KEA NEWS 23 September 2016

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

Year 1 and Year 2 Blackberry Picking

On Friday morning Year 1 and Year 2 put on their wellies and walked to the field directly next to our orchard to go blackberry picking. The children were very excited and picked plenty of juicy blackberries from the brambly hedges. On Friday afternoon Year 1 used their blackberries to bake delicious blackberry muffins and Year 2 made hearty blackberry and apple crumbles. The children learned where some of our food comes from and how we can use our local produce to make really tasty food.



Thank you to Mr Michel for allowing us to use his field and a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who kindly came to help.

Year 4 Blackberry Picking









Weekly Attendance Figures

The attendance target set by the government is 95%. Kea School's attendance figures for week ending 6 September 2016 is:

Whole school - 98.93 %	Year 1 - 97.67%	Year 3 - 98.67%	Year 5 - 99.00%
Foundation Class - 100%	Year 2 - 98.71%	Year 4 - 98.62%	Year 6 - 100%

Well done everybody!

Supervision After School

When playing in school grounds after school, children need to be closely supervised by parents at all times. This term we have talked to children in classes and reminded them that school rules (expected behaviour, areas of the school which are out of bounds etc.) they're expected to follow at break/lunchtimes also need to be followed after school.

In the past week however, staff who have been leading after school clubs (e.g. football club) have needed to leave their clubs a number of times to deal with incidents including: children waving a 6 foot branch in others' faces, playing behind and scrambling up the very steep bank at the far side of the field (this area is fenced off and children had to jump or clamber over the fence to get there), running around on the pirate ship, throwing sticks at each other and climbing onto a shed roof. On each of these occasions, parents of the particular children involved were not in sight.

In the past couple of years, there have been a number of accidents after school, including some which required 999 emergency services. A high number of these incidents occurred while their parent was in a different part of the school grounds and not directly supervising their children.

I know that children and parents alike appreciate the fact that the school grounds are available to play in after school; however, if children are not adequately supervised we will be left with no option but to close the school site at the end of the day, in line with the policy of most other schools.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Everyone is welcome to join us for our Harvest Celebrations on **Friday 7 October**. There will be a short service for parents of **Infant children at 9.15 am**. Parents of **Juniors are welcome to a service at 2.00 pm,** and everyone is invited to the auctions that will be held at the end of each service. Donations of harvest goods would be very much appreciated. Perishable items will be auctioned and the money raised will also go to Foodbank.

Non-perishable items will be given to the Food Bank for distribution to families in need in the Truro area. The Food Bank is particularly in need of:

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Sponge pudding (tin)
Packets of biscuits
Tinned Fish
Sugar
Tinned tomatoes
Soap
Pasta Sauce
Long life fruit juice
Tinned rice pudding
Toothpaste
Coffee
Tins of soup
Tins of fruit
Toilet paper

Child Health Form & Health Questionnaire

If your child is in Year F or Year 6 a child health booklet has been sent home to you this week. It is important that you read this booklet and return the consent form to school if you do not want your child to take part in the health checks.

Starting School September 2017

If you have a child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you need to apply for a school place for September 2017. The deadline is 15 January 2017. More information is available on the Cornwall Council website ww.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Transfer to Secondary School September 2017

If you are a parent of a current Year 6 child please remember to apply for their place at secondary school. The deadline is 31 October 2016. You should have received a letter from Cornwall Council giving you information on how to submit your application. More information is available on the Cornwall Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Kea School Friends AGM

Please remember to come along to the Kea School Friends AGM in the school hall on Friday 14 October at 3.00 pm. At the AGM the new committee members will be formed - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Everyone is welcome and it's a good opportunity to meet other parents.

Scholastic Book Fair



The school's annual book fair is being held on the following dates and times:

Monday 26 September - 8.15-8.45 am & 3.20-3.50 pm
Tuesday 27 September - 8.15-8.45 am & 3.20-3.50 pm
Wednesday 28 September - 8.15-8.45 am & 3.20-3.50 pm

Please try to come along and support the school if you can. The more books we sell, the more commission we will receive for new books for our library.

Parents can pay for books by cash or cheque. Unfortunately we cannot accept card payments.

Clubs - Autumn Term 2016

Monday -	Art Club Year 1 & 2
	Netball Club Year 5 & 6
Tuesday -	Wildlife Watchers Years 3-6 (until 18/1016)
	Drumming Club Year 5 & 6 (Starts 01/11/16)
	Girls' Football Years 3-6
	Tag Rugby Years 3 & 4
Wednesday -	Lunchtime Choir Years 3-6
	Football Club Years 5 & 6
	Sewing Club Year 6
Thursday -	Lunchtime Band Years 3-6
	Drama Club Year 2
	ICT Club Years 3-5
	Football Club Year 3 & 4
Friday -	No clubs

Football Kit

Can parents please check at home for unreturned school football kit. We currently have 6 kits missing including a grey goalkeeper shirt.

