



## Message from Mrs Hunkin

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. Children seem happy to be back in school and they have settled back into routines very well. As ever, lots of exciting learning has been planned for the term which we will share with you as the weeks progress.

We are continuing to follow Covid-19 guidance from the Department for Education. Each classroom has a CO2 monitor which is being monitored closely by class staff. A consistent CO2 value below 800ppm is likely to indicate that an indoor space is well ventilated whereas readings over 1500 suggest poor ventilation and that action needs to be taken. Windows are open in all classrooms all the time and most classrooms are typically well below 800 (some classrooms are usually in the 500s or 600s). In cases where any class monitor creeps over 800, outside doors are opened for a period of time which brings the measure back down quickly.

Whenever children move to different rooms (e.g. ICT suite) they are all given hand sanitizer before and after entering the room and they work at the same computer each time. Cleaning of toilet areas and frequently touched surfaces and door handles takes place at lunchtime as well as after school.

Some of you will be aware of government plans to introduce air cleaning units to some schools. However, these are currently only available for schools with sustained readings of over 1500ppm when ventilated to the best of their ability. Therefore we are not in the position of being able to apply for one.

Please remember that some classrooms are quite chilly, even with the heating on, so please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing.

We have had several staff absent since the start of term (in line with many other organisations locally and nationally). So far we have been able to cover all classes through using supply teachers and / or higher level teaching assistants (HLTAs). Home learning for children needing to isolate is being uploaded to the website – in the homework section of each class page. We will do all we can to keep the school open but if staffing levels drop too much, it might be that we need to close classes and provide remote learning. Please be assured that we will only do this as a last resort.

## Foundation Class



Foundation have been finding out about different types of technology. They have also been learning how to take photos on the iPad, zoom in and out and focus photos. This week, they have taken photos of different types of technology in school. They also took pictures of different representations of the number 7 in maths using dice, 10 frames, ladybirds, part whole models, Numicon and number fans.



## Year 1



Year 1 had a super introduction to our new food topic on Friday 7th January. We peeled, chopped and sliced vegetables for a tasty soup. Once it was made, we all tried it and it was delicious! We also tasted five flavours of crisps and carried out a survey. Guess what—the winning flavour was ready salted! Not what we all expected! We learned about how crisps are made. Finally, we read a lovely story about making an apple pie with ingredients from around the world. It was a perfect way to round off our food topic launch day. Year 1 were superbly behaved and very keen to learn.



## Year 2



In Year 2, we have been learning about recipes and the story Biscuit Bear! For homework last week, the children made biscuits! They look absolutely delicious! Well done Year 2!



## **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies**

We are looking for 2 Lunchtime Supervisors (Monday to Friday for 6.25 hours per week - 12.00 - 1.15pm) to assist with the supervision of pupils at lunchtime. The role will be to encourage pupils to play responsibly and safely.

Kea School is an exciting, ambitious and forward thinking primary school in Truro, Cornwall. Our friendly school has 203 children on roll.

Training and support will be given to the successful candidate.

These positions are fixed term until July 2022 in the first instance.

If you are unable to do 5 days a week please consider applying, as there is likely to be flexibility on days/hours.

For further information please view the job description and person specification on our website—[www.keaschool.org.uk](http://www.keaschool.org.uk)