



A Christmas Message from Mrs Hunkin



Christmas has arrived at Kea School. The Christmas tree is looking beautiful in the hall and we have been overwhelmed by the care and attention that had gone into making all the beautiful eco friendly decorations.



Christmas 2020 – another term has passed. I think back to September, to new children starting school – some nervous, others extremely excited; some chatty and friendly, others very shy and initially reluctant to talk to adults. What progress they've made – all starting to read and write, giving me a friendly and cheerful greeting every time I go into the classroom or see them in the corridor, dressed in puddle suits and running across the school field, exploring the orchard and having fun and laughing with their friends. Children in all classes seem happy and the amount of progress in class books throughout the school is superb.

This year has been challenging in ways we could never imagined when coming back after Christmas a year ago. Enormous thanks to all the staff for all their hard work in adapting systems and routines and for making life as normal as possible for the children. We have nearly finished editing nativity / carol service videos and a link will be e-mailed to you which you will be able to access with the login and passwords you were sent last week.

Thanks to the school governors for their support this term and to Kea School Friends for all their hard work coming up with new and innovative ways of fundraising which will enable us to enhance the provision we offer to children.

Thanks also to all parents and carers for the way you've supported the changes in our school routines this term. It can't have been easy for anyone – particularly the start and end of the school day – and we really appreciate the way you've followed our guidance and enabled everything all to work smoothly.

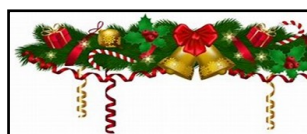
I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy start to 2021. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 5 January.



A Message from Father Christmas

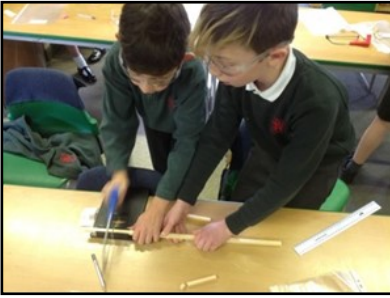


Father Christmas was very sad not to be able to visit Kea School this year, but was delighted to record a Christmas message which is being shared with children at their class parties this week.



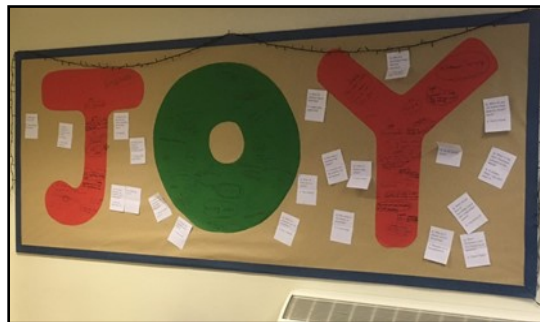
Elves in Year 3

The year 3 elves have been very busy making wooden Rudolph reindeers to take home for Christmas!



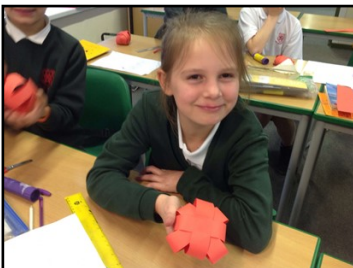
Christmas in Year 4

Such an exciting week of Christmas preparations in Year 4. We've had live sessions via Zoom, making crafts with Steve from Kea Church and doing Magic maths with Jon Martin. We've been laughing and groaning our way through our advent calendar of Christmas cracker jokes. We've thought about what has brought us JOY in 2020, made Christmas cards and gifts and have filmed our contribution for the KS2 nativity.



Christmas in Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting week. Last Wednesday, the children watched the Kea Church Christmas workshop video. The children really enjoyed the session and it reminded them of the hope, peace and joy that Christmas brings. During the workshop, the children completed a fun quiz and then also had the opportunity to make Christmas baubles which had prayers or wishes written inside.



On Friday the children enjoyed a 'Magic Maths' session via Zoom run by a maths magician who showed the children all the creativity contained within maths. It really engaged the children and gave them a new challenge using the knowledge they already have. The children watched tricks which included addition, multiplication and prime numbers among other things and they were invited to explain how they thought the trick was done. Sometimes they had worked it out!



Magic Maths in Year 6

Last week, Year 6 were lucky enough to have a Zoom meeting with a maths magician called Jon Martin. He is a magician by trade but specialises in maths tricks. He showed us some pretty amazing tricks and then we had the opportunity to talk through with him how the tricks were done. You may well be lucky enough to have some of these amazing mathematical bafflers tried out on you over the Christmas holidays, I wonder if you will be able to explain how they work?



Happy Christmas to everyone from Year 6!!



More Christmas Fun from Year 3

Year 3 have been having a busy time comparing the Christian festivals of Christmas and Advent with the Jewish festival of Hanukkah or Chanukkah which started last week. We had a virtual visit from Steve Murray, the Children and Youth Pastor from Kea Church who zoomed in to talk to the children about how Christians prepare for Christmas. Following instructions from Steve and Hannah Green, the children made special Christmas decorations containing prayers for people who are important to them.

Another virtual visitor this week was Jon Martin a "mathemagician" who showed the children some magic tricks. He then explained how they were all done, using - you guessed it - Maths!

Children from Year 3 then assisted Jon as he presented more magic to the children in KS2 in a virtual assembly. Look out on the website for some pictures of our lovely Christmas angels on display.



A Merry Christmas Message from Year 5

In year 5 we used the co-ordinates skills that they have learnt in maths, during outdoor P.E. this week; to plot and draw a massive Christmas message on the field.



Message from School Council

We raised £124.70 for Save the Children.

Thank you everyone for taking part.



Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much for the lovely donations that were given for the Christmas raffle. Kea School Friends were able to make beautiful hampers to use as prizes.

A massive thank you also to Kea School Friends for all of their hard work.



The staff and governors of Kea School would like to wish you all a merry restful Christmas and a very happy New Year !!