

Kingslea Primary School

NEWSLETTER

17th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the academic year. Children have had their reports, they have met their new teacher and we have had our additional parents evening, but there is still a lot to pack in over the last week and a half. Sports day, end of term assemblies, open afternoon, and the Y6 leavers party to name but a few.

This year the school has gone from strength to strength. I am immensely proud of the achievements of every child and every member of staff. The school continues to grow and develop in so many ways, through our curriculum, our academic achievements, our popularity with parents and our links with other educational institutions and individuals who are passionate about ensuring our children have a first class education.

In my view national education policy still remains rather unfocused and without clear direction with funding across all schools remaining an issue. Hopefully this year will bring some clarity to the direction of national education policy or will bring some respite from constant change. Saying that, there are also many opportunities that this affords us. Schools that are outward looking, that are innovative and have children at the heart of what they do have the freedom to provide an exciting, varied curriculum alongside high, academic standards.

We have a number of new initiatives planned for next year. We are looking at how we teach foreign languages in Key Stage 2, and what languages we speak. We are employing our own in-house artist to work with a number of year groups, we are continuing with our outdoor learning teacher and sports coach and we are further extending our IT curriculum to include more multimedia such as film making and animation. More will be revealed next year. But, trust me, we never stand still at Kingslea.

We are very proud of our academic results this year;

- Our end of Reception results show that pupils have made above expected progress from their starting points last September.
- Our Y1 phonics test results are again above the national average.
- Our Y2 Reading, Writing, Maths results show that our pupils have made well above expected progress since the end of Reception
- In the Y6 subjects that are tested and can be compared across schools, results are significantly above the national average for attainment and progress in Maths, Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths. These results are even better than the record breaking results we had last year and will put us as one of the highest achieving schools in West Sussex.
(See next page for more detailed information)

All of the above can only have been made possible with the fantastic teaching team that we have here at Kingslea. The hard work, high expectations and care for the children is evident, day in, day out, for all to see. I want to thank every member of staff for all they have done this year.

I would finally like to thank parents for all your support this year and wish you all a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Alexis Conway

Y6 SATS results – top 10% in West Sussex and England for attainment and progress

The table below shows our end of Year 6 SATS results for 2017. As you can see results for Y6 in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and maths are very, very high putting us at approximately the top 10% of schools for attainment and progress nationally (compared with national 2016 results). They are also significantly higher than last year and show that our focus on improving teaching and learning, using data to target support, our engaging curriculum, setting for maths and high expectations have had a marked improvement on standards across the school. National and West Sussex comparison data will be out in the Autumn Term but compared to West Sussex 2016 data this set of results would put us as one of the top 5 schools in West Sussex for reading and maths attainment and progress (there is no comparison data for GPS)

% of children reaching the 'expected standard'.	2017 Kingslea Results	Comparison to national (2017)	2017 National Results
Combined RWM	73% (up 15%*)	+12%	61%
Reading	85% (up 12%*)	+14%	71%
Writing (TA)	73% (up 7%*)	-3%	76%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	92% (up 9%*)	+15%	77%
Mathematics	92% (up 14%*)	+17%	75%

*compared to our results in 2016

We have also focused, and invested time and effort, into ensuring that our more able pupils, and those with potential to reach the very highest levels, make above expected progress. The table below shows the percentage of children attaining the 'higher standard' in the 2017 SATs. As you can see in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling and maths, around double the percentage of children at Kingslea reached the higher, more challenging standard than the national percentage. You can see that in reading, GPS and maths around half of pupils achieve the 'higher standard', a remarkable achievement. I have spoken previously about my issues regarding the writing assessment moderation and my lack of faith in comparing one school with another due to varying interpretation of the guidance by individual schools and local authorities.

