



# Newsletter

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your attendance at parents' evening. We hope you found the additional summer meeting useful, and that it allowed you to discuss your child's year and what was written on their report. As a school, we are very pleased with the progress the children have made this year. Where previously the resilience and independence of many pupils had been impacted by Covid and they had become reliant on support for tasks that previously were completed without an adult, there have recently been numerous conversations about the increased maturity of these pupils.

Over the page, you will see the Y6 SATs results. This is something we are obliged to publish by the DfE. They are very strong and the progress these pupils have made is excellent. Whilst we are very pleased with the results, we are also pleased with our children's achievements across the rest of the curriculum and how they have developed as people in the community.

We know how committed, hard working and skilled our teachers and TAs are. Having worked in seven schools with some great people, I know the staff of Kingslea really are in a class of their own. My bottom line has always been 'would I want my own children at Kingslea and taught by these teachers'. The answer is an unwavering 'yes'. If it wouldn't be good enough for my own children, then why would it be good enough for yours? My very public thanks to all our staff.

Everyone comments on how calm and orderly Kingslea is, but you've probably never thought about why this is. There is so much that makes Kingslea special— and so many people—but here are a few examples from this year about people you may not see very regularly:

Mr Richmond, our site manager, is often at school at weekends, unpaid, to do jobs around the school to save us money so that we have more resources for the children. He's often accompanied by his wife, Deb, who tends the lovely gardens and has a passion for spreading her love of gardening. They are both stars.

Mrs Crutkaew, our lead cleaner, and her team give their all to make Kingslea a clean and safe environment for everyone. Their daily tasks have changed many times in the last few years due to changes in protocol, yet they have continued to smile while they work.

Mrs Massey, our kitchen leader, whilst not employed by the school puts in a significant amount of her own time and resources to ensure that children receive a hot meal each day. Without her commitment, the lunch hall would be a very different place.

Mrs Hill's desk is the mother ship of the school. Mrs Hill and the rest of the admin team—Mrs Webster, Mrs King and Mrs Leyland—all put in additional hours and deeply care about every child getting the best possible education. Each one is an important piece of the jigsaw, ensuring that communication, finances and our IT system work effectively.

As well as giving heartfelt thanks to those mentioned above, I'd also like to thank our teaching assistants who come in early, stay late and work flexibly wherever they are needed. They are another key cog in the Kingslea machine, ensuring our children do well and are cared for. They are talented, hard working, committed and underpaid.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th September.

Alexis Conway and the Kingslea Team

### Staffing for September 2022

| Class | Class Teacher            | TA Support                    |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| RM    | Miss Miksaite            | Miss Varney Mrs Trousdale     |
| RH    | Miss Hancock             | Mrs Hawkins Ms Makarova       |
| 1JC   | Miss Custard             | Mrs Hoskins                   |
| 1EC   | Miss Cooper              | Miss Stallard Miss Mitchell   |
| 2S    | Miss Snell               | Mrs Booker Ms Gundian-Silva   |
| 2BR   | Mrs Burnett/Mrs Rothwell | Mrs Fallows Mrs Khrashchevych |
| 3S    | Mrs Smith                | Miss Beaven                   |
| 3K    | Mr Kane                  | Mrs Power Miss Vine           |
| 4B    | Ms Baldwin               | Mrs Kayyala                   |
| 4U    | Mrs Upton                | Mrs Bassett / Mrs Harris      |
| 5H    | Mr Hill                  | Mrs West                      |
| 5W    | Mrs Wingfield            | Miss Alderton                 |
| 6W    | Mrs Whiteley             | Mrs Longdon                   |
| 6L    | Mrs Chadburn             | Mrs Aiken Mr Webb             |

### End of Y6 SATS results

At the end of Y6, all children across England take a series of tests in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation spelling (GPS). Writing is also assessed but this is based on the children's work in school and teachers grade the work.

This is the first year since 2019 that the tests have taken place and, unsurprisingly, the percentage of children nationally achieving the expected level has fallen in most subjects. For example in maths in 2019 78% reached the expected standard, but only 71% this year, in writing there was a decreased from 78% to 69% and in GPS from 78% to 72%. Interestingly reading went up from 73% to 74%.

However, at Kingslea, our children have done incredibly well and have outperformed the national averages in all four subject areas, as you can see from the table below.

| Reading               |               | Writing               |               | GPS                   |               | Maths                 |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| National Average 2022 | Kingslea 2022 | National Average 2022 | Kingslea 2022 | National Average 2022 | Kingslea 2022 | National Average 2022 | Kingslea 2022 |
| 74%                   | 82%           | 69%                   | 73%           | 72%                   | 84%           | 71%                   | 89%           |

We put this down to day-in-day high-quality teaching, excellent online Covid provision, the support you give to your child in a typical week and the support you gave to them when school was closed to most pupils.

