



# KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 4 – December 2019

As we complete this very busy school term, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the children and families at Keston who have welcomed and supported me in my new role as Head of School.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the Keston families for your generosity regarding the good causes we support. The children have lots of suggestions for fund raising however I appreciate that it is the parents who financially support these ideas.

In the last half term, the school has supported:

**Poppy Appeal:** A total of £327.58 was raised (an increase of £82 from last year).

**School Council Present Collection:** This initiative, run by the School Council, produced another great response – the toys were donated to the Purley Food Hub for distribution to local families. They were very grateful for all of your donations.



**Tadworth Children's Trust:** Our Christmas collection resulted in a total donation of £687.66 to the Trust.

**Save the Children:** The Christmas Jumper Day collection currently stands at £392.

### 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 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 the children learning a large number of words for both the songs and the story telling. There was also some wonderful dancing. 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.



### **Christmas Dinner**

Thank you to Harrisons' catering staff who provided an excellent Christmas dinner.

### **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 final figure will be published next term).

I would like to remind you that **school closes at 1.45 pm for the infants and 2.00 pm for the juniors tomorrow, 20<sup>th</sup> December**. We re-open again on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Swimming will begin the first week of January – Year 6 will need their swimming kit on the first day back.

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

Kind regards,



Helen Green  
Head of School