

Kingslea Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

5th March 2018

Thank you to all of you who filled out the parental questionnaire at Parents' Evening. As you can see from the table below the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and I feel this reflects the work that we do here at Kingslea and the relationship we have with you, as parents. Added to this we have seen another huge increase in the number of families that have put Kingslea down as their first preference for Reception this September. For the second year running we have the highest number of applications of any school in Horsham. We acknowledge that there are always things we can do to improve and feel that through communication with you and by working together we can all help the school move forward.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school	85 (65)	14(34)	1(1)	0(0.3)
The school keeps my child safe	83(78)	17(21)	0(0)	0(0.3)
The school informs me about my child's progress	65(54)	34(44)	1 (2)	0(0.3)
My child is making good progress at school	57(51)	41(46)	2 (2)	0(0.3)
Children behave well	59(55)	40(44)	1(1)	0(0.3)
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	57(48)	42(51)	1(1)	0(0.3)
The school is led and managed effectively	82(71)	18(28)	0(0)	0(0.3)
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, a problem or a complaint	80(71)	19(28)	1(1)	0(0.3)
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best	81(73)	19(26)	0(0)	0(0.3)
Staff treat my child fairly	73(66)	26(33)	1(0)	0(0.3)
The school seeks the views of parents, their suggestions and concerns	66(61)	34(37)	1(1)	0(0.3)
Children have a wide range of activities to take part in after school and at lunchtimes	73(62)	25(34)	1(2)	0(0.3)
I am happy with my child's experience at this school	82(71)	18(29)	0(0)	0(0.3)

As you can see in all cases there has been a marked increase in the % of parents who strongly agree with the above statements. (The figures in brackets are the results from February 2017)

Looking at the comments, the positive comments were very similar in nature with the vast majority focusing on the enthusiastic, caring and energetic staff, the warmth and feel of the school, the quality of leadership, the wide ranging and engaging curriculum, the fantastic array of extra-curricular activities, the inclusive nature of the school, the high expectations that are in place and the regular communication.

There was no particular theme to the areas for development, the ones that were mentioned by a handful of people including parking, quality of lunches, more clubs for younger children and too much information sent out of parentmail.

Regarding parking, parents are very fortunate that they can park in the school car park. I don't know of any other school where this is possible. Parents usually park on roads surrounding the school. We do rely on parents to use common sense when parking, but as Voltaire said 'Common sense is not so common'. Please do park sensibly and safely or we may have to close the car park off to parents.

Regarding clubs, we have run 23 clubs this term. I'm unaware of any other school in the area that runs so many clubs. I agree that it would be lovely to run even more for EYFS/KS1 and that is something we are working on. Unlike other schools all our teachers run clubs and we are fortunate to have a sports coach. Lunches – I, along with a couple of different teachers eat the school lunch each day. We do acknowledge that the 'choice' on offer is limited and not as sold to schools and parents. This is an issue that has been taken up with Chartwells by schools across the county.

Yours sincerely,
Alexis Conway

Recent Assemblies

On Monday mornings we hold an assembly for Year 1 to Year 6. Assemblies this term have included the Winter Olympics, a look at landmarks and monuments from around the world, an assembly based around some of the songs from S Club 7, including 'Bring it all back' and 'Reach for the Stars' and World Book Day. I was particularly impressed with the children's knowledge of landmarks and monuments from around the world. If you have a picture of your child next to a landmark or monument, please send in a copy or email it to photos@kingslea.org.uk and we will put it up on our map of the world.

Viking Day



Year 4 recently had a Scandinavian invasion as they were visited by a 'real-life' Viking during their Viking day. Going by his historical alias, Raef Ullsun, he treated Year 4 to a wealth of interesting knowledge and history of the Vikings and how they came to first invade and settle in Britain. Pupils had the opportunity to sketch Raef in his authentic attire; participate in a Q&A session



(showcasing some very impressive note taking skills); read and translate Nordic runes; sketch artefacts and finally end the day learning Viking battle strategy and war cries on the field using their amazing shields. It was a day thoroughly enjoyed by all of Year 4 and was clear to see the fantastic level of intrigue they had for this topic, which was only bettered by their amazing costumes.



