



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PACE Academy Trust

I am pleased to inform you that our conversion to an Academy has been completed and we are now part of the PACE (Partnership, Achievement, Community, Excellence) Academy Trust. We look forward to working closely in partnership with other schools in the Trust. If you wish to know more about the Trust please take a look at their website <http://www.paceacademytrust.com/> which will be updated to include details of Keston in the near future.

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

I am pleased to inform you that the Macmillan coffee mornings for parents and staff, along with the afterschool cake sale, raised a total of £465.65. Our thanks go to Mrs Dorset, Mrs Page and the year 6 children for their excellent organisation and also to the parents who donated cakes for this event.

Curriculum Workshops

A reminder that the KS1 (years 1 and 2) reading workshop will take place tomorrow (5th October) and the KS2 (years 3 – 6) workshop the following Friday October 12th, both commencing at 9.15 am. These workshops are being run to aid you in supporting, not only your children's reading, but also in developing their comprehension skills. Parents/grandparents who help with reading in the school are also very welcome to attend as these workshops will support them in this role. The KS1 workshop will also include a section on phonics for year 1 parents.

Parents' Evenings

These meetings will take place on Tuesday 16th October (4 to 7 pm) and on Thursday 18th October (5 – 8 pm). A link to sign up for these meetings online will be sent out at 8pm on Friday 5th October (tomorrow). If you are new to the school and are unsure of the process please speak to staff in the school office. If you are signing up for more than one child please schedule your appointments with a minimum of 10 minutes from the end of one to the start of another.

Year 6 PGL Trip

A reminder for year 6 parents that the 2nd payment for this trip is due by 19th October; please go online to pay or request a bar coded letter form the school office.



School Fund

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the School Fund so far. A reminder that donations to school fund of £10 for the first child and £5 for any additional children is available to be paid on your parent pay account.

School Improvement Work

I am pleased to report, although you will probably have heard from your children, that both the Keston Kilometre track and the new technology room are now up and running; you are welcome to come and have a look. Thank you once again to the PTA and parents whose hard work and contributions have enabled us to develop the technology room; thank you also to those who have donated both new and second hand kitchen equipment.

Once timetables are settled for use of the track, we will invite parents to use it on some mornings during the school week.

Harvest

Our annual harvest assemblies will take place on Wednesday morning (10th October). The infant assembly will be at 9.15 in the infant hall and parents from years 1 and 2 are welcome to attend. Nursery and Reception and the junior assemblies will take place during the day with just the children.

The harvest celebration is, as always, an opportunity for our school community to contribute to those in need in the local community; as in the past two years, your donations will be given to the Purley Food Hub which provides food for local people in crisis. This charity has been very grateful for the generosity of Keston parents in the past.

The food hub would be very grateful for any long-life tins or packets and in particular items from the list below:

Long life whole milk
Small jars of coffee or small boxes of tea bags
Small bags of sugar
Meat and fish paste
Tinned meat meals
Tinned tomatoes
Packets of dried potato
Tins of rice pudding
Jellies and puddings
Non-bio washing powder tablets/sachets
Shower gel/shampoo
Tin openers

We would be grateful if you could have a look in your cupboards and send your child in with a suitable item on Wednesday (10th). We will display all the items during our assemblies before they are collected by volunteers from the Food Hub.



Mrs Claire Murphy
Headteacher