



SOKS NEWSLETTER 2020

Hello everyone and we hope you have settled back into school routines, strange though everything is this year. For those who may not know, we (SoKS) are the parent and friends group at Kingsway Primary. Our name stands for **Supporters of Kingsway School**, and that defines what we do. We support the school, by holding events to raise much needed extra funds, organising activities for the children or simply giving our time to help at school with things like gardening and light maintenance.

First up we'd like to say thank you to those who joined our AGM over Zoom on 8th October. It was disappointing we couldn't hold our usual children's party but we were able to do the important task of voting in your core committee for this year. This is:

- Chair – Rachel Wood (Bella, year 5)
- Secretary – Amy Lawes (Teacher and Parker year 4, Logan year 3)
- Treasurer – Hollie Morgan (Madison, year 2, Lucas, reception)

We agreed our 3 key aims for SoKS for this year are:

1. Do what we can to help minimise the impact of the disruption from the covid-19 pandemic on our children
2. Raise much needed funds for the school
3. Organise ways to bring our school community together to help with much needed support to the school itself

Meetings will continue on Zoom for a while, normally on second Thursday of term at 7.30pm. You don't need to be a member of the core committee to join meetings or help out with events. All are welcome anytime. If you can't make the termly meetings then [please join our facebook group "Supporters of Kingsway School"](#) to stay up to date with what events we have planned and find out where help is needed.

You can also email us at soks@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who could help form a working party for some light grounds work (e.g. gardening) later in the year.

Our plans for 2020-21.



Halloween! As it looks like trick or treating isn't going to be possible this year and we know how disappointed many children will be by this we are instead looking for support from everyone at school to set up a "Spooky Hunt" around Kingsway. We will be sending out some special colouring sheets and we'd like to ask everyone to display these in their windows over half term giving the children plenty of opportunities to go "Spooky Spotting" and see how many of their classmates pictures they can find. We will also be holding a special "Spooky themed non-uniform" to raise some much needed funds.

Remembrance Sunday



In November we would like all Kingsway children to show their support to our Armed Forces and display poppy pictures in their front windows. Again we will send home colouring sheets to colour, paint, stick etc and then display in your front window. There will be a special wear red to remember non-uniform day with proceeds split between SoKS funds and the Poppy Appeal



Our aim this year is keep Christmas merry. Santa has promised to pay a (socially distanced) visit to school in December and we are planning a Christmas jumper non-uniform to raise funds for SoKS. We are also keen to still hold our Christmas raffle and are looking for donations to help with this. Please email soks@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk if you can help. Finally when doing your Christmas shopping please don't forget to use [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com). It is quite literally money for nothing for the school. Search for Supporters of Kingsway School and make sure to join up to support the Kingsway with our school logo (there is more than 1 Kingsway!)