



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We have had another very busy half -term with lots of exciting things going on. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

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.

Swimming

Contribution payments for spring term swimming (£13.00) are on Parent Pay. Please note that your contributions enable us to run this facility for the children; without these payments the pool runs at a loss and cuts have to be made to other areas of the school budget. We really do appreciate your contributions. Please be aware that parents can now set up an auto top-up on your account.

Tim Hill – Youth Pastor for St. John’s Church

Tim Hill is leaving the Coulsdon area to work closer to home. Many of you will remember Tim from the Christmas Carol Services at St. John’s Church. Tim has also worked with Keston for a number of years – leading assemblies and teaching aspects of Bible Study. The children and staff at Keston will miss him very much and wish him good luck in his new venture.

Family Woman Day

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Family Woman Day which was clearly enjoyed by children and adults alike. We had 90 visitors for the morning. There are photos available to view on the school website.

Football and Netball Squads

The children continue to compete in local area leagues and competitions in football and netball; a full round up of the season will be included in the next newsletter.

123 Magic Parenting Group

We will be hosting the '123 Magic Parent Programme' in school in March. A qualified practitioner will run the course. Please come along on Friday 28th February at 9am for a coffee and to find out more about the programme. Places are limited so sign up soon.



Croydon Swimming Gala

On Thursday 30th January, Miss Ransom and Mrs Parker took 36 children from years 3 to 6 to Purley Pool to take part in the Croydon Swimming Gala. The children excelled themselves in their races and out of 12 schools taking part they won Best Boys' Team, Best Girls' Team and Best Overall School Team. This is the first time that Keston has won all three trophies so we are very proud of the whole team. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

The following children took part:

Violet Stewart	Emily Beach	Tahlia Head
Charlotte Goulden	Ellie Price-Harries	Sophie Langley
Emily Cowie	Emma Goulden	Ruby Clower
Eshar Thethi	Lilyrose Henderson	Belle Symon
Katie Payne	Zoe Hardy	Mia Reeder
Hollie Gaywood	Bethan Appleby	Tilly Charles-Edwards
Michael Lloyd	George Coote	River D'Costa-Stephenson
Theo Winkley	Archie Hutton	Leon Wal
Samuel Powell	Dexter Dunleavy	Charlie Elsworthy
Marley O'Gara	Jonathan Kunar	Oscar Hicks
Alexander Rasheed	Freddie Talbot	Adam Farooki
Oliver Holt	Joseph Woodcock	Daniel Coleman

The following children from the team have been selected to compete in the finals in March:

Violet Stewart and Katie Payne	Y6 Backstroke
Zoe Hardy and George Coote	Y5 Freestyle
Dexter Dunleavy	Y5 Backstroke
Sophie Langley	Y3/4 Breaststroke
Violet Stewart	Open Butterfly
Emily Beach, Charlotte Goulden, Violet Stewart and Zoe Hardy - Girls freestyle relay team	
Violet Stewart, Ellie Price-Harries and Zoe Hardy - Girls medley relay team	

Reserves :

Emily Beach	Y5 Backstroke
Ruby Clower	Y3/4 Breaststroke
Zoe Hardy	Open Butterfly
Oliver Holt, Alexander Rasheed, George Coote and Dexter Dunleavy Boys freestyle relay team	

Internet Safety – A Reminder

We have been talking to all of the children about how to stay safe when using the internet. I would ask all parents to continue to discuss this topic with their children and reinforce the message given about not revealing personal information on line. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that a number of social media sites have lower age limits of 13 and by allowing children to use these sites whilst in primary school you are exposing them to the possibility of online dangers including cyber bullying. Parental advice regarding online safety can be found on the following sites:

[https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers.](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

INSET Day

Monday 24th February is an INSET Day and the school will be closed to the children. We look forward to seeing everyone at school on Tuesday 25th February.

World Book Day on Thursday 5th March

We will once again be celebrating World Book Day. Our School Council have voted for a 'PJ' day to celebrate some of the wonderful bedtime stories we have. As such, we will not be dressing up as book characters this year. Instead, your child/children may wear their favourite bedtime outfits (including dressing gowns and slippers should they wish). The children will also have an opportunity to share their favourite books with each other and children from another year group. If sending books in please ensure they are clearly named.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,



Helen Green
Head of School