



A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

Welcome back

Welcome back to school and a particularly warm welcome to all our new families. We've enjoyed hearing news from children about their various holidays, activities and adventures over the summer. Children have come back to school looking very smart – many of them in brand new school uniform, and most are very excited about new learning this term. We are particularly delighted to welcome 30 new YF children, and 2 Y6 pupils - all of whom have made a fantastic start. Staff have been working hard over the summer and lots of exciting learning opportunities have been planned for this term.



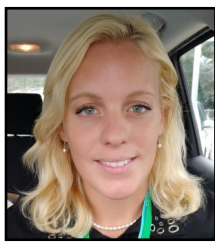
This term we will be trialling fortnightly newsletters rather than weekly. Please keep a close eye on the school website - particularly class pages, for information about learning and the curriculum.

It has been lovely to have fine weather on our return to school, hopefully we will make plenty of use of our fantastic school grounds. Please send your child to school with a coat as weather can be changeable. We look forward to working with your children and you this year. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or me - either briefly in the playground in the mornings or by making an appointment for a meeting via the school office.

Thank you.
Katherine Warren
Headteacher

Welcome to Mr Carey, Miss Reeve & Mrs Pezzarini

Welcome to Miss Abigail Reeve our new Year 4 teacher and Mr Brendan Carey our new Year 2 teacher. Both are working Mondays-Wednesday as part of a job share team with Katie Bray (Y4) and Fleur McPherson (Y2). Mrs Louise Pezzarini is our new SCITT trainee teacher working in Y1 with Mrs Olive. We are all looking forward to working with Abigail, Brendan and Louise.



Defibrillator

You may have already noticed, when dropping and collecting your child to school, that over the summer holidays we have had a defibrillator installed at school. This has been very kindly funded by Kea School Friends. This is a really valuable asset to our school and also for the local community.



Parent Pupil Workshops

Parent/pupil workshops will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. Each of these will start at 9.10 am and will comprise of a reading activity that parents are invited to carry out with their child, as well as information from the classteacher about the curriculum and internet safety.

- Mon 17 Sept - Year 3, Tue 18 Sept - Year 4
- Wed 19 Sept - Year 5, Thur 20 Sept - Year 1
- Fri 21 Sept - Year 6, Mon 24 Sept - Year 2

Each meeting will be finished by 10.30 am at the latest. Please make every effort to attend these.

NO NUTS

Due to a number of children with severe NUT allergies at Kea School, please remember not to send your child to school with any food items containing nuts - e.g. peanut butter, snack bars Granola bars containing nuts.

Many thanks for your assistance.

School Routines & Procedures

I would like to remind all our parents, new and existing, of our school routines and procedures to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible at Kea.

The School Day

Children should not be dropped to school before 8.45 am in the mornings as the main playground is not supervised until this time. The bell rings at 8.55 am and pupils need to be in school at this time so that everyone are in their classes ready to register at 9.00 am. If you are unavoidably late in the morning please remember to bring your child and sign them in at the school office, so we know they're in school. School finishes at 3.30 pm and children need to be collected promptly at this time. If you are unexpectedly running late can you please ring us on 272265 so that we can let your child know so they do not become anxious. Children who are not collected at 3.30 pm will be brought to the school office. If you need any before or after school care for your child please contact the Kea Pre School on 260299.

Drop Off & Collection for Year 5 & 6 Children

For those children who are in year 5 or 6, your child needs to be dropped to the main playground along with all the other year groups in the morning but collected from outside the Victorian building at the end of the school day. If you are running late and you miss the bell at 8.55 am you still need to sign your child in at the school office and then take them up to the Victorian building.

Collection from School

Teachers and Teaching Assistants will only discharge children in classes Year F to Year 4 to their parents or a known collection person at the end of the school day. Year 5 & 6 are dismissed to the playground. If there is a change to your child's normal collection arrangements, please let your child's teacher know in the morning or the school office. Unless you have a unforeseen emergency, please let us know any collection changes in the morning so that the correct staff are made aware in time.

Sickness

If your child is sick it is the responsibility of parents to let us know as soon as possible. Messages can be emailed to secretary@kea.cornwall.sch.uk or telephoned through to the school office on 272265. Please note that we cannot accept messages from other pupils at the school. In order to avoid the spread of bugs, please keep your child off school for 48 hours after sickness or diarrhoea.