World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March we held our World Book Day events. Each class focused on a particular book, these included The Wizard of Oz, Skellig and the Rainbow Fish. In assembly we shared our costumes and then enjoyed a day of art, drama, maths, reading and writing linked to our chosen book. Please remember to use your vouchers for your free book.



KLASS

Just a reminder that the discos are on Friday 9th March and it is also a non-uniform day. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a £1.00 donation.

Sport update

Basketball – we finished the basketball tournament on a high winning our final games. The children all showed fantastic hard work and energy right up till the final buzzer. They showed great teamwork all the way through the tournament and left with smiles on their faces.



Table Tennis – table tennis has been a great sport for the 3 Kingslea teams. All of the boys have had some fantastic games, with many going right to the wire. The A and B teams have won the majority of their games and the C team has also been producing some great results. Sportsmanship has been the key word for this tournament with our boys showing honesty, fair play and competing to the best of their ability.



Year 3 Football Cup – an excellent tournament for the team. It's been a while since they played a game for the school and we started slowly in the first two games. We finished on a high, winning our last 2 games and keeping clean sheets in both. Every boy played the whole tournament with a smile on their face and showed great enthusiasm.



Cross Country – what a turn out for the cross country event! An excellent event held at Christ's Hospital. It was a fantastic event to be a part of and it started with the girl's race. All of our girls ran so well, pushing themselves to the limit to stay with the leading pack. They were followed by the boys who ran and paced themselves for the first 1000m and then coming into the finish, they gave an extra push to get across the finish line. One of our boys, Joe B, ran his heart out and finished 9th out of over a hundred boys. He now goes on to the Sussex finals.



New Age Kurling

Twenty four teams from across Horsham primary schools competed in a New Age Kurling competition hosted by Millais. Kingslea had five teams from years 4, 5 and 6. The indoor curling tournament required skill and accuracy, both of which Kingslea had in abundance. Children worked with Millais sports leaders to hone their skills before playing against the other schools in teams of two.

Rachael and Orla from Y5 found inspiration from the GB Olympic team and steamed ahead to the semi-finals. In a tense moment Southwater had the board full and everything to lose. Rachael had the deciding throw and with hawk like precision knocked Southwater's rocks off the board, confirming Kingslea's place in the final. The Kingslea team rallied together to cheer on the pair, (special mention to Isabelle who offered encouragement and tips to her younger counterparts). In the final, the pair came up against some very skilled Year 6 players from Northolmes who just edged to first place. Kingslea once again proved that with teamwork, encouragement and a little inspiration, anything is possible.



Welly Walk

Children have had their letters and sponsorship forms for the Welly Walk; one the highlights of the Kingslea calendar. It's a fantastic whole school activity, walking the grounds, getting some fresh air and raising much needed funds for the school. This year we have included gift aid with the aim of increasing how much money we can raise. **Please return sponsor forms and all money collected to school by Friday 27th April.**

We will need one or two extra adults per class to act as marshals and to help KLASS man the refreshments table. If you think you could spare a morning please let the office know.

On the day children will need to bring their named wellies to school in a named plastic carrier bag. If they do not have wellies then a pair of sturdy walking shoes will do as it will probably be wet underfoot. They will also need a spare pair of socks and a waterproof coat. Unless there is very heavy rain, the walk will take place.



Young Voices

The children were buzzing as we arrived at the O2 Arena for an afternoon and evening of singing. After a quick photo opportunity with the Kingslea banner, we made our way into the arena for lunch and the rehearsal. We learned some new dance moves and had the chance to hear how the songs would sound with a choir of 7,000 for the first



time - it was magical. We couldn't tell when it became dark outside because we ate our tea in the arena but they put the lights down before our friends and families were allowed in. That was when it became really exciting. We all had our Young Voices t-shirts on and held our torches up as we sang. The songs sounded incredible and all the Kingslea pupils were so well-behaved and polite. They were a pleasure to take to Young Voices and they sang their hearts out brilliantly.

Rocketeers

Rocketeers at Kingslea Primary School is so excited to announce that we can accept more bookings into both our breakfast and afterschool clubs from after Easter. Finally! We are so pleased to be able to extend our services to families that we were previously unable to help as we were full. This change is a direct result of being able to successfully recruit more staff. Please do get in touch with Sarah Adams, our Administrator on 01403 371020 or enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk for more information.

