

# Newsletter

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**PLEASE NOTE—THESE WORKSHOPS HAVE NOW BEEN CANCELLED**

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for this term's parent workshops and classroom visit which we are holding on Wednesday 18th March at 6.00pm and Friday 20th March at 9.15pm, dependent on government advice regarding Coronavirus.

The aim of the workshop is to share with you a couple of teaching techniques that teachers use to aid learning, known as modelling and scaffolding. These are techniques that I'm sure you already use at home when you are working with your child.

Most lessons contain the following key ingredients;

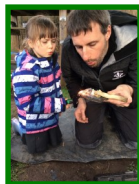
- The teacher **explaining** the skills, knowledge, key concepts and lesson objective
- The teacher giving and receiving **feedback**— this can take many forms but includes the teacher listening to the children's responses and adapting the lesson
- The teacher **questioning** the children to probe their understanding and to develop their thinking
- The children **practising** key learning objectives. This could be times tables, throwing a ball, playing a note on a recorder, saying a greeting in Mandarin or handwriting.
- **Modelling**—this can take the form of the teacher demonstrating, then the teacher and children working together and then the children working independently, known as 'I do, we do, you do'.
- **Scaffolding**—this gives the children the resources to support their learning. These are numerous but could be concrete resources, such as spelling/sounds mats, maths equipment, checklists and sentence starters.

After the workshop you'll be able to spend time in classrooms.

We have updated the date sheet on the back of this newsletter, going all the way to July. Please do take a look and mark down events relevant to you. Please note that there are 12 or so Summer Term sports events still to be confirmed.

I'd finally like to say thank you to you, our Kingslea parents. I have worked in teaching for over 26 years, in six schools, for four authorities and in the maintained and academy sector. Whilst all schools have their challenges, and people often 'joke' to me about one of the challenges being parents, I have to say that as a parent group your support for your children, your support for the class teachers and the support for the school in general helps create the positive culture that we have at Kingslea. Working together, showing common sense, listening to feedback (parents to school and school to parents) benefits our children more than we sometimes realise. Mrs Payne and myself stand on the gate in the morning for a number of reasons but one of them is so that you can have easy access to us for any questions or feedback. The staff at Kingslea work incredibly hard and knowing that we have your support motivates and encourages us to strive to do even better for your children.

Thank you,  
Alexis Conway



### **Tim Franklin - Local Authority Governor**

Having spent my working life exclusively in primary education and in senior roles in and around the Horsham area, I am both privileged and delighted to be involved in Kingslea's exciting journey.

I consider myself fortunate to live in a rural area where I enjoy horse riding and dog walking. I ski regularly and since retiring I have been able to travel more widely, developing my interest in African wildlife through visits to Rwanda and the Okavango Delta.



Appointed to the Governing Body in November 2017, I am a science specialist representing this area of the curriculum. I visit regularly, speaking with children about their learning and with staff to gain an insight into how they plan and deliver lessons. I am always impressed by how clearly the children articulate their reflections and demonstrate their knowledge and by the passion and professionalism of teachers who present learning experiences of the highest quality.

From experience, I know that it is not always easy for pupils and staff to get to know Governors and consequently they can be perceived as remote figures. To mitigate this, I enjoy weekly classroom visits, during which I work with groups of pupils, observing and questioning as they explore and focus on a range of activities. This enables me to appreciate the vibrant atmosphere at Kingslea and to feel a real sense of pride in how the ethos of the school is put into practice.

Whilst Mr Conway and his team take full responsibility for the operational elements of school life, a Governor's role is to support and challenge through full and frank discussion of strategic issues. We ensure that statutory obligations are fulfilled and also encourage staff in their role as facilitators of a curriculum of exceptional breadth and quality at such an important stage of pupils' development.



### **Kingslea Women's Running Group**

Hello! We are a friendly group of women who get together with an aim to run twice a week, supporting each other in achieving our goals. We cater for most levels with two groups on the same evening... one group does a walk/jog (great for beginners and gaining running confidence) and the other group does a jog/run, covering a 5k route with some members extending to 10k.

We have an amazing support network of like-minded women who will get you to where you want to be - we meet for headspace, friendship, fitness and fun.

You are very welcome to join us, meeting 8:10-8:15pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the top of Clarence/Oakhill under the give way sign. See you soon! Amy Hardwick (Reception & Year 2 parent)

Find us on Facebook: Kingslea Women's Running Group

### **Drop-off / Pick-up**

Just a reminder about drop-off and pick-up. Whilst myself and Mrs Payne are usually on the gates in the morning we obviously can't keep an eye on every child. Children in KS1 need an adult with them in the playground and for KS2 it is up to you as a parent to judge if you feel your child is sensible enough to be in the playground by themselves, however the school doesn't take responsibility for them until they are in the school building.

