

Kingslea Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

5th May 2018

It's been a lovely start to the term and it's wonderful to get out onto the school field at break and lunchtimes. Amongst other things, Reception have been searching for, and identifying, insects in the copse. It was lovely to see Year 1 parents visiting the classrooms for the first of our fortnightly classroom visits. Year 2 have all written and published wonderful adventure stories. Year 3 have started their new learning journey and used toilet rolls to work out how long ago the Stone Age was. If the Romans were 2 toilet tissues ago, how many rolls do you think the Stone Age was. Ask a Y3 child for the answer!

I'm sure you are aware of the many talents our staff have. But did you know that one of our teachers, Mr Townsley is a Professor of Dragonology? Coincidentally, our Y4s are studying all things dragons this term and they were very fortunate to spend a session with 'Professor' Townsley (who travelled over from St Leonards Forests) learning a whole host of facts about dragons and the world of dragons.

Year 5 have been reading 'The Jungle Book', writing their own stories and dissecting flowers in Science. Year 6 spent a very wet afternoon in Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods orienteering and continue to make impressive progress with their learning of Mandarin.

Remember you can follow us on Twitter @KingsleaPrimary and @KingsleaPE

Yours sincerely

Alexis Conway

Some upcoming dates for your diaries;

Tuesday 12th June : 3.45pm/7.00pm - New Reception parents' meeting - childcare available for the children and any older siblings currently at Kingslea at the 3.45pm meeting (please book at the school office), adults only at the 7.00pm meeting.

Friday 22nd June : INSET Day – We will be planning for the 2018/19 school year.

Friday 29th June 2.15pm : Grandparents' afternoon - Grandparents are welcome to arrive at 2.15pm when they will be able to spend time in the classroom with their grandchild/ren. Please sign up on behalf of your child's grandparent via ParentMail.

Week beginning Monday 2nd July – Last week of all after school and lunchtime clubs (excluding Karate and the Horsham DC Table Tennis & Football Courses).

Monday 2nd July – Letter to parents regarding classes for September 2018

Thursday 5th July – In the afternoon, classes meet their new class teacher and spend time in their new classroom.

Friday 6th July - Reports sent home to parents

Saturday 7th July : Summer Fayre 12noon-3.00pm - I am sure you will all remember what a great day out it was last year and what an important fundraiser it is for the school. We hope to see you all there.

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th July – Parents' Evening - Our additional parents evening will be held on these days. You will be able to sign up via ParentMail from Monday 11th June.

Tuesday 17th July – Sports Day – We will be starting at about 9.15am and aim to run until around 12noon. All supporters welcome.

Thursday 19th July – Y6 Leavers assembly to parents



Tesco tokens

The voting is now open. Please ask for your blue token and put in the collection box token at the Tesco Express on the Kings Road/Redkiln Way roundabout and on Brighton Road (Sliver Wok), and the Tesco Extra at Broadbridge Heath. We are aiming to build an outdoor shelter for pupils to sit under and read during lessons, break and lunchtimes. We have been chosen as one of three causes between 1st May and 30th June 2018 and have applied for £4,000. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000, and the third placed project £1,000. To vote, you will need to make a purchase in store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. Please then put it in the Kingslea slot.

TESCO

Bags of Help



I'm confused!

In all the schools I've worked in I've always been perplexed at how thoughtful of others the children are but when it comes to school pick-up and drop-off why parents in cars aren't! It seems to me that there is some sort of formula, **school pick-up + parent + car = lack of common sense**. Kingslea is one of the only schools I know where there is no barrier/gate at the entrance to the car park and parents cars are allowed into the school car park at the beginning and end of the day. However this privilege seems to be seen as a right by some parents. A right to block in others, to park dangerously and frankly to park quite ridiculously! Parents wouldn't park in the supermarket car park in that way or on their own road. Whilst the majority of parents and children walk to school, having an open car park seems to encourage too many people to drive. Unless parents self-regulate in a significantly improved manner we will consider closing the car park to parents, as all other schools do. Moan over!



New House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains. Children who want to be house captains do a presentation to the rest of the year group and then votes are cast. Our house captains this term are for Dragons Isabelle and Chloe, for Phoenix Kristin and Jess, for Griffins Rhea and Will and for Unicorns Elisa and Jack.



Funding

Have you noticed the increase in potholes in the roads? How over time the decrease in spending on highway maintenance has led to an increase in the number of potholes. The one by the train station was a monster!! Something similar is happening with schools and education funding. Schools will continue to open, continue to provide an education but pot holes are appearing across the education sector. Be it in the recruitment of teachers, providing educational resources or in maintaining building. You want the very best for your child, and children in England, please support the Worthless campaign and where possible support the school with our own fundraising.