## 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 Mrs Barrett, Mrs Howard and Miss Nicholls. 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.

On Monday 11th July, 40 Kingslea children watched England v Norway at the Amex, and what a game it was!



## School colours

In assembly last week, we were both excited and proud to hand out School Colours. Colours may be earned when a child represents the school in an interschool competition, festival or performance. There are a variety of opportunities to achieve Colours during a child's time at Kingslea in both KS1 and KS2, including at a range of sporting events, academic competitions, dance performances and choir, to name a few. Staff will award Colours to children who attend the relevant club, have excellent attendance, show commitment to developing their ability, show exemplary attitude and positivity in the build up to the event, and then finally perform to the best of their ability, whilst demonstrating all the core values of Kingslea at the given event/s. We have updated the colours so that each year group has an allocated colour. Therefore, if you are awarded colours over a number of years, you can watch the rainbow grow as your child progresses through Kingslea. Colours are to be proudly displayed on the sleeve of the Kingslea hoodie and can be ironed on as well as sewn on.



## Children's Parade

On Sunday 3rd July, Kingslea—along with 16 other local schools—paraded through Horsham as part of the 2022 Children's parade. The theme for this year was the natural world and we were given the role of dung beetles! Prior to the parade, Y2 worked with an artist and used willow to make bodies of the dung beetles, using tissue paper as a covering. On the Sunday, over 40 Kingslea children showed off their outfits to the crowds lining the streets, something that I think the children will remember for a long time to come. A huge amount of work from the Y2 team went into preparing for the event and transporting the children's outfits to the Drill Hall on the Sunday morning and I'd like to thank them for all they did.



## **Notes from the School Office**

*We still have a number of the black Kingslea polo shirts and green Kingslea District Sports t-shirts missing in action. If your child has taken one home after a sports event, please return it, clean to the School Office*

| Summer Term 2022                          |   |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 19th July                         | 7pm Y6 Leavers Production   |
| Wednesday 20th July                       | Whole School Sports Day (9.00am-12noon)      6pm Y6 Leavers Party               |
| Thursday 21st July                        | Last Day of Term  |
| Autumn Term 2022                          |   |
| Wednesday 31st August                     | 12noon Reception Teddy Bears Picnic   |
| Thursday 1st September                    | <b>INSET DAY</b>  |
| Friday 2nd September                      | <b>INSET DAY</b> Reception Home Visits  |
| Monday 5th September                      | First Day of Term      Reception Home Visits                                    |
| Tuesday 6th September                     | Reception Home Visits      1.30pm Y1-Y6 curriculum meetings for parents         |
| Wednesday 7th September                   | Reception Group A 8.45am-12noon      Reception Group B 1.00pm-3.10pm            |
| Thursday 8th September                    | Reception Start Full Time   |
| Wednesday 14th September                  | 6.00pm Full Governing Body  |
| Friday 23rd September                     | 2.00pm Reception Reading meeting for parents                                    |
| Tuesday 27th September                    | Y6 Maths Competition  |
| Wednesday 28th September                  | Y5 Maths Competition  |
| Monday 10th October                       | KS1 Conker Competition  |
| Tuesday 11th October                      | KS2 Conker Competition  |
| Tuesday 18th October                      | Parents' Evening—in person  |
| Thursday 20th October                     | Parents' Evening—in person  |
| Friday 21st October                       | <b>INSET DAY</b>  |
| Half Term Monday 24th—Friday 29th October |   |
| Tuesday 8th November                      | Y2 Rainbow Theatre Workshop   |
| Wednesday 23rd November                   | 1.30pm Governors Curriculum   |
| Thursday 1st December                     | 1.30pm Governors Resources  |
| Wednesday 7th December                    | Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)   |
| Thursday 8th December                     | 9.30am & 2.15pm Reception Christmas Performance      6.00pm Full Governing Body |
| Tuesday 13th December                     | 9.30am Y1 Christmas Performance      2.00pm Y2 Christmas Performance            |
| Wednesday 14th December                   | 9.30am Y2 Christmas Performance      2.00pm Y1 Christmas Performance            |
| Thursday 15th December                    | Christmas Lunch & Dress Up Day  |
| Friday 16th December                      | Last Day of Term  |

| Autumn Term 2022 |   |                   |   |
|------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| <b>First Day</b> | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022                     | <b>Last Day</b>   | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022   |
| <b>Half Term</b> | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October | <b>INSET Days</b> | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September<br>Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022 |

| Spring Term 2023 |  |                   |                                      |
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| <b>First Day</b> | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023                     | <b>Last Day</b>   | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023   |
| <b>Half Term</b> | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February | <b>INSET Days</b> | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 |

| Summer Term 2023 |   |                   |                                   |
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| <b>First Day</b> | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023                        | <b>Last Day</b>   | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023 |
| <b>Half Term</b> | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June | <b>INSET Days</b> | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023 |