At the end of the day, Y5/6 can go home by themselves, Y4 and younger need at least a secondary age child picking them up, although as a school we will not hand a child over to any child (or adult) where we have concerns about safety.

### **Pancake Café**

Thank you to everyone from KLASS who helped make the Pancake Café the success that it was. Making and serving over 400 pancakes requires a significant logistical effort but absolutely worth it. It has to be one of the highlights of the Kingslea calendar!!



### **Book Day— Joshua Seigal**

It was a pleasure to welcome the Laugh Out Loud 2020 Award winning poet Joshua Seigel to our school on Monday. The children had previously read and enjoyed Joshua's poems and on Monday Joshua shared and read his poems with the children. He also spent time looking at poems that the children had written and helping them to develop their writing. All in all, it was a fabulous day and something that the children and staff will remember for many years.

Whilst I realise some of you gave a sigh of relief that we didn't dress up for World Book Day, I apologise for the late notice about dressing up. As we haven't always dressed up I failed to take into account how organised and enthused some of you are and realise I didn't give you enough notice. Apologies and I will give you notice now we will dress up in 2021!

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came to our book fair. Over £1600 of books were bought and the school can now choose £960 worth of books from the Scholastic catalogue. Books that will go into your children's classrooms.

### **Are you looking after someone else's child? Is somebody else looking after your child?**

If you are looking after somebody's else child for 28 days or more and you are not a close relative then this is known as a private fostering arrangement. For private fostering cousins, great aunts/uncles, great grandparents, family friends and neighbours are not considered as 'close relatives'. It is a legal duty that West Sussex County Council are aware of such arrangements. If you are involved in Private Fostering please call West Sussex county Council on 01403 229900 where they will provide you with advice and support.

### ***Notes from the School Office***

#### ***Payments***

*As we always state on the letters we send out, online payment is by far our preferred option for all trips/visits etc. These payments through the ParentMail Shop are a secure and convenient way to pay. If for any reason you are unable to pay online, we are able to take manual card payments at the School Office.*

*Please remember—we are a school not a bank, we do not hold cash at the Office so we are unable to give change if you do choose to pay in cash but do not have the correct money.*



### Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 11th March	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit	
Friday 13th March	3.00pm Class 3S Parent Visit	Y5 Cup Football @ Tanbridge House School
Wednesday 18th March	9.30am Parent meeting — environmental education 6.00pm Parent Workshop postponed	7.00pm Full Governing Body
Friday 20th March	9.00am Parent Workshop postponed 3.00pm Class 3L Parent Visit	1.00-3.00pm Y2 Football @ Horsham Park 4.00pm Y6 Cup Football @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 24th March	1.00-4.00pm Y5&6 Tag Rugby @ Horsham Rugby Club	
Wednesday 25th March	2.45pm Y1 Parents' Classroom visit	4.00pm Netball A Team @ Collyers
Friday 27th March	School Discos	
Monday 30th March	Class & Y6 Individual Photos	
Wednesday 1st April	Y6 Citizenship Day	4.00pm Netball B Team @ Collyers
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
Tuesday 5th May	YR Trip to the British Wildlife Centre	
Thursday 7th May	Y4 Camping on school field	
<b>Friday 8th May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
Tuesday 12th May	Y5 Tom's Talking Reptiles visit	
Friday 15th May	9.00am-10.45am Dad's Morning	
Wednesday 20th May	Y5 Boys Street Cricket @ Forest	
Thursday 21st May	9.30am Music Festival Rehearsal @ Arunside	6.00pm Governors Curriculum

### HALF TERM : Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June	Y6 Swanage Trip (Monday-Friday)	
Friday 5th June	Y3 Bignor Roman Villa Trip	
Tuesday 9th June	Reception New Intake Parents' Meeting 3.45pm & 6.30pm	
Wednesday 10th June	6.00pm Family Fitness Night	
Monday 15th June	pm Music Festival Rehearsal @ The Hawth	7.00pm Music Festival @ The Hawth
Thursday 18th June	6.00pm Full Governing Body	
Tuesday 23rd June	Aspiration Day	
Thursday 25th June	2.00pm Grandparents' Afternoon	
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
Monday 29th June	Y2 Farlington Multisports Festival	
Tuesday 30th June	Class 3L last swim	
Wednesday 1st July	Y6 Secondary Transition Day	pm YR-Y5 Transition Afternoon
Thursday 2nd July	Y5 to Big Band Science Fair	7.00pm Sports Awards @ Millais
Monday 6th July	Y6 Bikeability Week (Monday to Friday)	
Tuesday 7th July	First Aid Classes for All Year Groups	3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8th July	Y5 Southwater Activity Week (Wednesday-Friday)	3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th July	Sports Day	7.00pm Y6 Performance to Parents
Wednesday 15th July	Reserve Sports Day	7.00pm Y6 Leavers Party
Thursday 16th July	9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly	
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term	am Talent Show