Kingslea Primary School N E W S L E T T E R

12th December 2017

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the term I'd thought I'd go through a few dates for the final two weeks and look forward to next term.

Wednesday 13th December

On Wednesday Reception will be performing their dress rehersal to 60 children from Horsham Nursery and Family Centre as well as to other year groups at school. Later in the day Y1/2 will be performing their dress rehearsal to the juniors.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas Performances are on Friday 15th, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December. We will be opening the doors for the morning performances just after 9.00am and in the afternoon, around 1.40pm, once we've tidied away from lunchtime. KLASS will be serving a varitey of refreshments.

Tuesday 19th December

Later in the afternoon on the 19th the choir will be singing carols for the residents of King's Court, across the road from the school, and we have the Candlelit Carols at 7.00pm. The choir will be singing by candlelight in the school hall; all Kingslea families are invited to join us, whether or not your child is in the choir.

Wednesday 20th December

On Wednesday 20th December the children will be entertained by Magic Marty, followed by Christmas lunch. Over the last two years, Magic Marty has been such a hit with the children that we have booked him to entertain Y3/4/5/6 in a separate show. Children can dress 'Christmassy' on this day. As our children, and parents, are rather imaginative, we will leave the definition of 'Christmassy' up to you. Children can wear a Christmas jumper, something 'Christmassy' in their hair, dress in the colours of Christmas, as an elf or something that surprises us all!! If you do not want to join in then please wear school uniform as usual. We will also be serving 364 Christmas lunches on that day!

Thursday 21st December

We will be holding our awards assembly in the morning and then in the afternoon we will all be coming together as a school community for a special final assembly of the year.

Spring Term

Our very well attended Reception Stay and Play is moving to Monday at 2.20pm, starting on Monday 8th January. Do come along if you are able to.

Once again, we have had a tremendous response to our extra-curricular clubs for next term, registers have been finalised and you will have received confirmation of allocations. We are very pleased with the uptake and we do realise that you need to sign up promptly to be allocated a place on some of the more popular clubs. We are running 23 clubs next term, which really is a phenomenal number. I would imagine this is far more than the vast majority of schools in Horsham and beyond. It is the dedication of our teachers and teaching assistants and our use of Sports Funding which allows us to have such a range of clubs.

Please note a couple of amended dates: Parents evening is now Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February and our Dad's Morning is back on Friday 9th March.

Kind regards, Alexis Conway

KLASS

I would just like to thank KLASS and all the parents who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. It took many hours to set up with members of KLASS working over the weekend to ensure that everything was set up for the children. The funds that KLASS have recently raised have contributed towards new LED screens for classrooms, the hot air balloon trip for Y3 and Y4, the Y5 trip to see Wonder at the cinema, the outdoor area for Reception, the Christmas entertainer for the whole school, the new amplifier for the hall and the Christmas crackers for the Christmas lunch.

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

What a fabulous day we had with an array of wonderful outfits from both children and staff. We showed off our outfits in assembly, talked about what Children in Needs aims are and watch a video to showing some of the beneficiaries of Children in Need funding. We raised a total of £457.12.



Book Amnesty

We do love reading and as we always say, it is important that the children read



every night. Those that do tend to do better at school than those who don't. Over the last two years we have bought around £17,000 worth of books. If you have any of our books at home that need returning please do so and/or if you have any books at home that your child/ren has outgrown and you think would be enjoyed by children in our school please do bring them in to the office and we will put them in class libraries.

Kingslea Sport



<u>Girls Football</u> – Over 6 weeks the girls of years 4, 5 and 6 have been determined to work hard and achieve their very best at the Girls Football Tournament at Tanbridge House School. They have shown great enthusiasm, team work and desire to improve in all parts of their games. There were 16 teams involved in the tournament and we scored a variety of great team goals in the majority of our games. The end result shows how hard all of the girls worked and we won one of four divisions.

<u>Badminton Festival</u> – this was great for the children of year 3 and 4 to experience some quality coaching from ranked UK professionals. The children showed great concentration and respect to the coaches. They learnt new techniques and showed off their skills and abilities for all to see.



Hockey – The Kingslea hockey teams have been fantastic over 2 hockey meetings. They have showed wonderful teamwork and great sportsmanship to all. They have improved immensely in the understanding of the game and improved in their own abilities, skill and positioning. We are looking forward to the final meeting.

Play Leaders – The Kingslea play leaders are very much enjoying the responsibility of working with KS1. They have smiles on their faces and share their knowledge with so many great ideas for the younger children to enjoy.



PE – PE has been fantastic all around the school, with every child motivating each other to do their best and having great energy in the classes. Reception love to recreate the story through PE sports movements, KS1 work hard to improve in their abilities and understanding of team games in football and basketball. KS2 have been working hard and concentrating on learning about the body positions in gymnastics and hockey.