Question: How much money does Kingslea Primary School get each year to maintain our building? This includes everything from mending a leaking roof, fixing the boiler (quite regularly!), putting in new carpets, mending broken windows, refurbishing toilets, painting classrooms and tarmacking playgrounds.

Is it a) £8,000 b) £28,000 c) £58,000, d) £108,000

Think about how much fitting a new kitchen costs or how much it would cost to put new carpets in your home.

Oh and this pot of money also has to pay for new computers and IT equipment. Think that a laptop costs £500, I pads £300, interactive whiteboards £2000. You might want to change your answer!

See back page for answer.

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>

Fortnite

It seems some children are playing a game called 'Fortnite'. Whilst I am sure this is the game of the moment, and something else will come along soon, the Video Standards Council rates it at 12 and older. Therefore Kingslea pupils should not be playing it. Please can I remind you about age appropriate gaming and the length of time children are gaming for.

Year 4 Camping

What an evening we had! Year 4 spent a memorable evening camping out on the school field. The children spent Friday afternoon erecting their tents (kindly supplied by 5th/10th Horsham Scouts). They returned to school later in the evening for a series of activities including wide games, a campfire sing song, toasting marshmallows and a bedtime story. A wonderful evening was had by all, with the first children waking up at 5.30am!!



Welly Walk thank you to everyone who raised money for the welly walk. We raised almost £6,000, a fantastic amount.

Music Festival

Over 30 children took part in the Horsham Music Festival at The Hawth Theatre, Crawley. This year, the production was based around Inspirational women. Thank you to Ms Palmer and Mrs Kemp for all the work they did with the choir, to the children for their beautiful singing and impeccable behaviour and to all the parents who came to watch.



Play leaders and Mr Mothee

Mr Mothee and our playleaders will be out on the field every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime organising games and activities for Year R, 1, 2 and 3. Any child who wants to join in the games just needs to wander over to where Mr Mothee is.

Reception Intake September 2018

Letters have gone out to the new Reception intake for September 2018. We look forward to seeing you and your child on one of the tours. We had a significant increase in the number of parents applying for a place at Kingslea, up from 77 last year to 120 this year, making us by far the most popular school in Horsham, based on parental choice. Over the last few years, non-catchment siblings have secured a place in Reception. This year however, a number of non-catchment sibling children have yet to be offered a place at Kingslea. We are unsure if this is a one off year. If you are thinking of moving out of catchment and you have a pre-school child that you want to attend Kingslea, there is a possibility that they might not be offered a place when the time comes. If you move out of catchment once your child is in school, you obviously can keep your place at the school. If anyone would like to discuss this further please see Mr Conway.

Colours

In assembly we handed out colours for various activities including table tennis, hockey and football. Colours are handed out to children who represent the school events and uphold the values and behaviours that we expect of our pupils; values and behaviours such as fairness, team work, dedication, perseverance and kindness. The final decision regarding the awarding of colours will be taken by myself and the teacher in charge. For sporting events colours are given out at the end of the season and are dependent on the number of events in the competition and how many times the child has represented the school. Colours can be sewn onto school PE hoodies. Please see @KingsleaPrimary for the latest photos

Notes from the School Office

- **Reporting Absences on ParentMail** – *If you report your child's absence using ParentMail, please ensure you give details of the reason for absence in the 'Additional Information' field. Just entering 'Illness' is not sufficient.*



- **Hayfever etc** – *As the children are now playing on the field at break and lunchtimes, if your child suffers from hayfever please ensure they have taken the necessary medication before they come to school in the morning.*

Summer Term 2018

Friday 11 th May	4.00pm Y3-6 Tennis @ Horsham Park	
Wednesday 16 th May	6.00pm Y5&6 Sex Education Parents Meeting	6.45pm Full Governing Body
Friday 18 th May	4.00pm Y3-6 Tennis @ Horsham Park	
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	
Wednesday 6 th June	Y4&5 Cricket @ Horsham CC	
Friday 8 th June	Y6 return from Swanage	4.00pm Y3-6 Tennis @ Horsham Park
Tuesday 12 th June	Y5&6 Cricket @ Horsham CC	3.45pm & 7.00pm Reception New Intake Mtgs
	7.00pm Country Dancing Festival @ Horsham Park	
Friday 15 th June	4.00pm Y5&6 Tennis @ Horsham Park	
Tuesday 19 th June	7.00pm Country Dancing Festival @ Horsham Park (Reserve date)	
Friday 22 nd June	INSET Day Stoolball @ Horsham CC	4.00pm Y3&4 Tennis @ Horsham Park
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 2018/19

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

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

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

The answer was a) £8,000. We get £8,000 a year to maintain and improve the school building and to buy our IT equipment.