



## The City of Lights Parade

Despite being very wet and cold (even hailing hard while everyone was waiting), this year's City of Lights Parade was a success. The theme was 'Respect' in remembrance of the end of World War I, and Kea School's dove lanterns looked fantastic. The behaviour of every child was impeccable. Huge thanks to Kea School Friends for assisting with the funding towards the lantern making workshops, and thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children in the procession.



## Christmas at Kea

It definitely feels as though Christmas has arrived here at Kea School. Last week's Christmas tree assembly, as ever, was very moving. I was overwhelmed by the care and attention that had gone into making all the beautiful decorations. We have never had quite such a large audience; thank you all for bearing with us. It is clear that in future years this event will have to be carried out twice - separate events for infants and juniors. We will review this for next year.



## Year 1 and 2 Kea Church Visit

As part of our topic about "Christmas In Europe", Y1 & 2 visited Kea Church to find out how Christians celebrate Advent. We began with a tour of the Church and found out what the different areas of the Church are used for in Christian worship. Steve from the Church explained that Advent is when the Church counts down in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birthday, Christmas Day! He then lit the Advent candle and explained that a new candle is lit each Sunday during Advent. We made some decorations for the Church Christmas Tree and wrote a Christmas message for someone who might find Christmas difficult. An enormous "Thank You" to Kea Church for an informative and fun visit.





### Year 3 and 4 Swimming Update

Our coach driver is a little tired of hearing Baby Shark, but he is still smiling. We told him wait until next week when the Christmas songs start. (He might be wishing for Baby Shark to come back!)

Louise's group have made wonderful progress and they are all managing to put their heads under the water for a few seconds at a time. Toes are busy, but sometimes bottoms are sagging. So, we need to try and be confident to look down so our bottoms come up.

Teresa's Y3 group has been focusing on stamina. They have been kicking on their backs and fronts and all of the group have managed 25m without stopping. Over the next few weeks we will be returning to widths so we can improve our coordination of arms and legs whilst maintaining our body balance to breath at regular intervals.

Teresa's Y4 group have still been focusing on their back crawl as well. Everyone is swimming lengths of the pool with more confidence. Some are still needing to take breathing breaks on their front, but everyone has managed at least one length of kicking non-stop on their backs.

Trish's Y3 group have been focusing on stamina on their fronts. Long reaching arms and slowing each cycle down so we have time to breath under our arm, not out in front of us. A tricky transition, but you will get there Year 3.

Trish's Y4 group have been reinforcing equal balance between legs. It is slow progress, because it is tricky to feel whether you are kicking rhythmically or not. You have to be very disciplined and slow right down! Well done though, most of you are focusing more on your technique than racing. It isn't easy when you have a competitive spirit, but it will pay off when you enhance your strokes.

Congratulations to Rhys (who swam for the first time in the big pool), Bailey, Ruby, Bea, Skye and Isla for being super stars over the past two weeks.

NB: The swimming teachers have informed us that you can get prescription goggles if your child wears glasses. Perhaps make an inquiry at your optician.

Thank you, Katie Bray

### Year 3 Learn About Jewish Families



Liz Berg visited our class and showed us how Jewish families start Shabbat with the candle blessing and the lighting of two candles. We have made Shabbat candle 'stained glass' pictures.



"We acted the story of Hannah and her seven brave sons. I also learnt that at Hannakuah people get a gift every day. That is eight gifts!" Hollie

They play a game called dreidl while the candles burn." Bea

"At Hannukah they eat foods fried in oil, including donuts." Amelie

"Liz made us latkes cakes. They were delicious." Ruby

## **Kea School Friends Christmas Fayre - 3 pm on 7 December 2018**

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Fayre which will be held in the School Hall

**Donations of cakes for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated. No NUTS please.**

Parents are welcome to collect their child/dren at 3.00 pm to take them to the fayre this Friday.

Y5/6 parents need to go up to the front door of the Victorian building.

Other parents can come in through the main front door:

YF parents pick up from their classroom.

Y1 and Y4 parents pick up from Y1 classroom

Y2 and Y3 parents pick up from Y2 classroom.

(Year 4 pupils will be in year 1 and year 3 pupils in year 2 classroom while Kea School Friends set up for the fayre).

Parents can only take their own child/ren – unless you have given permission for another parent to collect your child on your behalf. If this is the case please email the school office by lunchtime on the day of fayre.

