



# KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 7 - May 2019

### Class Photographs

Class photos for Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 will take place on Wednesday 5th June – please can you ensure your child has a school jumper/cardigan on that day.

### Internet Safety Workshop for Parents Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1.45pm

You will have received a separate letter about this workshop. We have managed to access someone from Croydon LA to run a workshop specifically for parents on this important subject. No matter what the age of your child it will be useful for you to attend to build on your knowledge of how to keep your child safe on line.

### Summer Term Swimming

Please note that swimming for this summer term will be £15 per child and this is available to pay on Parent Pay; if you require a bar coded letter please see the school office. As your children may have told you there has been more maintenance work completed on the pool over the Easter Holiday with the renewal of the pool edging. These projects and the weekly maintenance mean that running the pool has a high cost level - it is only with continued parental support that we are able to maintain this excellent facility for the children.

We continue to need parent helpers for swimming particularly in Reception and Year 1. In these year groups the children still require a level of help in organising themselves and changing for swimming therefore a higher number of helpers are required. Please see your child's class teacher if you are able to volunteer (this does not need to be every week). All helpers must be DBS checked which can be organised through the school office.

### Woodcote Nursery Vouchers

Woodcote Nursery are once again supporting the community through the voucher scheme; this means that for every £10 spent at Woodcote Green they will donate a 25p voucher. If you shop at the Nursery please collect the vouchers and send them into school with your child – we use the vouchers collected to supply the juniors with equipment and plants for the quad and also for various gardening activities in Early Years and KS1.

### Tissues for the Classrooms

As I am writing this newsletter I have had a plea from staff for tissues. At the start of each academic year we have always asked parents to provide a box of tissues for class use however either the children have had a lot of colds or we have forgotten to ask parents for donations. We would be very grateful if you could send your child in with a box of tissues for their classroom as this would save us quite a bit of money which could be spent on other resources for them.



### **Teachers2Parents App reported problems.**

We have investigated the problem and discovered that the latest version of Google Chrome (version 74) has negatively affected the Teachers2Parents App. The app may show older messages and the user may be unable to scroll through their messages. Our technical team is currently working on developing a fix to resolve the issue. In the meantime, we recommend anyone affected uninstalls the app so that they receive any messages the school sends as regular text messages. Once a fix has been released, we will let you know.

### **Playground Safety**

Scooter and bikes are not to be used in the playground there have been many close accidents please supervise your child at pick up and drop off.

### **After School Provision**

We are continuing to investigate replacement of our after school provision and have been in touch with local providers, two of whom have visited the school. We are also looking into the viability and staffing possibilities for running a club under the school umbrella. We will of course inform parents as soon as we have any news on this front.

**We have been asked to share the following information with you.**

### **Volunteering Opportunities for Parents and Carers**

The Volunteer Centre Croydon links people in Croydon to local charities and community projects in need of support. Volunteering can help people develop their confidence, skills and CV. It help's people feel part of their community and to take a step into paid work.

They are holding a Volunteer Recruitment event 3rd to 7th June in the Volunteer Centre Croydon, Centrale Shopping Centre. This is an opportunity to talk to local charities about how you can get involved:

Monday 3rd June - Gender Issues and Healthy Living

Tuesday 4th June - Food & Shelter and Age Well

Wednesday 5th June - The Great Outdoors and Arts & Culture

Thursday 6th June - Keep It Local and Supporting Our Youth

Friday 7th June - Supporting Disability Groups

### **Free cycling workshop in Croydon for May Half Term**

Croydon council are running FREE cycle training sessions for children of all abilities during the upcoming May half term. Click on the link to reserve a place <http://bit.ly/croydonholiday>

**You will also find details of other local holiday and sports clubs on the school website under Parents Information – Community Links**

[https://www.kestonprimary.org.uk/parents\\_information/pta/local-community/](https://www.kestonprimary.org.uk/parents_information/pta/local-community/). The school office update this page regularly with information which we receive from local groups, so if you are looking for a holiday or club activity for your child it is a good place to find information.



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