PE Kit and Pupil Belongings

Named PE kits need to be in school every day so that pupils are equipped for PE lessons. All uniform and personal belongings, such as lunch boxes, must also be named so that any lost items can be returned to their rightful owners. Any lost property is put in the green box in the parent shelter in the playground so please check in there if you have lost anything.

Dinner Money

Autograph Foods runs the school kitchen and deals with dinner money on behalf of the school. Children can select their meal preference in class with their class teacher each morning. School lunches can be paid for either by cash or cheque. Payments can be sent in with your child to hand in to their teacher at morning registration. Alternatively parents or children can put their dinner money in the red post box in the school foyer. All payments must be in an envelope with your child's name and year group on it please. Cheques need to be made payable to Interserve Catering Services Ltd and are £2.30 per day.

Correspondence for the School Office

There is a box in the school foyer for parents and pupils to return any correspondence to the school office. Any money for school trips etc needs to be put in a named envelope please. Please do not put dinner money in this box. Hopefully by everyone using this box it will reduce waiting times for those parents who have enquiries and need to speak to the office staff. Please note that the school office is very busy first thing in the morning between 8.30 and 9.30 am and again in the afternoon between 2.45 and 3.30 pm so unless your enquiry is urgent please try to avoid phoning between these times.

Appointments during the school day

Parents/carers who need to collect their child during the school day for a medical appointment must sign out their child from the school office. Please do not go direct to your child's classroom. This is for health and safety reasons. You do not need to complete a absence form for medical appointments.

After School Clubs

Information regarding after school clubs was circulated at the end of last term. Unfortunately children cannot stay for any after school activities unless the office has received the online booking form. Please go on the link below to see what is on offer.

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School Routines & Procedures Continued

Contact Details

It is really important that you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency. A change of details forms is available on our website under information or hard copies are available from the school foyer. The annual data collection sheet will be sent home next week for parents to update and return as soon as possible please.

Absences during Term Time

If you unavoidably need to take your child out during term time you need to complete an absence request form. Forms are also available from the website under information and hard copies are also available from the school foyer. Please note that family holidays during term time are not authorised and your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Queries or Concerns

If parents have any queries or concerns about any aspect of school life then please do come and talk to us. We are always happy to talk through any concerns with parents. The normal procedure is to talk to the class teacher first as most matters can be sorted out with your child's teacher. If the problem is not resolved in this way then do make an appointment to see our headteacher, Miss Warren. If the concern still remains unresolved then the matter can be referred to the Chair of Governors Mrs S White. At Kea we work really hard to develop positive working relationships with parents and we will always take the time to listen and endeavour to help wherever we can.

Parking

Can parents please only park in the marked spaces or out in the road, avoiding the marked double yellow lines, when dropping off or collecting children from school. Thank you for your assistance.

Break Time Snacks

Children are permitted to have a snack at morning break. Children are allowed to bring any of the following items: Monday – Thursday: **Fruit (fresh or dried), veg, piece of cheese, plain biscuit.** We do not permit yogurt or chocolate covered raisins, cereal bars or fruit roll ups as although some varieties are healthy, others contain very high levels of sugar. Staff do not have time to check ingredients of each item.

Friday (treat day) – **any of the above + crisps, biscuit or cereal bars** (not chocolate bars or sweets)

Music Lessons

Please note that all admin and payments for music lessons are done by Cornwall Music Service Trust and not through the school office. If you have any queries regarding payment or if your child is in year 3 and above and would like to commence music lessons please contact them direct on 01872 246043 or email: office@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org or their website: cornwallmusicservicetrust.org.

Mr Carter, who is not employed through Cornwall Music Service Trust, offers keyboard lessons and if you want any information he can be contacted on: jonathon@cornwallmusicprovision.uk Tel: 01872 211821 website: www.cornwallmusicprovision.uk

PE Kit

Has anyone got any PE kit or trainers that your child has grown out of? If so can you please bring it into school so that we can keep a supply of PE kit at school. Many thanks.



Child Health Form & Health Questionnaire

If your child is in Year F or Year 6 you will soon be sent home an important information booklet about health checks carried out at school.

It is important that you read this booklet and return any necessary paperwork back to the school.

Starting School September 2019

If you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, you need to apply for a school place for September 2019. The deadline is 15 January 2019. More information is available on the Cornwall Council website ww.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Transfer to Secondary School September 2019

If you are a parent of a current Year 6 child please remember to apply for their place at secondary school. The deadline is 31 October 2018. You should have received a letter from Cornwall Council giving you information on how to submit your application. More information is available on the Cornwall Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions.

