



Christmas at Kea

Christmas has arrived at Kea School. Last week's Christmas tree assembly was lovely and has definitely got us all into the Christmas spirit. I was over whelmed by the care and attention that had gone into making all the beautiful eco friendly decorations.

The KS2 carol service will take place in Kea Church at 6pm on Wednesday 18 December.

Christmas 2019 – another term has passed, and what a busy term it has been. I think back to September, to new children starting school – some nervous, others extremely excited; some chatty and friendly, others very shy and initially reluctant to talk to adults. What progress they've made – all starting to read and write, giving me a friendly and cheerful greeting every time I go into the classroom or see them in the corridor, dressed in puddle suits and running across the school field and exploring the orchard, and often laughing and having fun with their friends.

As Headteacher I've had the pleasure to spend time in every class, and as ever, I've often felt overwhelmed by the amount of learning that has been experienced by children in throughout the school. To mention just a few highlights: I've read some amazing writing from children in all classes, I've observed children proudly explaining how they have solved a maths problem, I've loved leading singing assemblies – watching and listening to the whole school singing with enthusiasm, I've been delighted by superb quality art which is displayed around the school and I thoroughly enjoyed this week's nativity performances. Huge thanks to all the staff who work tirelessly to provide high quality learning experiences and for their unending care and dedication towards the children.

Thanks to the school governors for their support and to Kea School Friends for all their hard work in fund raising which enables us to enhance the provision we offer to children.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy start to 2020. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 7 January. Topics for first half of the spring term will be Ancient Rome (Y3-6) and Heroines and heroes from the past (YF, 1 and 2).

Katherine Hunkin



Well Done to Kea School Choir

Kea School Choir were invited to sing at the Light Up a Life Christmas remembrance service at Truro Cathedral.

They performed Silent Night and Little Donkey accompanied by Mrs Hunkin on the flute, Mrs Harvey on the clarinet and Mr Green on the guitar. The children were praised for their performance as well as their excellent behaviour by several members of the congregation.

It was an amazing experience for the children and we look forward to hearing them again at our junior carol concert on Wednesday.



A Day with Daya!

As part of our "Festivals and Faiths" topic, we invited Daya to visit our school. In Year 1, Daya taught us about Hinduism and the Diwali festival.

We learned how Hindus worship and we acted out Hindu Puja. We started by dressing up in traditional Indian dress. Then we showed respect by removing our shoes ready for the worship role play. We rang the bell on the Puja tray to wake up the gods before Daya applied the red kum kum powder to our foreheads. The powder represented our third eye that looked into our thinking brain. We sat quietly for a while, relaxing to the music and thinking good thoughts. Finally, we learned some Indian dances! In the afternoon, we tasted Indian sweets and dahl and learned how to make chapattis. They were delicious! We had lots of fun and we learned so much. Enormous thanks to Daya and to Kea School Friends for funding such a worthwhile visit.



Year 3 and 4 Swimming Update

Lou's swimming group - It has been a pleasure to watch the swimmers build confidence. They are now swimming under and over the water with sinkers, using their 'magic carpets' to practise kicking and floating on their backs. Just last week, they all managed to float on the backs and kick for ten seconds - great effort!

Faye's swimming group Year 3 - Lots of focus on kicking. Fine tuning the way our legs move from our hips and using our knees or keeping our knees more fixed in order to maximise our legs strokes. The second week we focused on backstroke and the whole group did really well.

Faye's swimming group Year 4 - Revising all we learnt about leg kicks last year and for the strokes on our front maintaining a streamline position with our faces in the water. The second week we focused on backstroke. The whole-part-whole method was used to develop individual components of kicking, breathing and arm positions before putting the whole stroke back together again.

Trish's swimming group Year 3 - Stamina has been our focus for this fortnight. First week we ALL swam 25m without stopping - WOOHOO! Well done everyone! The second week we aimed to swim a little further and we ALL managed to swim 50m - WOWZERS! We hope in Spring Term our stamina will improve even more and we can report that we can all achieve 50m without any rests.

