



Newsletter

Monday 5th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

According to research released by the National Lottery, half of UK adults believe there is a strong community spirit in their local neighbourhood. The same research found that being part of a community makes 84% of people feel happier, 81% less lonely and 75% mentally healthier.

When I was growing up in the north of England in the '70s and '80s my parents, along with my uncle, aunt, granddad, grandma and great-uncle (who was one of those 'uncle's' that's not really an uncle but a very good family friend) ran a shop called 'Conway's'. Not the most original name I grant you but along with the working men's club, the school, the church and the bench where all the teenagers hung out, it was at the heart of the community. Conway's was a family run supermarket, similar in size to a Tesco Express but had a butchers, greengrocers and you could leave your shopping and my dad or uncle would deliver it to your house when it was convenient for you. It shut at lunchtime and if you were short of money that week you knew you could get credit, which was written down in a little notebook and you paid it off when you could.

What's Mr Conway on about this month I hear you ask, why is he harking back to his childhood! 'Community' I shout back and more importantly Kingslea as a community. Day in day out I saw how much community mattered and how much I made a difference to daily life.

Over the last few months a number of things have made me think about Kingslea's role in the community and as a community. I firmly believe that Kingslea should be more than a building, more than a place that children come to for six hours, five days a week and what our children learn should stay with them out in the community. Kindness, tolerance, respect for others and themselves etc. I would like to live in a community, and for our children to live in a community where these values dominate.

Over the last few months I have been fortunate to witness numerous acts of 'community spirit'. These are just a few of the examples. The work of KLASS in bringing us all together at events such as Firework Night. The teacher, TA and Kingslea parent who helped an injured member of the public in the street, ensuring that they were looked after until the ambulance arrived. The donations we get from parents, be it in the form of money or resources. The parents who help tidy up after the Big Draw, saving us so much time. The parent who comes in, at least termly, to litter pick along the school borders. The group of parents who met to share experiences of bringing up a child with specific needs. And finally the group of dads who have got together to play football and are now known as the Kingslea Primary School Dads (find them on Facebook / Twitter if you want to find out more).

If you have any ideas about how Kingslea can play an even bigger role in our community please do come and speak to me.

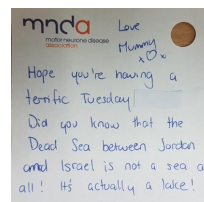
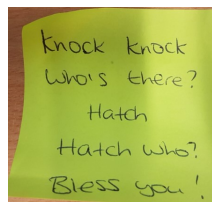
Alexis Conway



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Things that make us smile!

One of the things that makes us smile, here at Kingslea, are the messages that the children receive in packed lunch boxes. They certainly put a smile on the child's face, whether it's a note to say how much they are loved, a joke or even a fact! Here are a couple of notes from the last few weeks.



Uniform

As you may now be aware Kingslea will be engaging a new uniform supplier in the coming months. As a result of a long term review of uniform supply and our objective of providing best value for Kingslea parents we are pleased to announce that Sussex Uniforms will be contracted to exclusively supply Kingslea uniform from 1st June 2020. Sussex Uniforms have a shop at 8 Bishopric in Horsham where you will be able to try items on for size and buy uniform off the shelves as well as the ability to order online via their website.



We are really grateful for all the hard work that Zoe and her team at Taylor Made have put in over the last four years in supplying our parents. Taylor Made have now reduced their prices on all Kingslea items they hold in stock and will not be ordering more. Should the stock at Taylor Made run out prior to the end of May, Sussex Uniforms will begin supplying at an earlier date. We will keep parents updated on this situation over the coming few months.

Big Draw

Thank you to everyone who attended the Big Draw and to all the staff who organised the event and set it up. We had over 200 families attend one of the three sessions. It was lovely to see so many children drawing, making and spending quality time with their family member. Thank you all for coming and thank you for helping us tidy up at the end, it really was appreciated.



Myths and Rumours

Even after thirteen years of headship the myths and rumours that surround schools still amaze me. So much so that I am thinking of putting together my top ten. In the meantime I thought I'd share a false Kingslea myth and a true Kingslea rumour with you.

Myth—at Kingslea younger siblings have the same class teacher as their older sibling. This is false, they might, they might not. It's not a criteria we use and would be a logistical nightmare.

Rumour—Mr Conway, Miss Finley and 12 children from Kingslea have been invited to the opening of the new Lidl supermarket at 7.45am on Thursday 12th December. This is obviously true! Well partially; Mr Conway can't make it that morning so Mrs Payne is going instead. As you know we are always looking for new experiences for our children and why wouldn't Lidl want the cream of Horsham at their opening. Hopefully it will be something those children will remember for a very long time.



Health and Relationship meetings

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Health and Relationships workshops the other week. We valued spending the time with you, sharing the content of the curriculum at Kingslea and explaining the rationale behind our curriculum. The overwhelming feeling was that our curriculum was broad, relevant and taught age appropriate content at an age appropriate time. The slideshow from the meeting can be found here <https://kingslea.w-sussex.sch.uk/pshe.html>



Christmas Run-Up

Tickets are in the process of being sent out for Christmas Performances, we will have some remaining so please contact Mrs King in the office if you would like extras. This Friday we have the Christmas Dress Up day. Children can wear Christmassy colours, tinsel, dress up as elves, wear a Christmas jumper etc.

On Tuesday 17th December the choir will entertain us at the Candlelit Service and on Thursday 19th December the Drama Club will be performing 'Mr Humbug Sees the Light'. All parents are welcome to attend these events, whether your child is performing or not, please respond to the email that has been sent out if you would like to attend so we have an idea of numbers. We will be having our Christmas lunch (crackers and hats included) on Thursday 19th December.



Horsham School Partnership

Many years ago West Sussex encouraged schools in the same locality to work together. Across Horsham we have two locality groups, West Horsham and Horsham School Partnership with all bar two schools (both academy schools) being a member of one of the groups. We are a member of the Horsham Schools Partnership (previously known as Horsham East Learning Partnership), along with all the primary schools in East Horsham, Millias and Forest. Each month the head teachers of the schools meet to discuss both strategic and operational matters to ensure we do the very best for the children in our wider community. Recently we have met with the West Sussex Admissions Team to discuss pupil numbers. We jointly employ a speech and language therapist and an educational psychologist in addition to those provided by the NHS and West Sussex and we organise joint events for staff and children. For example, we have looked at the quality of writing across all schools, we hold joint staff meetings and the pupil governors recently met at Forest to debate a number of issues. It is a tribute to the leadership of all these schools in Horsham that they continue to work together for the good of all Horsham children.



Y5 at the recording studio

Over the last few weeks Y5 have visited QM Music Studio's in Denne Road to record the rap that they have written and performed. We were fortunate to be able to use the sound booth where pairs of children recorded their lyrics and watched how the sound engineer worked on the computer. Thank you to Mr Gellibrand (one of our music teachers for organising).



Notes from the School Office

Club Bookings

It is that time of year again when you set your alarm extra early to get on ParentMail to book clubs before they all sell out. Before you do so on Friday please consider the following:

- *Please ensure you are only booking clubs your child wants to do—it is easy to get caught up and go wild booking as many as possible. We would like as many children as possible to get a place in at least one club.*
- *For some of the younger year groups there are potentially 120 children trying to get into a club with only 20 places*
- *Children on waiting lists will have been offered places prior to bookings opening so this may limit the number of places available on some clubs.*

Autumn Term 2019

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| Thursday 5th December | Flu vaccinations—all year groups 2.45pm Y1 Parents classroom visit | Y3 Mayan Day 6.00pm Full Governing Body |
| Friday 6th December | Christmas Dress Up Day & Christmas Decoration Afternoon 4.00pm Girls Football @Tanbridge | |
| Thursday 12th December | 7.45am Mrs Payne, Miss Finley & Pupil Governors Opening Lidl | |
| Friday 13th December | pm Y5 to The Capital Theatre for pantomime | |
| Monday 16th December | 2.00pm Y1/2 Christmas performance | |
| Tuesday 17th December | 9.30am Reception Christmas performance 7.00pm Choir Candlelit Concert | 2.00pm Y1/2 Christmas performance |
| Wednesday 18th December | 9.30am Y1/2 Christmas performance | 2.00pm Reception Christmas performance |
| Thursday 19th December | Christmas Lunch | 7.00pm Drama Club performance |
| Friday 20th December | Last Day of Term | |

Spring Term 2020

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| Monday 6th January | First Day of Term | |
| Tuesday 7th January | 3S First Swimming of 2020 | 3.15pm First Sama Karate of 2020 |
| Thursday 9th January | 6.30pm Y6 SATS Meeting | |
| Friday 10th January | 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge | |
| Monday 13th January | Spring Term Clubs start | |
| Friday 17th January | 4.00pm Y5&6 Hockey @ Tanbridge | |
| Friday 31st January | 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers | |
| Monday 3rd February | Choir to Young Voices @ O2 | |
| Tuesday 4th February | 3S Last Swim | |
| Friday 7th February | 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers | |
| Tuesday 11th February | 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair | |
| Wednesday 12th February | 3.30-7.00pm Parents' Evening & Book Fair | |
| Friday 14th February | 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers | |

HALF TERM: Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February 2020

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| Tuesday 25th February | Y4 Viking Workshop | 3L First Swim |
| Wednesday 26th February | First session of Family Links (then every Wednesday until 1st April) | |
| Monday 2nd March | Y1 Rainbow Theatre Great Fire of London Workshop | |
| Friday 6th March | Y3 to Wakehurst Place | 5.30-7.00pm Table Tennis @ Collyers |
| Monday 9th March | Author visit—whole school | |
| Tuesday 10th March | Dance Festival @ The Hawth | |
| Friday 3rd April | Last day of term | |

Spring Term 2020

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| First Day | Monday 6 th January 2020 | Last Day | Friday 3 rd April 2020 |
| Half Term | Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February | INSET Days | Monday 24 th February 2020 |

Summer Term 2020

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| First Day | Monday 20 th April 2020 | Last Day | Friday 17 th July 2020 |
| Half Term | Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May | INSET Days | Friday 26th June 2020 |