

Kingslea Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

20th April 2018

We hope you had a lovely Easter and welcome back. During the last week of term we handed out hundreds of certificates to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils. Many children came home with Bronze or Silver House Point certificates. During the course of the term children are awarded house points for a wide variety of reasons, including high quality work, excellent behaviour, effort, progress made, the quality of their homework and reading at home. These points are added up on an individual basis and once a child has received 25 points they get a bronze certificate, 50 a silver and 100 a gold certificate. We also handed out certificates for attendance, with an impressive number of children attaining 100% attendance this term.



At the end of each term six children are chosen from each class for the Headteacher's Award. There is a class award for Reading, Writing, Maths, Creativity, Sport and Kindness. The criteria vary for each award but progress, effort and consistency are three key factors.

We also held the Easter Raffle, with 23 very happy children and members of staff taking home a huge box of chocolates. Thank you to KLASS for running the Easter Raffle and congratulations also to the Ballard Family who have won the reserved parking space.



Yours sincerely, Alexis Conway



Welly Walk

What a fabulous morning we had, walking 10 laps of the school grounds, 5km in total. As usual Reception started first walking with their friends and teachers, as each year group joined at timed intervals. It was lovely to see the children chatting, walking with friends and siblings and just spending time out in the fresh air. Every penny raised through Welly



Walk sponsorship goes to providing equipment and resources for your children. Please send in your completed sponsor form and money raised by Friday 27th April and, where possible please sign up for gift aid.

Tesco

Last year we applied to Tesco Bags for Help scheme 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. We need your votes. 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.



You usually need to ask for the token and the three stores we are collecting from are the Tesco Express on the Kings Road/Redkiln Way roundabout and on Brighton Road, and the Tesco Extra at Broadbridge Heath.

Year 1 visits

As part of our belief in working closely with parents we are introducing fortnightly classroom visits for Year 1 parents this term. Dates have been sent out, please come through the main entrance for a 3.00pm start. We will review take-up and parental feedback at the end of the term to see if we continue with them for Year 1 from next September.

Sports Day

Sports Day is booked in for Tuesday 17th July (reserve date 18th July). This will start at about 9.20am, please do come along to watch.

Attendance and punctuality

The overall school attendance percentage is currently 96.6%, which is the equivalent of having no more than 5 days absent from school in a school year. Many of our children have far less than that. At our end of term assembly I was able to hand out hundreds of certificates to children who were at school for every day in the Spring Term or only had one or two days absent. We continue to monitor attendance on a weekly basis. If your child is absent for more than 6 days a term please expect to receive a letter or phone call from me. If you need support or would like to talk to me about your child's attendance please do contact the school. Can I also remind parents that we expect everyone to be **IN** the playground when the bell rings at 8.45am. This ensures your child is on time and it ensures late parents do not impede the flow of parents leaving via the infant gate.

Flashdance

What should have been a usual last day of term lunchtime turned into a dance club flashmob. The dance club surprised everyone with their performance of 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman. Following on from their performance at the Hawth they put together a new dance turning lunchtime into something very special. Part of the dance can be seen here, on the Twitter feed on the website (you do not have to be on Twitter to view)

Swanage trip meeting

On Tuesday 24th April at 7.00pm we have the Swanage trip meeting for Year 6 parents where we will go through the timetable for the week, equipment children need and answer any of your questions.



Year 4 Viking Workshop

On Wednesday 28th March, the parents and carers of Year 4 children were invited into school to see a drama performance and share some of the work the children have been doing for their Viking Learning journey. The afternoon began with a short play with the children telling the story of one of the most famous Viking raids on the monastery of Lindisfarne. The children sang three songs which really showed off their wonderful singing voices. Later, the parents joined the children in their classrooms to share their learning. They worked together to sketch Viking designs, weave wool on a loom, write using the runic alphabet and taste a traditional Viking recipe of oat, apricot and honey biscuits which the children had made at home. The children also taught their parents battle strategy tactics working on formation as a disciplined army. This truly was a wonderful conclusion to the Year 4 learning journey!



Reminders

What is your child watching? Some children in school, as young as 7 years old have been talking about PennyWise/IT. Please ensure you know what your child is watching, be it on TV or on the computer.

Fitbits/Watches – a reminder that watches/fitbits etc are the children's own responsibility and we do not wear them during PE.

Year 4 Camping

After last year's successful Year 4 camping event, it is returning for Friday 4th May. Children will be erecting their tents on the Friday afternoon. When they return to school in the evening we have a series of activities planned, including a wide range of games, a campfire sing song, toasting marshmallows and a bedtime story.



Colours

Over the last two terms we have been very impressed with the dedication of our pupils in representing the school in activities such as choir, various sporting events and academic competitions. Over 150 of our pupils have represented Kingslea in a manner that all associated with the school should be very proud of. In recognition of representing the school we hand out school colours. These will be awarded to children who represent the school at various events e.g. sports teams, music festivals 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 will be 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.

Notes from the School Office

- **Planned Absences** – Please remember that the School Office must be informed in advance of any planned absences such as medical appointments or holidays. For any planned absences other than medical appointments a 'Request for Absence' form must be completed. These are available from the Office or to download from the school website.



A big thank you to all our parents for fully embracing the ParentMail system. I am proud to say that for 427 children we now only produce 2 paper copies of letters, with all other communications received electronically and the vast majority of our payments made online.

I am certain our parental uptake is way above that of other schools.

We are always striving to develop and improve our systems to provide the most convenient and efficient service both for the school and for parents.

Summer Term 2018

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| 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 | 5.30-6.30pm Y5&6 Table Tennis @ Collyers |
| Monday 30 th April | 9.00am Online Maths Workshop for Parents | |
| Tuesday 1 st May | 9.00am Governors Resources | |
| Wednesday 3 rd May | 9.00am Online Maths Workshop for Parents | |
| Friday 4 th May | Y4 Camping Night | 4.00pm Y3-6 Tennis @ Horsham Park |
| Monday 7th May | BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL | |
| Tuesday 8 th May | am Music Festival Rehearsal @ The Hawth | 7.00pm Music Festival @ The Hawth |
| Friday 11 th May | 4.00pm Y3-6 Tennis @ Horsham Park | |
| Wednesday 16 th May | 6.00pm 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 2017/18 and 2018/19

| Spring Term 2018 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |