring that our children make use of every opportunity available to them and are successful at school. I believe that home school partnership is a true strength of Kingslea and would like to thank parents for working with us and supporting the staff and your child. Be it getting them to school everyday and on time, reading at home, building on learning we are doing at school or supporting our expectations regarding kindness to others and behaviour, by working together we can achieve so much. Having been the head teacher of Kingslea for the last 4 years, it makes me very proud that we have such strong partnership with parents/carers.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the second of our three Parents' Evenings this year. Exercise books will be outside classrooms so please come along early to have a look through your children's work and see the progress they have made since last term.

During your appointment the class teacher will give you a copy of your child's Interim Report. For Y1 to Y6 this is a snap shot of your child's current attainment, progress and effort in reading, writing and maths. It also gives guidance to their general application to work, behaviour/attitude toward learning and social interaction. Please do remember that developmental progress is not linear and spurts and plateaus of progress are the norm.

On the report there is also a comment about homework. In our experience those children who complete their homework, week in week out, and are supported in completing their homework by their parents/carers make better progress and attain higher than those children who are not supported at home. Many parents with secondary-aged children will tell you putting the effort in now pays dividends when the children are older.

The report for EYFS relates to the early learning goals and gives an indication of your child's current achievement level.

We will be handing out questionnaires at Parents' Evening so please do take time to fill them in. Second hand uniform will be available and KLASS will be selling tickets for this term's disco and for the Easter raffle. Kingslea governors will also be on hand for a chat.

We look forward to seeing you,

Alexis Conway



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Governor Profile—Lin Phillips

I'm Lin Phillips, one of Kingslea's newly co-opted governors. I'm very much looking forward to being part of the school community, which I've known for a long time as my daughter was a pupil when it was called Chesworth. I've recently retired from headship and from OfSTED so am at last able to give some time back to the school. I'm passionate about providing the best overall education for children whilst ensuring they have opportunities to grow into responsible and caring individuals.



I sit on Kingslea's Policy and Curriculum committee. We are kept up-to-date with current priorities through presentations from teachers, headteacher's briefings from Mr Conway and by looking at children's work. We ask questions so that we know that school policies are reflected in whole school practice. I am also the link governor for maths which means I focus in particular on this curriculum area. I've had discussions with the leading maths teachers and am very impressed with their professionalism, energy and commitment to children's learning. I've also visited some maths lessons and seen how keen children are to learn and how committed their teachers are to maintaining high standards.

In the school vision, emphasis is placed on kindness, nurturing children and loving learning. I've walked around the school on several occasions and am impressed with the quality of the displays in the corridors, classrooms and the communal areas, which showcase the enriched curriculum on offer at the school. It's a pleasure to meet so many polite children who enjoy sharing their learning. I can say without hesitation that I can see the school vision in action.

Parking

I have been made aware of dangerous parking and driving in the nursery car park, often by parents who have no right to be in there. Unless parents park a distance away from the school there will be an accident and a child will be hurt. You do not want to be the one responsible.



Environmental Education



As I have said in a previous newsletter our curriculum adapts and morphs from term to term, year to year. We mould our curriculum around the national curriculum, developing it based on our context, locality and educational ethos. Over the last few years we have restructured how we teach maths, strengthened our history and geography teaching, adapted our learning journeys, and restructured the teaching of phonics and spellings. We are now looking at how environmental education fits into the work we do both within our curriculum and how we work as a school. If you would like to contribute and put forward ideas of things that we could be doing/learning as a school please come along on Wednesday 18th March at 9.15am or email the school via environment@kingslea.org.uk with thoughts and ideas.

Assembly

During one of our Monday whole-school assemblies we had a look at the world around us through the presentation 'If the world were 100 people'

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There are many different versions of this, with the one we looked at talking about where people live, languages spoken, ages of the world population, religions, access to medicine, access to clean water, literacy levels and access to the internet. It led to some interesting discussions in classrooms.

The following week we looked at the reasons why Horsham was deemed to be the 4th best place in the country to live. We discussed how as a community we influence our environment and through our actions, for example kindness, we make our town the place it is.

During our Tuesday singing assembly Y1 and Y2 have been learning a wide variety of songs with Mrs Barrett. Y3 to Y6 have been singing songs from the musical Cats. So far they have learnt Mr Mistoffelees, and Skimbleshanks.

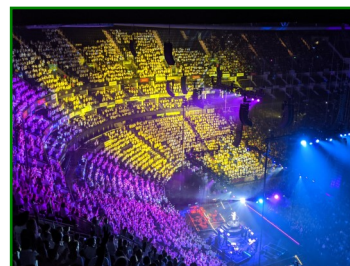
Friday's assembly is, as always, Star of the Week: a celebration of achievement. You can see who our Stars of the Week are on Twitter every Friday.

