

KSF NEWSLETTER

KEA SCHOOL FRIENDS

December 2021

Wow, I can't believe we are so close to Christmas! It seems so long ago, back in September, I was voted to take over from Leanne as Chair of Kea School Friends. With so many guidelines still in place it has been a hard few weeks but we worked together as a team and had a very successful term. We also welcomed some new members to KSF this term who have really helped spread the workload so a big thank you to Vicki, Michelle and Laura. I'd also like to say a big well done and thank you to all the new foundation parents! I'm sure we can all remember our first Christmas term at school and how overwhelming it was but they have all been great at supporting our events!

Although covid continues to affect the events we are able to hold, we were delighted to be able to go into school in November to hold our Christmas Wrapping Room. Although it is a massive undertaking for KSF with buying and wrapping 100's of gifts, plus manning the 6 lunch time buying-sessions, each year we learn from the previous year and this year went exceptionally well. It was a delight to support your children with their shopping and see them choose so carefully for their loved ones. It is one of the events we all most enjoy holding and this year it raised a massive £537.04. We hope you all enjoy opening your presents on Christmas Day!

Others events this term have included the ever popular Christmas cards and other personalised items. We loved seeing everyone's festive designs, and we know that family and friends will enjoy receiving their cards with your children's artwork. With 93 orders, and £286.40 raised, it was another amazing event.

Not being able to hold the Christmas Fayre for a second year due to the continued high number of covid cases was a disappointment. But, we supported the school's decision to not hold it, and we were so pleased how much everyone got behind our 4th virtual raffle. To try and mix it up a bit we asked different classes for different coloured gifts so we could make over 20 colourful hampers for the lucky winners. Well done to all the winners of the prizes, we hope you enjoy the contents over Christmas!

We would like to thank all the parents for their donations, especially parents who sourced gifts from their own companies. It really made a difference to ticket sales and I'm pleased to say we sold £998 worth of tickets, with all that money being profit, which directly supports our children and the school.

Behind the scenes we have also been helping Father Christmas buy and wrap over 220 gifts for the children, which they will receive at their Christmas Party this week. We've also made

up their festive party props for the tables at the Christmas lunches on Wednesday.

We feel exceptionally grateful to everyone for such wonderful support this term, we have raised lots of money which will be used to support the curriculum which every child will benefit from. On the next page we have provided you with a list of the amounts we have raised since September, and what we have bought to support Kea School.

We were also extremely grateful to Kea Parish Council for our grant to support the ongoing costs for the defibrillator which is located in the car park. This is not only a great resource for school to use, but also for any emergency within the community.

As we look forward to next year we unfortunately cannot be clear what we can and cannot do. We have some great new ideas and we are desperate to get back to face to face events so we will keep all our fingers crossed!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. KSF wish you, and your family, a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Thank you,
Jodie

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 raise much needed funds for our school. If you need to contact any member of KSF please either speak to a member of the group, or email keaschoolfriends@outlook.com

Kea School Friends

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. (We aim to show monies made as **profits**)

Income from events		Items purchased
£286.40	Christmas Cards	Christmas books for Father Christmas
£537.04	Wrapping Room	Christmas lunch table decorations/props
£998.00	Christmas Raffle	KS2 Viking Workshops
£250+	Pre-loved Uniform sales	KS1 Flambards Trip
		Class/Hall Christmas Trees
		Kea Church workshop transport (Years F-4)

Pre-loved uniform

Sales of our pre-loved uniform continue to support our income, with over £250 raised through sales since September. We are very grateful for donations of pre-loved uniform and appreciate some of you might be having a sort out over the holidays. We would like to remind parents that if you wish to donate items we are only able to accept logo green jumpers/fleeces, logo polos, summer dresses and PE kits. Please ensure your donations are clean and bagged, and preferably given directly to a member of KSF after the holidays or contact the Uniform Bunny to arrange drop off. Please email KSF or contact the Uniform Bunny via Facebook if you have grey trousers, shorts or skirts to donate as we have limited space in the shed to store items so are only able to accept some sizes.

What and who is Kea School Friends?

KSF are here to support the school, we spend the money we raise on items to help enrich the curriculum for all children at Kea. Teaching staff and Mrs Hunkin send KSF funding requests and then the committee vote how KSF can support the request. Sometimes we are able to meet 100% of the costs, other times we pay a proportion. The committee usually meet every 6 weeks, but this really does vary with covid restrictions and what up coming events are due to be held. When we are able to we usually meet in the evenings at the pub and it's very social, however we also meet during the day to get ready for events. Not everyone attends all meetings, we all have busy lives so not everyone makes every meeting which is absolutely fine. If you would like to join KSF then please either email us at keaschool-friends@outlook.com or speak to your class rep, details below.

Class Reps

Year F Jodie Gunn

Year 1 Michelle Glover and Dani Collinson

Year 2 Fiona McGee

Year 3 Ellie Pugh and Jodie Gunn

Year 4 Vicki Andrew and Tracy Couldridge

Year 5 Janine Thomas and Leanne Woodward

Year 6 Sian Goddard