

Kingslea Primary School

NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who attended the year group curriculum meetings and the reading meeting for Reception. In the next few weeks, we have the reading workshops and the opportunity to visit classrooms for Y1 to Y6, and we also have parents' evening. You are welcome to bring your child to parents' evening, if you wish; do arrive five to ten minutes before your appointment as you will be able to look at your child's books for this term. We will also be selling disco tickets and raffling off a car parking space during the evening.

After half term we have the ever popular Big Draw. More details will be coming out soon, but put the date, 2nd November, in your diaries. The format will run as previous years with morning, afternoon and evening sessions for parents to come along to school and spend time with your children engaging in art and craft activities.

Please remember that if it is your child's birthday they are welcome to come to school in their own clothes. If their birthday falls in the holidays then they can come wearing their own clothes either before or after the holiday.

I must make a special welcome to our new Reception children. We are extremely proud of how well the children have settled in. They have quickly adapted to the new structure and routines of school. Many of the other members of staff have praised the children for their behaviour, kindness and the way they help each other around the classroom and school. I personally have been very impressed with their cutlery skills. There has been a significant decrease in the number of peas on the floor in the dinner hall! The children have also shown a fantastic attitude towards learning and we look forward to the year ahead.

And finally, our summer reading challenge; what an imaginative group of children, and parents, we had. We were sent photos of children reading in all sorts of poses and places - beaches, trees, mazes, mountains, lighthouses, temples, boats and vineyards, to name just a few. Well done to everyone who sent a photo in; we are currently showing them in assembly. Please do keep reading - at home is absolutely fine!

Yours sincerely,

Alexis Conway



Bug Club

Please remember that if you are trying to access Bug Club via google, the first search entry it brings back is Bug Club in Australia www.activelearnprimary.com.au - this will not allow you to login. The correct address is <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Fancy Dress Clothes Wanted

Do you have any spare costumes, dressing up clothes in good condition or are a dab hand on the sewing machine? Mrs Barrett is in need of spare fancy dress for various topics across key stages.



London 1666 ages 5-6yrs, Dinosaurs/explorers ages 6-7yrs, Astronauts/aliens ages 6-7yrs, Pirates ages 6-7yrs, Romans ages 7-8yrs, Vikings ages 8-9yrs, Ancient Greeks ages 9-10yrs, WW2 evacuation ages 10-11yrs. Please leave any donations at the office marked for the attention of Mrs Barrett. Thank you.



Maths Teams

Congratulations to our Maths teams who recently competed at Christ's Hospital and Windlesham House Schools. Our Y5s excelled, coming 2nd and 4th out of around 40 state and private schools, taking the top two places for state schools. Congratulations to our Y6 team who came sixth in their competition and taking 2nd place amongst the state schools.



Social Media

It has come to our attention that a number of children in Year 6 are using social media apps, such as Instagram, with their parent's knowledge. Please can I remind you that there are age restrictions on the majority of social media apps, which is usually aged 13, and these are there for a reason. We are also concerned that there may be other children in school using these apps without their parent's knowledge. Whilst we cover e-safety in schools we would encourage all parents to speak to their children, especially those with smart phones, about the use of social media and staying safe online.

There are various help sites for parents, including this one from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

Staffing

Our sports coach, Mrs Jagota will be going on maternity leave in November. We have employed Mr Mothee who will be taking over whilst Mrs Jagota is away. We will still be running our vast array of clubs and entering tournaments across the district. Mr Mothee will also be working in classrooms as a teaching assistant, including in Reception.

Y4 visit Horsham Town Centre

As part of Year 4's learning journey they visited Horsham Town Centre last week. The children spent time carrying out a shop survey and interviewing visitors to the town. The children have collated this information and will compare it to information they collect when they visit Brighton later in the term.



Horsham and District Year of Culture

If you haven't seen the fabulous launch video for the Horsham District of Culture 2019 watch it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=geYVLEkSB8E> Kingslea are very proud to have been chosen to represent Horsham schools and we have a few ideas of how to get involved.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

This year the theme is the 1980's and we will be encouraging all children to dress up in 1980's style clothing. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Conkers

We have had a large number of sign-ups for the conker competition. The events are on the 16th October for Y1 and Y2 and 18th October for Y3-6. There are many, many conkers lying around, however if for some reason you can't find one we have had two large bags of conkers donated by two of our pupils. Please tell your child to come and see Mr Conway if they would like a conker.



Notes from the School Office

- ***KS2 Parents - Please ensure you book and pay for your child's hot lunch in good time. All payments must be made by midnight on the Sunday one full week ahead of the week they are required.***
- ***If for any reason your child will not be attending their after school club it is essential that they inform both the club leader and the school office.***
- ***If you need to speak to your class teacher, please either see them at the classroom door at the end of the school day or contact the office to arrange a suitable time. Unfortunately teachers are unable to speak to individual parents before the start of school in the morning***
- ***If your child is absent from school please report it either by telephone (message service), ParentMail or by speaking to the office team. Please do not simply report it to the class teacher***



Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 4 th October	Individual & Siblings photos
Thursday 5 th October	Y5 to British Museum Y3 to Mr Simms
Friday 6 th October	Y3/4 Football @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 10 th October	Y4 to Brighton
Wednesday 11 th October	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 4 6.00pm Governors Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 12 th October	9.00am Reading Workshop for parents and time together in class 6.30pm Reading Workshop
Friday 13 th October	Y5/6 Football @ Horsham Park
Monday 16 th October	Y1/2 Conker Competition 7.30pm KLASS AGM
Tuesday 17 th October	9.00am Governors Resources Meeting Y6 Homefront Bus 3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th October	Y3- Y6 Conker Competition 3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th October	INSET Y3/4 Football @ Horsham Park
Half Term : Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October	
Tuesday 31 st October	9.15am Parent Forum 6.30pm Parent Forum (including Coding Presentation)
Thursday 2 nd November	Big Draw
Friday 3 rd November	4.00pm Girls Football @ Tanbridge House School (THS) Firework night @ Kingslea
Tuesday 7 th November	Family Links introductory session (and then every Tuesday pm for 6 weeks)
Wednesday 8 th November	Governors' Morning
Friday 10 th November	4.00pm Hockey @ THS
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need (1980's) 4.00pm Girls Football @ THS KLASS Disco
Monday 20 th November	Assessment Week
Friday 24 th November	4.00pm Hockey @ THS
Tuesday 28 th November	am Badminton @ Collyers
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Decoration making afternoon (mixed year groups) 4.00pm Girls Football @ THS
Monday 4 th December	Christmas Bazaar for pupils
Thursday 7 th December	6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 8 th December	4.00pm Hockey @ THS
Tuesday 12 th December	Y5 Greek Workshop
Friday 15 th December	9.45am Y1/2 Christmas Production 2.15pm Reception Christmas Production
Monday 18 th December	2.15pm Y1/2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 19 th December	9.45am Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm Y1/2 Christmas Production 7.00pm Candlelit Carols
Wednesday 20 th December	Magic Marty Performances Christmas Lunch
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