



Welcome Back

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a good festive season and that 2017 has started well.

We are delighted to welcome Judith Garside, who will be teaching Foundation Class on Thursdays and Fridays. She has made a great start and is already building up positive relationships with children and staff. In addition, we welcome Nicky Rowe and Angela Bushell to the lunchtime team.

Staff were in school on Tuesday taking part in food hygiene training in the morning and massage in schools programme in the afternoon. More information about the pupil massage programme will follow throughout the term.

Although this is quite a short term, there are, as ever, lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. The topic for the first half term is 'Ancient Greece' for years 3 to 6 and they will be visiting the Royal Cornwall Museum later this month. Years F, 1 and 2 will be learning about transport.

Parent / teacher consultations will take place in the week beginning 13 March for all year groups. Sign up sheets for these meetings will be published nearer the time.

The Kea School Friends annual Easter Bingo is being held on Friday 17 March and there will be a non school uniform day on Friday 10 March in exchange for a chocolate Easter treat.

Please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Parent Support Group

Have you ever wished that you were not such a "push over"? Would you like to be able to say "no" without causing offence? Do you wish your children would listen to you? Would you like to be able to explain how you feel, even to a person in authority? Would you like your family to realise that you have feelings too? Then an assertiveness course is what you need.

The next course starts on Thursday 12 January 2017 at 9.00 am, in the Truro Baptist Church. A crèche will be provided. The cost is £1-50 per session to pay for the books. Each session starts with a cup of tea or coffee which is free. Contact Polly Smyth on 07971 254 096 or Ali Stephens on 07973 452 780 if you would like more details.

Diarrhoea & Vomiting Bug

Please remember that if your child has the diarrhoea and vomiting bug they need be clear from the bug for 48 hours before returning to school. This is guidance from the NHS that we are required to follow. **Diarrhoea and vomiting infections can be life threatening for some children in school.**

Keywear - School Uniform

Keywear will be on their annual two week holiday in January and there will be restricted cover in the shop, **however parents can order 24/7 online at www.keywearuniforms.co.uk. where all orders will be processed on a daily basis.** The shop will be open as follows:

Monday 16 January + Wednesday 18 January 09.30 - 5.00.

Friday 20 January 09.30 - 1.00

Monday 23 January + Wednesday 25 January 09.30 - 5.00.

Friday 27 January 09.30 - 1.00

Week beginning Monday 30 January normal opening hours will resume. Thank you

Weekly Attendance Figures

The attendance target set by the government is 95%. Kea School's attendance figures for week ending

16 December 2016:	Whole school - 93.71 %	Foundation Class - 94.67 %	Year 1 - 88.33 %
	Year 2 - 92.90 %	Year 3 - 97.00 %	Year 4 - 93.79 %
	Year 5 - 94.00 %	Year 6 - 95.33 %	

Clubs Spring Term 2017

Permission slip letters are available for you to sign your child up for clubs for this term in the school foyer. Clubs for this term are:

Monday -	Netball years 5 & 6 (3.30 - 4.30 pm)
Tuesday -	Cross Country years 1, 2 & 3 (at 8.20 am) Girls' football years 3 - 6 (3.30 - 4.30 pm)
Wednesday -	Lunchtime choir years 3-6 Football years 5 & 6 (3.30 - 4.30 pm) Sewing club year 6 (3.30 - 4.30 pm)
Thursday -	Lunchtime band years 3 - 6 Drama club year 2 (3.30 - 4.30 pm) ICT club years 3 - 5 (3.30 - 4.30 pm) (invitation only) Cross Country years 3-6 (3.30 - 4.30 pm) up to 9/02/17 only Hockey years 5 & 6 (3.30 - 4.30 pm) from 23/02/17
Friday -	No clubs

Ancient Greece Topic

On Wednesday Key Stage two children all had a day learning about Ancient Greek Gods as an introduction to our new topic. We were split into house groups and each had a different god to learn about. Our house learnt all about Zeus who is god of the sky and king of all gods. During the morning we made a fact file about Zeus. In the afternoon we made collages, paintings and head bands worn by different gods. We also acted out the stories of the gods.

We will display of our work next week.

By Robyn, Lowen and Rufus Year 5

KEA SCHOOL – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Mon 9	Year 5 & 6 netball league commences
Tues 10	First spring term swimming session Y3 & Y4
Fri 13	Year 5 & 6 basketball qualifier at Penair
Tues 24	Athletics finals at Penryn College
Fri 27	KS2 swimming finals at Carn Brea

February

Fri 3	Year 4, 5 & 6 cross country qualifier at Penair
Fri 10	Break up for half term
Tues 21	Cross country finals at Pool school
Fri 24	Year 5 & 6 netball qualifier at Penair

March

Thur 2	World book day
Fri 3	Year 5 & 6 In2hockey qualifier at Penair
Fri 10	Non school uniform day for Easter bingo
Fri 10	Year 5 & 6 handball tournament at Richard Lander
Fri 10	Netball finals at Penryn College
w/b 13 Mar	Parent teacher consultations for all year groups
Thurs 16	Cross country finals at Newquay Sports Centre
Fri 17	KSF Easter Bingo at 7.00 pm
Fri 24	Year 5 & 6 football finals at Penryn College
Tues 28	Last swimming session for Y3 & Y4
Wed 29	2.30 pm Spring concert in school hall
Fri 31	Break up for Easter

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