

KSF NEWSLETTER

KEA SCHOOL FRIENDS

January 2020

WOW what an amazing few months we've had since our AGM back in September. Not only have we raised some amazing amounts of money but we've had a great time doing it.

Back in September we moved into our new shed located on the huff and puff which has made such a difference to us as everything is now dry and we have more space. We held our AGM in September where the KSF core committee were re-elected, we also had some of last years volunteers sign up again and 3 amazing new members to the team.

So far this academic year we've held some really exciting events—the kids all loved the welcome back to school tuckshop held in September, then we had the manic run up to Christmas. The Christmas Wrapping Room is a massive undertaking for KSF with all the research, buying and

wrapping, plus manning the 4 lunch time sessions for the children to purchase gifts for family and friends but each year we learn from the previous year and hope that the improvements are visible to both yourselves and the children. A great time was had by both the volunteers and the children—some amazing gifts were bought and the looks on the faces of the children as they left their session was priceless. This event raised a whopping £390.89. It was then all hands to the pumps to get the Christmas Fayre finalised and on Friday 13th December the magical event took place. Every year the committee panic whether we will have enough volunteers to man stalls, enough cakes baked and a great selection of tombola prizes—2019 did not disappoint.

The atmosphere was wonderful and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and with great help we were packed up and out of school by 17:30!! The grand total made from the event was £1533.99 which will go towards some amazing events Kea School are planning this term.

We would also like to congratulate our Chair, Leanne, on the safe arrival of her little boy, Arlo, in December. Leanne is still working away behind the scenes as our Chair but you might not see her in the playground quite as often.

A highlight of some of the events still to come this term are detailed below. Thank you for your continued support with all of our events. We hope to have a very successful year.

The KSF team

Kea School New Year Glow Disco—Thursday 13th February

As many of you know the committee made the decision last year to postpone the Christmas disco until early 2020 to try to spread out events at such a busy time in everyone's diaries. The rescheduled disco will now be held on Thursday 13th February. A letter has been circulated by the school via email and hard copies are available in the reception area. This is not a ticketed event, so if your child would like to attend turn up on the night and pay on the door. We will be selling glow in the dark accessories from 50p and tickets are £3 for one child or £5 per family.

Parents are invited to stay and relax with a hot drink and slice of cake which will be available in one of the classrooms.

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What is KSF?

Comments, Compliments and Complaints

Please note that all comments, compliments and complaints are appreciated. KSF are a group of volunteer parents, organising events to help raised much needed funds for our school. If you need to contact any member of KSF please either speak to a member of the group, leave a note in the KSF correspondence box in reception or email keaschoolfriends@outlook.com

We thought you might like to know how we've made some of our funds over the past few months and what we vote to spend it on, these lists are not comprehensive but will give you an overview of our work. A full list will be available with our annual accounts in the autumn term. (We aim to show monies made as **profits**)

Profit made		Money spent	
£111.80	September Tuckshop	£540	3 days of religious workshops for everyone
£100.20	October Tuckshop	£176.83	Christmas books for all children
£85	November Tuckshop	£1130.00	Coaches
£390.89	Wrapping Room	£99	Children's Christmas parties, crackers
£1533	Christmas Fayre	£115	Christmas trees for hall and classrooms
£329.60	Christmas cards	£36.12	Shed fixtures and fittings
£45.85	December pop up tuckshop	£95	Whizz Pop Band magazine yearly subscription

Dates for the diary

February

Thursday 13th—School Disco

Friday 14th—Tuck shop hosted by Year 5

Bags to School—date to be confirmed

March

Friday 13th—Non school uniform day for Easter Bingo

Friday 20th — Mothering Sunday flowers go home

Friday 20th — Easter Bingo

Friday 27th — Tuck shop hosted by Year F

How KSF works

How often do you meet?

The committee usually meet every 6 weeks, but it really does depend on what events are planned, we meet in the evenings at the pub and it's very social. We then sometimes have sub-committee meetings to undertake different jobs for events and these are either held during school hours or the evenings. Not everyone attends all meetings, we all have busy lives to not everyone makes every meeting which is absolutely fine.

How can I get involved?

Speak to one of the KSF members—usually a good start is a chat with your class rep in the playground or contact us via our email: keaschoolfriends@outlook.com If you have an idea for a new event or an improvement to a current event please do drop us an email.

How do you decide what to spend the money on?

The school put requests to the committee and we vote on what to spend our money on. We usually vote online and sometimes during our meetings— it depends when we get the request through. They need to complete a form, which details what they want and some quotes, these go via Mrs Hunkin. When the committee decide whether to support a request we are told how much money we have in the bank, we also have a list of items that we expect to get asked to support each year. We have also agreed to support all requests for transports costs.