



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head of School: Mrs. H. Green

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term. Staffing has continued to be a challenge this term and I want to say thank you to you all for your patience and understanding.

I also want to say a big thank you to all of our teaching assistants who have stepped in to help whenever they could. They have covered classes, Breakfast Club and also After School Club.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at parents' evenings this week. At Keston, we strongly believe that the education of our children is a partnership between families and the school.

As we begin the summer term, we will be returning to 'normal' with assemblies in person, teachers planning trips out, Early Years 'Stay and Plays' and many other events.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and that the weather is kind to us all.

Helen Green
Head of School

Holiday Reminder

As you are aware Government policy is not to allow any holiday or extended leave during term time.

However, if you wish to request an exceptional leave of absence you need to complete an application form.

This form must be completed prior to the requested leave of absence.

Each request for exceptional leave will be considered individually and we will take into account:

- The student's previous attendance history;
- The time of the year regards any public or internal examinations;
- Attendance and punctuality in the current academic year;
- The nature of the request and whether any other requests have been made.

Admission to Nursery September 2022

We still have spaces in our Nursery Classes for next September.



If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019
you can apply now.

Please see our virtual tour of the Early Years area on the school website here:
[Virtual Tour](#)

How to apply can be found on the admissions page on the school website here:
[Keston Admissions](#)





As we continue to return to normal, we will begin to plan school trips to support the children's learning.

As you will be aware, there have been significant increases in costs, for many things over the last two years which maybe reflected in the cost of school trips.

Please do come and talk to us if your child is going on a trip and you think you may be entitled to support to pay for it.

After two academic years of children not having to sit National Tests, this Summer term the children in Year Two and Year Six will be sitting SATs tests.

Year Two SATs are carried out by the children in small groups throughout the month of May.

The Year Six children will sit their SATs tests during the week of the 9th May.

It is therefore really important that children in those year groups are in school everyday in the lead up to and during the time of their SATs.



Summer Term Uniform



During the summer term until the October half term, blue & white check dresses may be worn. Grey tailored shorts, may also be worn.

PE Kit Reminder

- Royal blue shorts, white t-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers (black or white) with socks are required for outdoor activities



School Lunches

After Easter we will be returning to normal lunchtimes. This means that children in Years Three to Six who have packed lunches will eat in the Junior Hall, everyone else will eat their lunches in the Infant Hall.



Phonics Workshop

After Easter we will be starting to use a new scheme to teach phonics in the Early Years. We are holding a workshop for Reception parents at 9.15am on Wednesday 27th April, to share information about how we teach phonics.

Please do join us if you are interested in learning more.



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 25th April	Return to School
Wednesday 27th April	Reception Parents phonics Workshop and School Tours
Wednesday 4th May	Nursery Stay and Play
Week Beginning 9th May	Year Six SATs Week
Week Beginning 16th May	Year Six Bikeability
Week Beginning 23rd May	Year Six Residential
Friday 27th May	Break for half term
Monday 6th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th June	Children return to school
Friday 17th June	Platinum Jubilee Street Party
Friday 24th June	PTA Own Clothes Day
Saturday 25th June	Keston Summer Fayre
Friday 1st July	Bank Holiday School closed
Week Beginning 4th July	Swimming Gala Week
Friday 8th July	Sports Day—KS2 am/Reception and KS1 pm
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th July	Year Six Production
Monday 18th July	Parents Celebration Open Session—3pm
Thursday 21st July	Year Six Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Friday 22nd July	Break Up Early Years and Key Stage 1 finish at 1.45pm KS2 finish at 2pm