## **Junior Carol Service Arrangements**

Just a reminder that the KS2 carol service for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take place in Kea Church at 6pm on Wednesday 12 December. KS2 children will need to be dropped at the church between 8.45 - 9.00 am where they will be met by a member of staff. There will be a drop off system operating outside the church. For health and safety reasons, we advise parents not to turn in the road but to continue up to the cross roads and turn left. This will ease congestion outside the Church. Children will be brought back to school by minibus or staff cars in time for lunch. In the evening, children will need to arrive at the Church by 5.45 pm. We expect the carol service to finish by 7.00 pm.

## **Meet the teacher: Miss Reeves**

**Do you have a middle name?**

Kate

**Do you have any children?**

No

**Do you have a pet?**

1 horse (Poppy), 2 Springer Spaniels (Ruby and Samuel the Spaniel), 2 cats (Lottie and LouLou) and a rabbit (Mr Munch).

**What do you like reading best?**

I like reading anything that allows me to learn new things. Also, I like reading books where there is a detective or a mystery to solve.

**What ambition do you have?**

My current ambition is to do a 1-day event which is a horse competition featuring a dressage, show-jumping and cross-country test.

**Tell us something that will surprise us?**

In 2017 I had tickets to watch all the finals on Centre Court at Wimbledon. I was opposite the Royal Box. The best moment was watching Roger Federer win the Gentleman's Singles Title.

**What do you like about Kea the best?**

I love how Kea is a great place to learn and make friends. The teachers work so hard to help the children to learn and I think it is brilliant how the children at Kea like to challenge themselves and do their best.

**Why did you become a teacher?**

Since I was 6 I have wanted to be a teacher. I love learning and I want to inspire others to have a love of learning.

**Where is the best place you have visited?**

I love visiting the South of France. My favourite area is the Dordogne Valley. I have been here several times and I have even canoed down the Dordogne River!

**By Year 5 Journalists**





## **Autumn Term Dates**

### **December**

Wed 5	Christmas lunch
Thurs 6	Infant nativity 9.30 am & 2.30 pm
Fri 7	Infant nativity 9.30 am
Fri 7	3.00-5.00 pm KSF Christmas Fayre
Tues 11	2.00 PM Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Wed 12	KS2 Nativity Kea Church 6.00 pm arrive by 5.45 pm - finish by 7.00 pm
Thurs 13	9.15 am Year 1 Hearing Screening
Thurs 13	Last swimming session
Mon 17	YF/1/2 Christmas party- wear party clothes and bring in a small plate of party food (No NUTS)
Tues 18	Y3/4 Christmas party - wear party clothes and bring in a small plate of party food (No NUTS)
Wed 19	Y5/6 Christmas party wear party clothes and bring in a small plate of party food (No NUTS)
Wed 19	Kea School Friends Disco Infants 6.00-7.00 pm & Juniors 7.15-8.15 pm—The tickets cost £3.00 per child or £5.00 per family and can be purchased at the door on the evening.
Thurs 20	Break up for Christmas



### **January**

Tues 8	Children back to School
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## **Message from Jayne Marsden**

Merry Christmas!

This Friday at the Kea School Christmas Fayre I will be collecting donations for the St Petrocs charity for the homeless. The following items will be gratefully received: a shoe box containing wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of chocolate, any blankets, hats, socks, gloves, scarves or men's and women's clothing. I'll be delivering the donations to St Petrocs next week and will take some photographs and send them into school so the children can see what a huge difference their donations will make. Thank you!

[www.stpetrocs.org.uk](http://www.stpetrocs.org.uk) for more information

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Do you have time to spare on a Wednesday afternoon to help at the Health and Wellbeing Community Hub in Perranwell?

We need cheerful people to help with making tea, serving refreshments and chatting with our visitors and also drivers to pick up and take home our guests.

Please call Sue (07817303112) or Mary (01872 862801) for more information.

*(Please note: If you have an elderly relative who attends one of the local surgeries, they may benefit from attending The Hub each week. Please contact the Community Matron at Carnon Downs)*

## **Infant Nativity**

Just a reminder that children in Years F, 1 & 2 will be taking part in their nativity tomorrow and Friday. On Thursday and Friday afternoon the children will go home in their costumes to save changing and will need to come to school already costumed on both mornings, with their uniform in their school bag.

Please remember to bring your nativity tickets with you for your booked performance. Many thanks