



A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

## Happy New Year

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you all had a good Christmas, and that you were able to spend some time relaxing and recuperating before returning to school this week.

Staff were in last week for two days undertaking first aid and child protection training as well as preparing for this term. The first week back has seemed really calm; children have returned to school happy and eager to continue learning. The topics for Y3 – 6 pupils this term are 'The United Kingdom' and 'Tudors and Stuarts,' and lots of exciting learning has been planned. Children in YF, 1 and 2 will be learning about toys. Further information from class teachers will be issued in the next week.

Please remember to send children in with a coat every day and also remember to label all your child's clothes, lunch-boxes, school bags etc.

As ever, thanks for everything you do to support the school and don't hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher or me if you have any concerns or queries.

Katherine Warren



This week Year One have been finding out about the material that objects are made of. They explored the classroom and the balcony area and collected various objects. They then sorted the objects into six groups: wood, metal, plastic, paper, glass and fabric. The children noticed that some objects

were made of more than one material, so they made separate groups for those. Next week we will be investigating the properties of these different materials.



As part of their "Tudors and Stuarts" topic, children in KS2 have been observing and learning about Tudor artefacts lent by the Royal

Cornwall Museum in Truro. Here are some of Year 3 holding the objects.

## Attendance

Letters will be issued next week detailing your child's attendance for the whole of the autumn term. In order for children to have the best chance of achieving their full academic potential, the government sets attendance targets at 95% or higher. Please note that these targets are based on a whole year's attendance rather than week by week. This means that although for example 5 days absence out of 6/7 weeks in the first half term equates to approximately 85% whereas 5 days absence for the whole academic year (195 school days in total) equates to 97% (very good attendance). However, 5 days absent every half term throughout the year equates to 6 weeks absent from school in total – which has a significant negative impact not only on learning, but also socially. We work closely with families of children who have extended time off school (e.g. for an operation) in order to support them and to catch up on missed learning.

Kea School works closely with the Education Welfare Service monitoring the attendance of all children, in particular those who fall below 90%. If there is no significant improvement or continued poor attendance, parents will be invited to meet with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer).



This week in year 4 we have been learning about the Iron Man, by Ted Hughes. On Wednesday we did some drama. We had to act out the farmer's reaction when the iron man stole their metal vehicles. They were feeling annoyed, scared and worried.

By Jessica & Gene.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs restart next week. Information about clubs has already been circulated to you last term, please remember that children cannot stay to a club unless they have been booked a place. The link for clubs is below: <https://goo.gl/forms/lQoDHlCu3Bnm22kf2>. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties in accessing the club sign up link.

### Homework - Rotary Young Writer Competition

**The Task:** this year the Rotary Club would like children who are aged 7-10 or 11-13 to produce a written or typed story in prose entitled, 'A Different Perspective'. The entry could be fiction or non fiction, story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme and are to be submitted on A4 paper of up to 500 words. If your child would like to enter, please bring your entry into school by Friday 23 February 2018. You will also need to complete an entry form which is available from the school office. We look forward to reading your exciting writing.

#### January 2018

Tues 16	8am Resources & Safeguarding Committee meeting
Tues 16	2pm T & L Committee meeting
Thur 18	Key Steps Gymnastics Peninsular Finals at Penryn Gym Centre TBC
Fri 19	2pm meeting for parents of children with SEND Carnon Inn
Fri 26	12.00-3.00 pm KS2 Swimming Peninsular Finals Carn Brea Leisure Centre
Wed 31	6.30pm Full Governors meeting

#### February

Thur 1	Youth Speaks competition
Fri 2	1.00-3.00 pm Years 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country Qualifier at Penair
Thur 8	12.30-3.00 pm Year Junior Life Skills at New County Hall
Fri 9	Break up for half term
12-16	Half term
Mon 19	Back to school
Tue 20	Swimming
Wed 21	Bags2School
Tue 27	8am Resources & Safeguarding Committee meeting
Tues 27	2pm T & L Committee meeting

#### March

Thur 1	World book Day
Mon 5	St Piran's Day
Wed 14	6.30pm Full Governing Body
Fri 16	No uniform day in return for items for Easter Bingo
Fri 23	7pm Easter Bingo—Kea Church

#### March cont.

Wed 28	2.30pm KS2 Easter Concert
Thur 29	Break up for Easter
<u>April</u>	
Mon 16	All back to school

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