

# Kingslea Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,

A few weeks ago we held an evening for our junior girls and the significant male in their life. Over 60 dads, step-dads, granddads, uncles and brothers attended, and what an evening it was! There was a series of events around the school including coding, dodgeball, hair plaiting, conversation café, science experiments, financial advice and art for girls and their adult to enjoy. The evening gave the girls and their adult invaluable time to talk, get to know each other a little better and have some fun. A huge thank you to Mrs Barrett and Mrs Hughes for organising the event and to all the staff who came along. For those of you who have ask about a boys and significant female evening, we will be holding an event in the summer term on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May (not in February as previously advertised) as we would like to use our outdoor areas. Further details will be available nearer the time.



Every day, I ensure I visit each classroom at least once. Over the last few weeks, I have seen so many wonderful things going on across the school and have been proud to show various visitors from other schools the good work that goes on at Kingslea. Reception are loving learning about superheroes and defeating the evil pea!! Year 1 have been producing some very impressive facts files about the Arctic and Antarctic, Year 2 are becoming space experts and have produced some lovely 'Bob'

diaries based on 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. Year 3 have produced impressive Monet paintings and poems based on 'The Secret Garden', Year 4 have been making great progress with the ukulele lessons under the tutelage of local musician, Jodie Munday, Year 5 have taken on the part of Erik the Red, writing and performing speeches imploring others to join them and Year 6 are enjoying leaning about Ancient China and developing their knowledge of Mandarin.



As you are all aware KLASS run a series of very successful events over the course of the year; including firework night and the summer fayre. We are looking for more parents to become involved, helping out both on the day and with planning and behind the scenes. KLASS raise a significant amount of money for your children. If you value the education your child has at Kingslea I do ask you to play an active role in raising funds for the school. Have a word with your friends and come along to the next meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at school.

Yours sincerely,  
Alexis Conway

### Art Award

We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded 'Artsmark Silver' in recognition of our arts curriculum. Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. Artsmark is more than just art; it includes music, dance and drama and recognises our creative curriculum. At Kingslea we believe that arts are a key part of our children's education and along with Artsmark we believe that culture and creativity increases pupils' confidence, critical and creative thinking, communication and literacy skills, improving attainment in core subjects like Maths and English. The arts also introduce the joys of creating and performing and experiencing art to young people who may not otherwise be exposed to it. Our choir are currently preparing to perform at the O2, our two dance groups are rehearsing for performances at The Hawth and Horsham Park, and we are preparing for an in school art exhibition.



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

### Playground drop off/Pick up

Please remember that all children should be in the playground ready to start school by 8.45am, when the bell is rung. Infant children should not be left alone in the playground, or under the guidance of older siblings.

### **RSPB Big Garden BirdWatch**

Year 3 are currently taking part in the annual RSPB Bird Watch event. This is an event that has been running for nearly 40 years. Last year over half a million people took part. Using this year's data and data from the last 40 years the Big Garden Birdwatch monitors trends and helps us understand how birds are doing. With results from so many schools and gardens, the RPSB are able to create a 'snapshot' of bird numbers across the UK.

While some changes in bird numbers can seem scary - we've lost more than half our house sparrows and some three-quarters of our starlings - it isn't all doom and gloom.

Since Birdwatch began blue tit numbers have risen by 20 per cent and the woodpigeon population has increased by a whopping 800 per cent. The results our children send in help the RSPB spot problems, but more importantly, they are also the first step in putting things right. This is why it's so important that we count garden birds.



### **Facebook/Twitter**

We have been using Twitter for the last few years to give you some insight into daily life at Kingslea. We have two accounts @KingsleaPrimary and @PEKingslea, which between them have over 500 followers. Some parents have mentioned that they would love to follow us but are not on Twitter and could we use Facebook. As per the last newsletter and recent parentmail we are going to start trialling the use of Facebook. Our page is <https://www.facebook.com/Kingslea-Primary-School-1635924419763348/> Please do follow us. Please note that you are welcome to positively comment on any posts but if you would like to ask questions or need a response then please use the usual channels of communication i.e. speak to a member of staff on the gate, come to the office or use the telephone. Feedback on our new Facebook page will be appreciated.