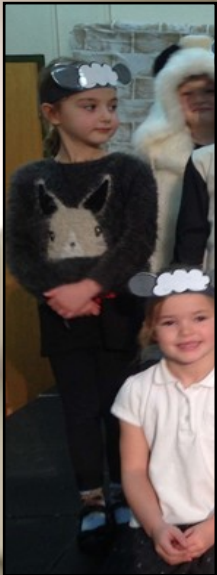
Trish's swimming group Year 4 - Stamina work in Year 4 was similar, making use of swimming in lengths. Some of us pushing for greater distances, but everyone achieved a minimum of 50m without stopping.

Star swimmers for this fortnight.

Year 3: Finn, Issey, Scarlett, Tamlyn, Merryn, Frankie, Luca and Leon.

Year 4: Rhys, Tegan, Hollie and Marley

The last swimming session for this term is this Thursday 12th December. Thank you, Mrs Bray



Merry Christmas from Kea Staff



Can anybody help?



Would any parents have any time to come into school to help cover our library books with protective sticky back plastic? The protective cover prolongs the life of our precious books considerably, but we are struggling to keep up with the process. If you are happy to come in and help, please let Mrs Olive, Mrs Addey or the office know and we can organise a book covering crew.

Many thanks,

Mrs Olive and Mrs Addey



Senior School Entrance Day & Scholarship Assessments

Saturday 18 & Monday 20 January 2020

For those looking to join the school in Year 7 and Year 9 in September 2020

Reserve your place on 01872 242902
or email registrar@trurohigh.co.uk



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Autumn Term Dates

December

- Mon 16 (AM) Junior Nativity Rehearsal at Kea Church
- Mon 16 1.00 pm Infant Christmas Party
- Tues 17 Kea School Christmas Lunch
- Wed 18 6.00 pm Junior Nativity at Kea Church
- Thurs 19 1.00 pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
- Fri 20 1.00 pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
- Fri 20 Break up for Christmas
- Mon 23 - Fri 3 Jan Christmas Holiday

Spring Term Dates

January

- Mon 6 INSET Day - closed to children
- Tues 7 Start of Term - children back to school
- WB Mon 13 Spring Term Clubs start (clubs to be confirmed)
- Thurs 16 Year 3 and 4 swimming starts
- Thurs 30 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - School Council Meeting

February

- Mon 3 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm - FGB Meeting
- Fri 14 Break up for Half Term
- Fri 14 KSF Tuck Shop (after school)
- Mon 24 Children return to school



Notice Kea School distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not necessarily endorse these services.



WINTER FAMILY CONCERT

featuring
Music from Frozen
Sleigh Ride
Skater's Waltz
Walking in the Air
and other well-known winter pieces

SATURDAY
14TH DECEMBER
3PM

 CORNWALL CONCERT ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR LEADER	Janet Elston Hywel Webley
VENUE	Mylor Building, Truro College, College Road, Truro TR1 3XX
TICKETS	£5 adult £1 child (under 5 free) thelittleboxoffice.com/coco
MORE INFO	cornwallconcertorchestra.org.uk



Carnon Downs Gets Crafty!

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

THURSDAY
2 JANUARY
10.30 - 12.30

Free entry



Carnon Downs Village Hall

Come and join us in the school holidays for our second community craft morning. There will be tea, coffee and family craft activities to get the New Year off to a flying start. All welcome.
Free parking. Refreshments for a small donation.



Truro NEW YEAR'S Fireworks

***NEW* Family Fireworks at 7.30pm**
Watch from Lemon Quay
Sponsored by Truro Community Property Trust

Midnight Fireworks
Watch from Lemon Quay
Sponsored by Truro City Council
with kind donations from Belmont Property Management and Truro Farmers Market

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Well Done

Well done to Poppy and Fenella (year 5) who came first in their County Football tournament for team St Agnes Dynamos yesterday. They played really well