Scholastic Book Fair

The school's annual book fair is being held on the following dates and times:

- Friday 21 September - 8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm
- Monday 24 September - 8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm
- Tuesday 25 September - 8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm
- Wednesday 26 September - 8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm



Please try to come along and support the school if you can. The more books we sell, the more commission we will receive for new books for our library. Parents can pay for books by cash or cheque. Unfortunately we cannot accept card payments.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Everyone is welcome to join us for our Harvest Celebrations on **Friday 5 October**. There will be a short service for parents of **Infant children (YF, 1 & 2) at 9.15 am**. Parents of **Juniors (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) are welcome to a service at 2.00 pm**, and everyone is invited to the auctions that will be held at the end of each service. Donations of harvest goods would be very much appreciated.

Perishable items will be auctioned and the money raised will also go to Foodbank. Non-perishable items will be given to the Food Bank for distribution to families in need in the Truro area. The Food Bank is particularly in need of:

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Sugar	Long life fruit juice	Tins of soup
Sponge pudding (tin)	Tinned tomatoes	Tinned rice pudding	Tins of fruit
Packets of biscuits	Soap	Toothpaste	Toilet paper
Tinned Fish	Pasta Sauce	Coffee	

Autumn Term Dates - September

Fri 7	3.00 pm parent briefings Y3 & 4
Mon 10	3.00 pm parent briefings Y5 & 6
Thurs 13	1 st Y3 & Y4 swimming session
Mon 17	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y3
Tues 18	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y4
Tues 18	2.00 pm Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Wed 19	1.00-3.00 PM Year Hit the Surf Year 6 at Newquay
Wed 19	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y5
Thur 20	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y1
Fri 21	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y6
Fri 21	8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm Scholastic book fair in hall
Mon 24	8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm Scholastic book fair in hall
Mon 24	9.10 am Parent/Pupil workshop Y2
Mon 24	2.45 pm EYFS Meeting for parents & Introductory RWI session
Mon 24	Year 5 & 6 7-a-side Football League commences (3.00-5.00 pm)
Tues 25	Pottery workshop for KS1
Tues 25	8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm Scholastic book fair in hall
Tues 25	8.00 AM Resources & Safeguarding Committee Meeting
Wed 26	Pottery workshop for KS2
Wed 26	8.15 - 8.45 am & 3.20 - 3.50 pm Scholastic book fair in hall
Fri 28	10.00 AM Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Fri 28	1.00-3.00 pm Years 4, 5 & 6 Girls' Football Festival

October

Mon 1	2.00 pm Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Wed 3	9.10 AM T & L Committee Meeting
Fri 5	Harvest 9.15 KS1, 2.00 pm KS2
Mon 8	1.30-3.30 pm Full governing body meeting
Fri 12	1.00-3.00 pm Year 3 & 4 Football Festival
Wed 17	1.30 pm Open Afternoon Years F – 6
Thur 18	2.00 pm Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Thurs 18	Break up for half term
Fri 19	INSET day
22-26 Oct	Half term
29 Mon	Back to school
Mon 29	8.30 am Individual and family photos

Dates Continued

November

Fri 2	Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament Qualifier
Tues 6	11.10 AM Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Tues 20	Resources & Safeguarding Committee Meeting 8.00 AM
Wed 21	2.00 PM Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Wed 21	City of Lights
Wed 28	T & L Committee Meeting 9.10 AM
Fri 30	Kea School Friends non school uniform day in exchange for Tombola prize for Christmas Fayre
w/c 26 Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations – all year groups
26-30 Nov	Kea School Friends lunchtime wrapping room
Thurs 29	9.10 AM Christmas tree decoration assembly followed by open morning for all year groups

December

Mon 3	8.45-3.00 pm R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Nasal Flu vaccinations
Mon 3	1.30-3.30 pm Full Governors meeting
Tues 4	9.30 AM Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Wed 5	Christmas dinner
Thurs 6	Infant nativity 9.30 am & 2.30 pm
Fri 7	Infant nativity 9.30 am
Fri 7	3.00-5.00 pm KSF Christmas Fayre
Tues 11	2.00 PM Parental viewings for Sep 19 intake
Thurs 13	9.15 am Year 1 Hearing Screening
Thurs 13	Last swimming session
Mon 17	KSI Christmas party
Tues 18	Y3/4 Christmas party
Wed 19	Y5/6 Christmas party
Wed 19	Kea School Friends Disco Infants 6-7 pm & Juniors 7.15-8.15 pm
Thurs 20	Break up for Christmas