Can any found items be brought to the office. Many thanks.

New Catering Staff

Jacqueline Law has been appointed to the position of Catering Manager at Kea School and Donna Snow the position of General Catering Assistant and will commence on 11 October.

School Immunisations for Years 1, 2 & 3

Kernow Health CIC are delivering the new school immunisation service from October onwards.

About the Programme

Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 are due to receive a nasal spray flu vaccination on 3 November 2016. All nurses are experienced practice nurses from local GP surgeries and are all used to delivering vaccines. The children will be vaccinated by age group. A Teaching Assistant from your child's class will take the children, in groups, to our meeting room where they will receive their immunisation. The reason for this way of immunisation is that we have the poorest up-take in flu immunisations, so this is the most efficient way to get the whole population protected.

Consent process

Four weeks before the immunisation date you will receive a letter and consent form which must be completed and returned to the school.

KEA SCHOOL – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sep 2016

Mon26-Wed28	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 26	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y2
Fri 30	Years 2, 4 & 6 school trip to Eden Project
Fri 30	Year 4, 5 & 6 Girls football festival at Penair

October 2016

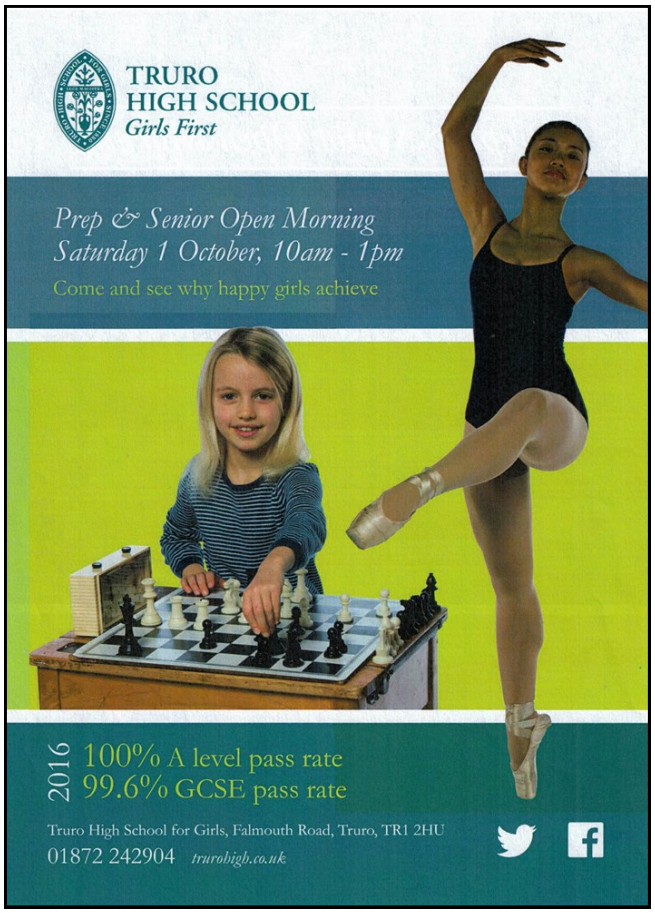
Tues 4	3.40-4.30 pm Thrive parent information session in Y6 classroom
Wed 5	9.00-9.45 am Thrive parent information session in Y6 classroom
Fri 7	Harvest Festival 9.15 KS1, 2.00 pm KS2
Wed 12	8.30 am Individual and family photos
Fri 14	3.00 PM Kea School Friends AGM in school hall
Fri 14	Year 3 & 4 Football festival
W/b 17	EYFS parent / teacher consultation meetings this week
Wed 19	1.30 pm Open Afternoon Years 1 – 6
Fri 21	Break up for half term
24-28 Oct	Half term
31 Mon	Deadline for Y6 parents to apply for a secondary school place
31 Mon	Back to school
W/b 31	Years 1 – 6 parent / teacher consultation meetings this week Years 1 - 6

November 2016

Thur 3	12.45 -2.30 pm nasal vaccines for Years 1, 2 & 3
Fri 4	Year 5 & 6 Football tournament at Truro College
Thur 17	1.00 pm Year 1 hearing screening
Mon 28	INSET day
Tues 29	9.10 AM Christmas tree decoration assembly followed by open morning for all year groups

December 2016

Fri 2	3.00-5.00 pm Kea School Friends Christmas Fayre
Fri 2	Years 3-6 Athletics Qualifier at Penair
Tues 6	Last swimming session for years 3 & 4
Wed 7	Christmas dinner
Thurs 8	Infant nativity 2.30 pm
Fri 9	Infant nativity 9.30 am & 2.30 pm
Wed 14	AM KS2 practice in the church
Wed 14	Junior nativity in church 6.00 pm
Wed 14	KS1 Christmas party
Thur 15	Y3/4 Christmas party
Fri 16	Y5/6 Christmas party
Fri 16	Break up for Christmas





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.