% of children reaching the 'higher standard'.	2017 Kingslea Results	Comparison to national (2017)	2017* National Results
Reading	45% (up 16%)	+20%	25%
Writing (TA)	10% (up 10%)	-8%	18%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	56% (up 24%)	+25%	31%
Mathematics	48% (up 26%)	+25%	23%

*2017 provisional

Performances for 2017/18

After last years' great success, you can see from the dates below that we are continuing with the separate Reception and Y1/Y2 Christmas performances. We have booked in an additional performance for each, this will allow more family members to come and watch, rather than limiting each family to two tickets we hope to offer each family 4 or 5 tickets for the performances. At parent forum we discussed the importance of 'performance' and my thoughts on bringing more variety into what the children perform over the course of a year. Rather than each year group do a Christmas performance year after year, we will vary each year groups performance for example it may an Easter performance or a play, more information to follow for Y3 – Y6 next term.

Reading across the school

In the new academic year we will be continuing to promote reading in all its forms! It is fantastic to see the children enjoying their reading so much, both at home and at school. We are focussing on

the quality of texts that the children are reading at home and would love you to share a story with your child over the summer break, perhaps your favourite as a child or go and buy a new story chosen jointly. Children in Year 4 to Year 6 will have access to a new recommended reading list from September, which will be in their home-contact books. We were also fortunate to receive a grant of £3000 from the Southover Educational Trust to buy books for children across the school. This means we would have spent at least £13,000 on reading books over the last two years. For any book recommendations for the summer please do speak to your class teacher.



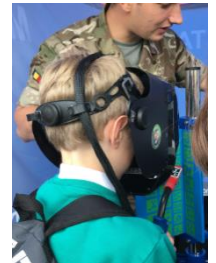
Talent Show

The talent show is back!!! Class teachers will be auditioning acts over prior to the show on Tuesday 25th July. Start practicing, it could be you!!



The Big Bang Science Fair

Last month, Year 5 attended the Big Bang Science Fair at Ardingly. They had a brilliant time trying out different science experiments and learnt a lot about careers that involve science, technology, engineering and maths. They got to 'land a commercial aircraft', sit in a tractor, delivery a baby and enlarge a marshmallow. This event really inspired many of our Year 5s to think more about the scientific world around us!



Grandparents' Afternoon.

Over 200 grandparents spent a wonderful afternoon in school last week. Grandparents from all over the UK, and further afield, spent time in classrooms and out on the field joining in with lessons. Be it art, music, PE and story writing it really was a fabulous afternoon for everyone involved. The children were so excited to see their relatives and it was a lovely opportunity for cross-generational learning. We'll definitely be putting on another Grandparents Day next year and maybe for even longer.



As we come to the last week of term, a reminder of upcoming dates

Tuesday 18th July – Sports Day – We will be starting at about 9.15am and aim to run until around 12noon. The whole school will be out on the field, moving from station to station, with all children participating in activities for the majority of the time. As last year you are welcome to move around the edge of the field following your child or bring a rug/chair and make yourself comfortable watching from a distance. Children should wear their PE kit to school on Tuesday and will stay in it all day.

Tuesday 18th July – Open Afternoon 2.30pm–5.00pm Come along to see your child's work, speak to the Classteacher and meet the new Classteacher.

Monday 24th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly to parents 9.30am

Kingslea Summer Fayre deemed best school fayre in West Sussex for the second year running*

If you thought last year's summer fayre was good, then you would have been very impressed with this year's event, it was even bigger and even better. Thank you to every parent, friend, child and member of staff who helped make our Summer Fayre such a fantastic, community event. We raised an amazing £5,800! There was something for everyone, a lovely atmosphere, great performances from our children and so much to do. Thank you to KLASS for all their hard work it really was a fabulous community day out and has helped raise much needed funds for our school. (*As voted for by Mr Conway and Miss Henderson)



Books to go home – Plastic bags required!

On Monday 24th July, your child will be given most of their school books to go home. Please send your child into school with a bag on that day.



HackHorsham Code Club Festival 2017

Kingslea were represented by a large number of pupils at the Code Club Festival the other weekend. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of activities with our children winning a number of prizes including the game design category. Well done to all of you.



