



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer Uniform

Please note that in line with our uniform policy all children, with the exception of year 6, should be in summer uniform.

Please remember that the weather remains changeable and the children will still go outside to play so they may need to still bring a coat/jacket to school with them.

After School Provision

We are still looking into providing this facility. Our recent advertisement provided some response and therefore we hope to have more news for you before the end of this month. As I said in previous newsletters there is still no guarantee that this will be in place but we are doing all we can to replace Jancett.

My Money Week and PTA Small Change Challenge

Next week is My Money Week at Keston – the children will be focusing on a variety of aspects of money from understanding coins and counting in the infants to financial applications in the juniors. Please take this opportunity to follow up the work the children do at school with discussions about budgeting etc. at home.

In association with this week the PTA will be running a Small Change Challenge where the children are asked to bring in their coins and add them to their team colour jar. Details of this challenge are in the PTA letter sent with this newsletter.

Summer Sports

Inter year group swimming galas (week of the 1st July) and sports day will soon be upon us. For those of you who are new to the school, children are allowed to wear a t-shirt in their team colour for both events. (NB no shoe string tops and no logos please.) T-shirts are not compulsory but mean the children don't have to wear coloured bands during sports day. Royal blue shorts and trainers/plimsolls are still required. T-shirts also provide a little cover over swimwear whilst the children are watching between swimming events. Above all, they give the children a sense of team identity.

The school sports day is Friday 21st June with junior events taking place in the morning from 9.30 am and infant events in the afternoon from 1.15 pm. All parents and family members are welcome. Any changes to the day due to the weather will be sent out by text and posted on the school website; please try to avoid phoning the office for updates.

Nursery sports morning is planned for Friday 12th July; further information about this morning will come directly from the nursery staff.



Book Fair 10th – 14th June

Each class is given a time slot during this week to visit the Book Fair and parents are welcome to visit with their children after school. There is a 2 for 3 offer on all books during this week. All funds raised from the Book Fair go towards books for the class and school libraries.

Keeping Healthy Week 17th – 21st June

During this week there will be a whole school focus on keeping healthy with lessons and discussions on healthy bodies and healthy minds. As part of this week we would encourage you to either walk to school or park and stride.

Swimming Competitions

Congratulations to Violet Stewart and Jessica Hardy who have been selected to swim for the London Youth Games Primary Swimming Team (Mini's) representing the London Borough of Croydon on 6th July 2019.

Mobile Phones in School

Please do not use your mobile phone whilst volunteering to help either with swimming or reading in class you are more than welcome to leave your phone with the office staff whilst in school. Thank you

A reminder also that children should only bring phones into school if they are walking independently to and/or from school. Parents must fill in the form available from the office giving permission and the children must sign their phone in at the start of the day and collect at the end.

School Fete

Thank you for all the donations which are coming in for the annual School Fete on Saturday 29th June; if you are able to help at this event, even for a short period of time, please contact either your class rep or the PTA committee via their email address kestonpta@gmail.com . We look forward to seeing many of you at this event; hopefully the weather will be good for us!

Transition Meetings – date reminder

Our annual transition meetings will take place for the parents of the children **currently in Reception and Year 2**. The purpose of these meetings is to give parents information about the changes their children will encounter when they move to Key Stage 1 from the Foundation Stage, and to Key Stage 2 from Key Stage 1.

These meetings will take place on:

Monday 8 th July	Reception Parents Transition meeting	2.30 pm	Infant Hall
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 2 Parents Transition meeting	2.30 pm	Infant Hall

The meetings will finish in time for you to collect your children at the end of the school day.

Minibus Drivers

Please note the excerpt from the March newsletter below:

A number of the parents who give up their time to drive the school minibus on trips have children who have now reached year 6. We are therefore in great need of adults who are able and willing to volunteer their time and skill to enable the minibus to be used for our trips and sports matches. Drivers require a D1 licence (if you passed your test before 1 January 1997 this would be automatically added to your licence) and will also need to undertake a half day minibus driving training which will be arranged and financed by the school. Please give your contact details to the office if you are able to support the school in this way.

We have as yet had no response to this plea for help. If we are unable to find volunteer minibus drivers we will not be able to use the minibus for school trips next year which will mean an increase in costs for all parents.



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