

KSF SPRING NEWSLETTER

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May 2019

We've had a really busy few months here at Kea School Friends HQ.

At our first KSF meeting of the New Year in January, the committee received the, now audited, end of year accounts. The accounts showed that the total spend for 2017/18 was **£15,944.85** which is an amazing amount spent, supporting our school.

However, the fundraising efforts for the year did not cover the entire cost by **£4,240.39**. This meant that the reserves (that the Committee agreed to in 2017 to ensure we have a minimum of **£3,000** to cover transport costs, etc) was eaten into.

I'm delighted to announce that the Christmas Cards, Disco, Wrapping Room and Christmas Fayre raised a fantastic **£2,817.72** at the end of 2018 and went a long way to helping replenish the bank account.

Although each event takes a lot of time and effort behind the scenes, no event would be successful without the support of parents and children.

Several lessons have been learnt over the past few months, following a difficult year end accounting period and our full accounts will shortly be available to view on the KSF page within the school website.

KSF have funded some amazing opportunities for our children over the past terms,

Including:

- Supporting the transportation costs for the whole school to visit the National Maritime Museum
- Coach costs for the Year 5 visit to see 'Rock of Ages' at Penair School
- Coach costs for Years 3 and 4 to

visit the 'Food and Country Day' at the Royal Cornwall Showground

- Coach costs for Years 1 and 2 to visit Kea Church as part of their 'Easter Traditions' topic
- SEN intervention equipment to be used across all years
- The Year 6 'Leavers Hoodies'
- Renewal of the 'Sing Up' membership, benefiting all years

and much more.

Monies raised since January (profit) include:

- £135.70** Tuck Shop hosted by Year 4
- £149.40** Tuck Shop hosted by Year F
- £612.31** Easter Bingo
- £90.20** Mothering Day daffodils
- £152.93** Tuck Shop hosted by KSF
- £134.00** Tuck Shop hosted by Y3

We've continued to have wonderful feedback on our new Tuck Shop trial.

As well as the new format involving all parents and having a 'theme' at the majority of our Tuck Shops; having parents kindly bake home-made treats has proved really popular and its great having a variety of homemade goodies, as opposed to shop bought items.

We've listened to feedback and now try to include a variety of Gluten Free, Dairy Free and No Nut treats for children and parents to enjoy, these items are clearly labelled.

I thank everyone who has already baked and help man our very popular Tuck Shop each month. It's been lovely seeing many new faces kindly volunteering and supporting our KSF team.

This term ...

We have MANY exciting plans for this Summer Term!

Kea School Friends have recently purchased a new shed as the one currently used to store our equipment belongs to the school who need that space back. KSF were able to secure a grant of **£250.00** towards the cost from Kea Parish Council – I extend a huge thank you to the Parish Council. Our shed is being erected during May Half Term and will be located on the 'Huff and Puff' area of the playground.

We have also been in talks with Tesco, Waitrose, the CO-OP and many other businesses, about securing grants, looking at match funding and finding opportunities for funding as a registered Charity.

As a PTA we raise a substantial amount of money each year and we are always looking for new ways to increase our bank balance and in turn, support our wonderful school.

You will also notice shortly that we are making over our two KSF noticeboards, located in the playground. We want to ensure that parents are regularly updated with event details, contact information and to have a clear visual of monies made and spent. We feel that having that clear presence will be really beneficial in keeping everyone up to date with everything 'Kea School Friends'.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to releasing lots of new event details and further fundraising updates shortly.

Leanne and the KSF Team

Key Dates

Tuesday 21st May—Bags 2 School a chance to clear out some of your cupboards and donate items to charity. More information coming soon.

Friday 24th May—tuck shop hosted by Kea School Friends—ice creams will be available, weather permitting

Friday 14th June (for Sunday 16th) - Father's Day gifts—more details will be with you soon.

Saturday 15th June—Kea School Summer Fete

Friday 21st June—Sports Day café—KSF will host the sales of snacks, hot and cold drinks and ice-creams at Kea School sports day

Year 5 Class Rep

Within KSF we currently do not have a Year 5 Class Rep. If you are a Year 5 parent and would be able to support KSF in any capacity, we would be delighted to welcome you to our team. This could be in a full class rep capacity—where you sit on the committee and coordinate messages between KSF and the children and parents for the year. If not, then someone who is able to coordinate messages between KSF and the class would be an amazing support to us. Please do speak to a member of the committee if you would be interested in supporting us in any capacity.

PayPal and Bank Transfers

KSF have been trialling new ways of paying funds to KSF over the past couple of months and it seems to have been well received by parents and is working well for KSF too. You are now able to pay by bank transfer or PayPal.

We ask that you use the reference facilities to give us a clue as to who and what you are paying for—so a child's name and year group would be great
e.g. DTY2Disco if, for example, you are paying for the Christmas disco.

Bank Name: HSBC **Account Number:** 41856618 **Sort Code:** 40-44-34

Paypal: tracey@lowarth.co.uk

Pre-Loved Uniform

Jules Hodgson, mum to Barnaby in Year 1, is our Pre-Loved School Uniform KSF rep. The success of the scheme is down to the generosity of parents donating any unwanted school uniform. If you have any items to donate please leave them in a carrier bag named KSF in the lost and found box under the shelter. We desperately need aged 7-8 and 8-9 logo'd uniform.

Logo'd uniform costs just £1 per item and is sold at tuck shops and other events. However, if you require anything in the interim you can request it via your class rep or complete a form and place it into the KSF correspondence box in reception.

Easy Fundraising

This is a fantastic way to earn money for the school with NO effort (once you set it up!). When you purchase items online via the Easy Fundraising portal they donate money to KSF. If you would like to join, you can let us know and we will email you the link - we get £5 just for referring you! Just about everything you buy online will earn money for KSF!