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a Kingslea pupil, either in or outside of school, please ensure that you speak to Mr Conway or Mrs Russell in person or by ringing the school on 01403 254282 or contacting our Chair of Governors on chair@kingslea.org.uk. It is essential that the school community works together to ensure the wellbeing of our children. For more information on safeguarding at Kingslea, please see <http://www.kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/safeguarding.html>

Return parent / pupil comment sheet

In your reports you will have found the parent / pupil comment sheet. Please take the time to sit with your child whilst they write their comment. Please also tell us about your thoughts for this year. Forms to be returned asap.

Notes from the School Office

- *Medications/Inhalers etc. – All medications and inhalers held in school will be returned to you on the last day of term. Please check expiry dates etc. over the holidays and return as necessary to your child's new class on the first day in September. There is no requirement for you to supply a container for inhalers as we have individual pouches in school which they are kept in.
May I remind all parents that it is your responsibility to update the school on any changes to your child's medical conditions and to ensure that any necessary medications are in date.*
- *Lost Property – All lost property will be displayed during sports day and open afternoon on Tuesday 18th July. Any items left unclaimed after this will be disposed of.*

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAY





Summer Term 2017

Monday 17 th July	Y7 Tanbridge House Induction Day
Tuesday 18 th July	9.00am -12.30pm Whole School Sports Day 2.30pm – 5pm Open Afternoon
Thursday 20 th July	9.00am -12.30pm Reserve Sports Day
Monday 24 th July	9.30am Y6 Leavers' Assembly to parents
Tuesday 25 th July	Last Day of Term – usual finish time
Wednesday 26 th July	Holiday Club with Mrs Jagota 10am-3pm
Thursday 27 th July	Holiday Club with Mrs Jagota 10am-3pm
Friday 28 th July	Holiday Club with Mrs Jagota 10am-3pm

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 29 th August	Autumn Term club bookings open 7.00am
Wednesday 30 th August	12noon-2.00pm New Reception Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic Holiday Club with Mrs Jagota 10am-3pm
Thursday 31 st September	Holiday Club with Mrs Jagota 10am-3pm
Monday 4 th September	INSET
Tuesday 5 th September	INSET
Wednesday 6 th September	First day of school
Tuesday 13 th September	1.45pm 3K swimming and then every Tuesday 3.20pm Karate restarts
Wednesday 13 th September	Curriculum meetings 2.30pm and 6.00pm
Monday 18 th September	Clubs start Reception start full -time
Tuesday 19 th September	Volunteers' meeting 9.15am
Wednesday 20 th September	Volunteers' meeting 2.30pm
Thursday 21 st September	Year 5 Maths Competition @ Christ's Hospital
Monday 25 th September	Parents evening appointments released
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 6 Maths Competition @ Windlesham House
Friday 29 th September	2.00pm Reading meeting for Reception parents
Tuesday 4 th October	Individual pupil photos
Wednesday 11 th October	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 4
Thursday 12 th October	9.15am Reading Workshop for parents and time together in class 6.30pm Reading Workshop
Tuesday 17 th October	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th October	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th October	INSET
Half Term : Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October	
Tuesday 31 st October	9.15am Parent Forum 6pm Parent Forum (including Coding Presentation)
Thursday 2 nd November	Big Draw
Friday 3 rd November	Firework night @ Kingslea
Monday 20 th November	Assessment Week
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Decoration making afternoon (mixed year groups)
Monday 4 th December	Xmas Bazaar for pupils
Friday 15 th December	10.00am Y1/2 Christmas Production 2.15pm Reception Christmas Production
Monday 18 th December	2.15pm Y1/2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 19 th December	10.00am Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm Y1/2 Christmas Production
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term

Autumn Term 2017	
First Day Wednesday 6 th September	Last Day – Thursday 21 st December
Half Term – 23 rd – 27 th October	INSET Days 4 th /5 th September & Friday 20 th October

Spring Term 2018	
First Day Thursday 4 th January	Last Day – Thursday 29 th March 2018
Half Term – 12 th February – 16 th February	INSET Day Wednesday 3 rd January

Summer Term 2018	
First Day Monday 16 th April	Last Day – Friday 20 th July
Half Term – Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	INSET Day Friday 22 nd June