### **Camping**

After last year's very successful Y4 evening of camping we've decided to do it again. This year's date is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Letters will be coming out nearer the time but we thought we'd let you know the date as soon as possible. As last year, the children will put the tents up during the day, go home for tea and return to school in the evening. During the evening we will be playing games, having a camp fire, toasting marshmallows, having a sing song around the campfire and then sleeping soundly. Parents will then pick up their children at 9.00am on Saturday morning.



### **Dads' Day**

Dads' Day has been booked in for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am to 10.45am, although if there is good behaviour from the dad's they will be allowed to go out to play for 15 minutes afterwards. The workshop this year will be on fractions, followed by time in class with your child. We absolutely understand that not every child has a significant male in their life, so we are more than happy to have mum/significant female come along.

### **Attendance**

Our current average school attendance is 97% which is the equivalent of no more than 2½ days absent from school so far this year. I am very pleased with the attendance and punctuality of the vast majority of children so far this year. If your child brought home an attendance certificate at the end of last term, well done. If they didn't, hopefully they will receive one this year.

### **Sport**

What a great start to the year Kingslea sports teams have had!

Netball – The netball teams played a fantastic tournament in the first meeting of the year. The teams' shooting was on point and this showed with the A team winning all their games. Great work by all!

Basketball – What a first tournament we had at the basketball event! All showed all their skills learnt over the sessions at afterschool club and used them in the games they played. Just like the netball, we had one of the teams go on an unbeaten run and we showed off our shooting ability.

We look forward to the coming weeks and tournaments ahead. We have our first table tennis event coming up and we have the year 3 & 4 indoor athletics! We have a busy month ahead and we look forward to competing in a variety of competitions.



### Parents' Evening

Thank you for signing up to Parents' Evening. Please arrive 5/10minutes before your child's appointment so you can have a look at their books. Children are welcome to attend the appointment. There will be a questionnaire for parents to complete on the evening and KLASS will be selling tickets for the disco, Easter Raffle and the car parking space for the summer term.

### Clubs – Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February

Just a reminder that only the following clubs will be running on the first week after half term, due to Parents' Evening: Netball (Monday), Basketball (Tuesday), Y5&6 Football and Code Club (Wednesday), Dice, Cards & Dominoes and Y3&4 Football (Thursday) and Dance (Friday). All other clubs will return the following week.

## And finally



## No comment necessary!

### *Notes from the School Office*

- **Medical Appointments** – Please try to make all medical appointments outside of school time, if however you are unable to please ensure you inform the office, and not just the class teacher. Medical appointments can also be reported on Parentmail using the Absence Reporting tab.



# Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir @ O2 for 'Young Voices'	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am Indoor Athletics Tournament	4.30pm Basketball League @ Collyers
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	am Y5 Boys to Forest - Badminton	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Café	5.00pm Table Tennis League @ Collyers
<b>Half Term : Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	pm Music Festival Rehearsal for Choir @ Arunside	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	1.00pm Cross Country @ Christ's Hospital	4.30pm Basketball League @ Collyers
	6.00pm Full Governing Body	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 Viking Day	4.00pm Y3 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm KCLASS meeting – all invited	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day	Y4 Maths Competition @ Christ's Hospital
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	4.00pm Y5/6 Girl's Football Cup @ Horsham Park	5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00pm Y3/4 Rugby @ Collyers	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm Netball League @ Collyers	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	pm Dance Rehearsal	Evening Dance Festival Performance @ The Hawth
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am – 10.45am Dads' Morning	3.30pm onwards Discos
	4.00pm Y4 Football Cup @ Horsham Park	5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception visit to British Wildlife Centre	1.00pm Tag Rugby Tournament @ Horsham RC
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	pm Music Festival Rehearsal for Choir @ Arunside	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 to Houses of Parliament	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Viking Workshop for parents	4.00pm Y5 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Fun Run @ Horsham Park Y3&4	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	am Y2 Space Dome	pm Y5 Girls coding @ Millias
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y2 Space Café	4.00pm Y6 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Welly Walk	Last day of term

## Term Dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19

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

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

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

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

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