



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As we complete what has been a very busy school term I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks, and also thanks of the range of good causes we support, for the ceaseless generosity of Keston families to those who need our help and support. The children continually come up with excellent ideas to raise funds – I often have groups of children at my door with yet another suggestion – but I am very aware that it is you the parents who financially support all these ideas.

In the last half term the school has supported:

Poppy Appeal: A total of £245.60 was raised (an increase of £67 over last year).

School Council Present Collection: This initiative, run by the School Council, produced a greater response than we had imagined – the toys were donated to the Purley Food Hub for distribution to local families.



Tadworth Children's Trust: Our Christmas collection resulted in a total donation of £631.09 to the Trust - £131.80 of this was raised through the Nursery 20p collection.

Save the Children: The Christmas Jumper Day collection currently stands at £347.

Christmas Celebrations

The children once again excelled themselves with their singing, drama and reading in celebration of Christmas. Reception and Year 1 parents enjoyed a cup of tea and a mince pie with the children sharing the dance and songs they had learnt – the year 1 parents directed by Mrs Cawkwell were also in fine voice! The Year 2 children were impressive in their Nativity which involved all children with learning a large number of words for both the songs and the story telling. The final celebration was our Junior Christmas Concert at St John's Church led by Year 5; this was a lovely celebration in which the children's singing is always a pleasure to listen to. Thank you to St John's and Tim Hill (Youth Pastor) for making us so welcome.

A thank you also to Harrison's catering staff who provided an excellent Christmas dinner, which together with the pantomime (funded through School Fund and the hard work of our PTA) made the day a lovely celebration for the children.



PTA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to the PTA committee and all their helpers for their hard work in running the annual Christmas Fair. This year they raised approximately £2500 and are expecting another £500 donation in matched funding bringing the total to just under £3000 (the exact final figure will be published next term).

Family Woman Morning

Please keep Friday 25th January free to spend the morning with your children at Keston. A letter will be emailed the first day back in January. There is a limit on the numbers for each class so your prompt return of the slip would be appreciated. Mums, grans and nans all welcome!

I would like to remind you that **school closes at 1.45 pm for the infants and 2.00 pm for the juniors tomorrow, 21st December**. We re-open again on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Swimming will recommence the first week back.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Mrs Claire Murphy
Headteacher

