

# KSF SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Wow what a fabulous few months Kea School Friends have had with the support of all the families and friends of the school. Since I last wrote we've had some amazing events held and some really great funds raised. There is an overview on page 2 of this newsletter, and once our accounts have been audited we will share a full list of what events we've held and monies raised at .

This will be the last newsletter of this academic year and all of the volunteers at KSF want to thank you for your support. We love seeing all the happy children and their families at the events we organise.

In September we will be holding our annual AGM to elect new representatives to our committee, if you would in interesting in volunteering in any capacity please do come along and meet us—they

say many hands make light work and this really is true—the more help we receive the better the events can be.

Some of the changes we have made to try to continue the improvement of KSF include: introducing PayPal to pay for tickets and goods, purchased a new larger shed which we will move into over the summer break, set up a new pre-loved uniform FB page, attended a session with the new year foundation parents to welcome them to the school, with cake, and selling pre-loved uniform, plus all the new additions to events we organise.

We have taken on-board feedback from parents so this year we decided to not hold a summer disco but instead are planning one in the new term, we have increased our communications with you all and we are advertising more what we have raised and how we are spending it.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

**Leanne and the KSF team**

## Kea School Summer Fayre

Wow what a wonderful afternoon we had, the weather was so kind and we made a whopping £3751.19 profit. We had some really lovely new additions to the fayre this year— the skittle ally (Ross Tresidder), The Cake Tin (Fallon Clarkson) and the School Council game—lucky ladder. The event is hosted at the school in conjunction with the Kea Pre-School and After School Club and Kea Church. The funds raised for each group this year was £900. I know that this will make a real difference to all of our children. As with all the events we organise we really do need additional parent volunteers to make them happen—we frequently post on FB requesting help, and next year aim to also send emails out more frequently so please do find it in your heart to volunteer—30 minutes makes such a difference.

Special thanks to: Playing Place Scouting group; Kevin Gerry, Tyler Woodward of Woodward's Property Maintenance, friends of Kea Church and Revd Mark and all those that donated raffle prizes.

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## Comments, Compliments and Complaints

Please note that all comments, compliments and complaints are appreciated. KSF are a group of volunteering parents organising events to help raised much needed funds for the 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](mailto: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	
£75.19	May Tuckshop	£400	KS2 museum workshops
£76	Bags2School	£547	Reading books
£103.55	Father's Day	£300	City of light support
£3751.19	Summer Fayre	£170	KS1 Kea Church visit
£291.63	Sports Day	£250	SEN equipment
£100	July Tuckshop	£240	Maritime museum whole school visit—coaches
		£1245	Online resources - for singing, reading and other support to all children across the school

### Key Dates

The 2019/20 AGM will be held early in the new term. We will advertise the date when we return to school—please pop along and introduce yourself.

### Easy Fundraising

This year we have already raised an amazing amount through Easy Funding—and it really is EASY! All you need to do is google easy fundraising and search for Kea School or download the app! We get a % from the portal and that goes straight to KSF with no additional work from either yourself or us. We will be advertising more details in the autumn, but you don't need to wait until then to get started.

### You said, we did

We've heard on the grapevine that some parents would like a few things changed—we are not sure how many support or have these views but we considered them some of committee meeting this year and below is some feedback. Rather than receiving hearsay it would be great if you could feedback your views by either discussing with your KSF class representatives or anonymously via our correspondence box in the school foyer. The only way we can improve and develop events is with constructive feedback.

You said *"there are too many events on the run up to Christmas"* so the committee have agreed that the Christmas disco will be postponed until early 2020 and revamped as a "new term/year" disco. We will also be looking to hold our "wrapping room" events earlier in the year, hopefully in November 2019.

You said *"we loved that you offered parents and carers a "chill room" during the disco"*.. We also thought this was a great addition for parents and will look to continue this for future discos if it is supported by parents.

You said *"we want to know more about what KSF are doing with the money raised"*. We are still developing our notice board information and are looking at the use of a thermometer style display so you can see what we have raised and spent. We would also like to include key information from our committee meetings. Anyone can attend a committee meeting and see what we discuss, the success of the group is solely reliant on volunteers who all work and have families to please do bare with us.