Lunchtime Club – Year 1 and 2 have been attending multisport sessions. They have been getting a better understanding of a variety of different sports, whether it is individual games or team games, they show great enthusiasm.

Mr Mothee would like to thank all of the parents who have assisted in transporting children to the events. Thank you to all of the sports leaders from Millais who have helped run the after school clubs each week and finally a big thanks for all the teachers who run after school clubs.

ROCKETEERS

Dear Kingslea Parents,

Rocketeers recently undertook a survey; the response was very positive and has resulted in progressive changes at our Kingslea site. One key point that came to light was communication - parents who use us, and those that don't, want to know what happens at Rocketeers!

Because of this feedback, we've increased our presence on our social media sites (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram), detailing themes, daily activities and upcoming holiday clubs. The introduction of whiteboards with newsworthy bulletins was implemented and has been well received. We are working towards a more effective handover at drop off and pick-up. Activities are more focused and the introduction of Mathletics and "homework time" has proved a hit with our older children. Our website is updated, relevant and will soon have details of all our staff. This is just the beginning.

Ad Hoc Sessions

Whilst availability at Kingslea is limited, as our clubs are mostly full, we will always endeavour to help with last minute bookings, where possible. All families are welcome to enquire should you need any ad hoc requirements.

Winter Holiday Club

The end of the Autumn term is upon us, and with that in mind, we are now accepting booking for our Holiday Club. We are opening on site on 22nd December and 2nd & 3rd January. Further details can be found in our flyer, as attached. We welcome comments from all Kingslea parents. Please do get in touch if we can answer any questions at all. You can reach us on 01403 371020 or enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk. Looking forward to hearing from you.

The Rocketeers Team

If parents require any information about Rocketeers or other childcare providers who serve Kingslea please ask at the school office.

Notes from the School Office

- Parking we have had a number of complaints both from the Nursery and the local residents of inconsiderate parking. The Nursery car park is not for use by Kingslea parents as it has limited space and is required for Nursery drop off and pick up. If you park in the street in Kingslea please ensure you are not blocking driveways and that all residents can move their cars in and out if necessary. To ease the traffic issues please try to park away from the school and walk to drop off/pick up your child.
- If your child is absent from school, YOU MUST REPORT IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE, this may be via ParentMail, email, telephone message or in person. It is not sufficient to merely report it to a class teacher as the message may not always get to the Office.
- I am pleased to report that 'REMEMBER TO BRING EVERYTHING TO SCHOOL WEEK' was a great success, with the number of forgotten items greatly reduced. Please try to continue the excellent work.

	Autumn Term 2017
Tuesday 12 th December	Y5 Greek Workshop
Friday 15 th December	9.30am 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 Dress Christmassy!
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term
	Spring Term 2018
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET Day – Maths and Mindfulness
Thursday 4 th January	Children back in school
Monday 8 th January	2.20pm Stay and Play – Reception
Tuesday 9 th January	Karate restarts 6.30pm SATs meeting for Y5/6 parents and children
Monday 15 th January	Clubs start
Wednesday 17 th January	4pm Netball League @ Collyers
Thursday 18 th January	9.00am Resources Committee 6.15pm Girls and Dads evening
Tuesday 23 rd January	9.00am Reception endangered species workshop
Thursday 25 th January	Basketball League @ Henfield
Wednesday 31 st January	9.30am Y5 Rugby @ Forest
Thursday 1 st February	6.00pm Governors Curriculum meeting
Friday 2 nd February	5.00pm Table Tennis League @ Collyers
Tuesday 6 th February	Choir @ O2
Thursday 8 th February	10.00am Indoor Athletics Tournament 4.30pm Basketball League @ Collyers
	6.15pm Boys and Mums Evening
Friday 9 th February	5.00pm Table Tennis League @ Collyers
	Half Term : Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents' Evening (Please note new date)
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd February	1.00pm Cross Country @ Christ's Hospital 4.30pm Basketball League @ Collyers
	6pm Full Governing Body
Friday 23rd	Y4 Viking Day 4.00pm Y3 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Thursday 1 st March	Y4 Maths Competition @ Christ's Hospital
Friday 2 nd March	4.00pm Y5/6 Girl's Football Cup @ Horsham Park 5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 6 th March	1.00pm Y3/4 Rugby @ Collyers
Wednesday 7 th March	4.00pm Netball League @ Collyers
Thursday 8 th March	Class photos
Friday 9 th March	9.00am Dads' Morning (Please note this is a new date)
	4.00pm Y4 Football Cup @ Horsham Park 5.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers
Tuesday 13 th March	1.00pm Tag Rugby Tournament @ Horsham Rugby Club
Thursday 15 th March	Y5 to Houses of Parliament
Friday 16 th March	4.00pm Y5 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Friday 23 rd March	4.00pm Y6 Football Cup @ Horsham Park
Thursday 29 th March	Welly Walk Last day of term

Term Dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19

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
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	