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Choir at the O2

Once again, the Kingslea choir joined the ever-growing, national Young Voices event. After an easy coach trip up to the O2 Arena and stepping over the Greenwich Meridian (and learning what this means), the 35 children took part in an afternoon rehearsal. They've been learning the songs for the show for months but this was a chance to put their voices with 8000 others and ensure everything was pitch perfect for the performance later in the evening. After a short tea break, families and friends started to gather in the arena and the excitement was building. The lights went out, torches were waved, there was a lot of screaming, and the show began. The Young Voices choir treated the audience to an array of tunes. A favourite was Frightfest: a collection of different spooky tracks from a variety of scary movies and TV shows. The children showcased the Best of the West and had the chance to sing with Tony Hadley, country band, The Shires, and the winner of The Voice, Ruti. The Kingslea pupils were so well behaved, loved watching their friends and family support them, and sang their hearts out making a beautiful sound as always. We look forward to next year...



Y3 Big Bird Watch

Year 3 took part in the Big School's Birdwatch 2020. This scheme tracks the ups and downs of the bird population across Britain. We had to wait quietly and patiently on



the school field to see which birds were spotted landing. Many birds kept flying above our heads, but despite crossed fingers and silent pleads, they refused to land. This meant we couldn't add them to our results. We saw our resident magpies, local wood pigeons and when we were leaving the field a whole chime of wrens took off from beside the hedgerow!

Staffing

During next half-term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Potter, who has worked as a Reception TA for the last 6 years. We'd like to thank her for the way she has supported the children in their first year of Kingslea, ensuring they have settled, progressed and had the best start to their time in school.

We would like to welcome three new teaching assistants to Kingslea: Mrs Rothwell in 2B, Mrs Slater in RH and we will soon be joined by Miss Varney, also in RH. Mr Marshman will be starting after half term, supporting Y5 and Y6 maths.

Mr Borley has also joined us as a new outdoor learning teacher; he will be working in Reception one day a week and in other year groups when outdoor learning fits into the curriculum, for example pond dipping, orienteering or nature studies.

Notes from the School Office

Medicines at School—Clarification :

- ⇒ We are unable to administer any non-prescription medication to any child under the age of 10 years old e.g. Paracetamol (Calpol). For children over 10, we can only administer it after gaining parental consent.
- ⇒ Prescription medicines may be administered by school staff if **four** doses a day are specified. If medicine is required three times a day, this should be given by the parent before school, immediately after school and at bedtime.
- ⇒ All medications **must** be handed in to the School Office and the correct consent form completed.
- ⇒ A copy of our '**Administration of Medicines Policy**' can be found on the school's website.

Spring Term 2020	
Friday 7th February	5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 11th February	am Y3 to Horsham Park 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Wednesday 12th February	3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Thursday 13th February	12.30pm Y5 New Age Kurling @ Millais 1.00pm Cross Country @ Christ's Hospital
Friday 14th February	5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
HALF TERM: Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February 2020	
Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th February	Y4 Viking Workshop 10.00am-2.00pm Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Collyers 3L First Swim
Wednesday 26th February	Family Links first session (then every Weds until 1st April) 2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Thursday 27th February	6.00pm Governors Curriculum
Friday 28th February	4.00pm Girls Cup Football @ Horsham Park 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Monday 2nd March	Y1 Rainbow Theatre Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 3rd March	1.00-3.00pm Y3&4 Rugby Festival @ Horsham Rugby Club
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Y3 to Wakehurst Place 4.00pm Y4 Cup Football @ Horsham Park 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis
Monday 9th March	Author visit—whole school
Tuesday 10th March	Dance Festival @ The Hawth 6.00pm Family Games Night
Wednesday 11th March	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Friday 13th March	Y5 Cup Football @ Horsham Park
Wednesday 18th March	6.00pm Parent Workshop (Teaching & Learning) 7.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 20th March	9.00am Parent Workshop (Teaching & Learning) 4.00pm Y6 Cup Football @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 24th March	1.00-4.00pm Y5&6 Rugby @ Horsham Rugby Club
Wednesday 25th March	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit
Friday 27th March	School Discos
Monday 30th March	Class & Y6 Individual Photos
Wednesday 1st April	Y6 Citizenship Day
Thursday 2nd April	4.30pm Basketball Tournament @ Collyers
Friday 3rd April	Last day of term Welly Walk
EASTER BREAK : Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April 2020	
Thursday 23rd April	Y1 Arundel Castle Trip 4.30pm Y5&6 Basketball @ Collyers
Monday 4th May	Welly Walk money due in
Tuesday 5th May	YR Trip to the British Wildlife Centre
Thursday 7th May	Y4 Camping on school field
Friday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY

Spring Term 2020			
First Day	Monday 6 th January 2020	Last Day	Friday 3 rd April 2020
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	INSET Days	Monday 24 th February 2020
Summer Term 2020			
First Day	Monday 20 th April 2020	Last Day	Friday 17 th July 2020
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	INSET Days	Friday 26 th June 2020