Details of our Easter Holiday Club can be found in our Rocketeers Newsletter (distributed via Parentmail) or on Rocketeers Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages. Please do book early in order to guarantee a space.



The school office has details of other childcare providers.

Notes from the School Office

- **£10.00 notes** – Please ‘note’ we are no longer able to accept any of the old style £10.00 notes in payment for any school activities. If you have any of the old style notes you can exchange them at a bank.
- **Change** - The school office do not hold any sort of cash float so we are unable to offer change when parents are paying for school activities. Please make sure if paying at the office you have the correct money or, ideally, please pay online through Parentmail.

Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 6 th March	1.00pm Y3/4 Rugby @ Collyers
Thursday 8 th March	pm Dance Rehearsal Y5 Girls Coding @ Millais 7.00pm Dance Festival Performance @ The Hawth
Friday 9 th March	Non-Uniform Day 9.00am – 10.45am Dads’ Morning 3.30pm onwards Discos 4.00pm Y4 Football Cup @ Horsham Park 5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 13 th March	Textile Recycling Collection Reception visit to British Wildlife Centre 1.00pm YTag Rugby Tournament @ Horsham RC
Wednesday 14 th March	pm Music Festival Rehearsal for Choir @ Arunside
Thursday 15 th March	Y5 to Houses of Parliament
Friday 16 th March	2.00pm Viking Workshop for parents 4.00pm Y5 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Wednesday 21 st March	Fun Run @ Horsham Park Y3&4
Thursday 22 nd March	am Y2 Space Dome
Friday 23 rd March	Y2 Space Café Y3 Showcase to Parents 4.00pm Y6 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Wednesday 28 th March	pm Y6 Junior Citizen session
Thursday 29 th March	Welly Walk Last day of term

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 24 th April	7.00pm Y6 Swanage meeting for parents
Thursday 26 th April	pm Music Festival Rehearsal @ Arunside 6.00pm Governors Curriculum
Friday 27 th April	All Welly Walk sponsor money to be returned
Tuesday 1 st May	9.00am Governors Resources
Friday 4 th May	Y4 Camping Night
Monday 7th May	BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 8 th May	am Music Festival Rehearsal @ The Hawth 7.00pm Music Festival @ The Hawth
Monday 21 st May	Class and Y6 Individual Photos
Thursday 24 th May	6.30-8.30pm Mums & Sons Evening
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – HALF TERM	
Monday 4 th June	Y6 to Swanage
Friday 8 th June	Y6 Return from Swanage
Tuesday 12 th June	7.00pm Country Dancing Festival @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 19 th June	7.00pm Country Dancing Festival @ Horsham Park (Reserve date)
Friday 22 nd June	INSET Day
Thursday 28 th June	Y5 trip to Big Bang Science Fair @ Ardingly
Friday 29 th June	Grandparents’ Afternoon
Thursday 5 th July	Y6 Secondary Induction Day pm Meet the new teachers
Friday 6 th July	am Y3&4 District Sports pm Y5&6 District Sports
Saturday 7 th July	12noon-3.00pm Summer Fayre
Monday 9 th July	Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 10 th July	Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 11 th July	Y5 @ Southwater 6.00pm Governors Curriculum
Thursday 12 th July	Y5 @ Southwater 7.00pm Sports Awards Evening @ Millais
Friday 13 th July	Y5 @ Southwater am Y3&4 District Sports pm Y5&6 District Sports
Tuesday 17 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	Sports Day (Reserve date)
Thursday 19 th July	9.00am Y6 Leavers Assembly to parents
Friday 20 th July	Last day of term

Term Dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19

Spring Term 2018	
First Day Thursday 4 th January	Last Day – Thursday 29 th March
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

Autumn Term 2018	
First Day Tuesday 4 th September	Last Day – Thursday 20 th December
Half Term – 22 nd – 26 th October	INSET Days 3 rd September and 19 th October

Spring Term 2019	
First Day Thursday 3 rd January	Last Day – Friday 5 th April 201
Half Term – 18 th February – 22 nd February	INSET Day Friday 15 th February

Summer Term 2019	
First Day Tuesday 23 rd April	Last Day – Friday 19 th July
Half Term – Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	INSET Day Friday 21 st June