



Keston News

Newsletter 1

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. As we enter this new academic year and reflect on our previous one, we are all looking forward to a return to a familiar routine and a focus on learning.

Our children, as always, have amazed and delighted us on their return, with their positive attitudes, their resilience and their ability to adapt to new routines. I would also like to say how smart they have all looked coming into school in their new uniforms.

We know that there will be many exciting times as well as challenges ahead for all of us but your support has been much appreciated in our first week back.

Kind regards,
Helen Green
Head of School

School Fund



I am sorry to start the school year with a plea for funds, however, as you know funding is always an issue in schools. Therefore, we would request donations to the Keston School Fund of £10 for the first child and £5 for siblings to enable us to purchase extra resources for the children. This payment can be made on Parent Pay from Monday 12th September

This week we have welcomed our new Nursery and Reception Children. Our newest pupils, joined us for meet the teacher 'Stay and Plays' this week. We look forward to welcoming them next week for longer sessions and days. We also welcomed new children to other year groups across the school.

A warm welcome to families new to our school.

Thank you in advance.



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Summer Projects

We have been busy over the summer with work taking place both in school and in the pond area.

Both of our Reception Classes have undergone a redecoration and refurbishment. They look amazing and the Reception children have enjoyed their new spaces during their 'stay and plays' this week.



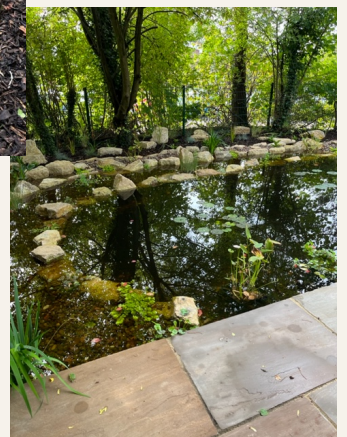
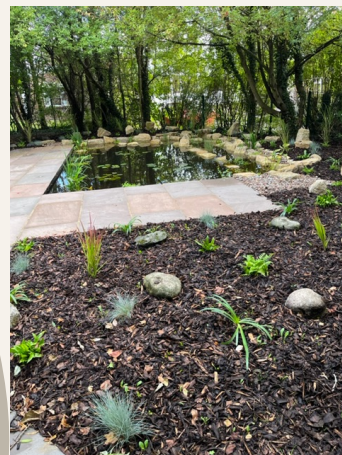
Blue Class



Red Class



Our fabulous PTA supported us by raising the money to refurbish the pond area. As you can see, the area is now much more accessible and we are looking forward to being able to use it to support our learning in the coming weeks and months.



POND





We would like to congratulate Mrs Newport on the birth of Baby Elijah who was born on 25th August weighing 7lbs 8oz. Mum and baby are both doing well.

Cost of School Dinners

From September 2022 school dinner price will increase to £2.50 daily for children in Years 3 to 6 for parents who pay for their children's meals. Harrison's have adjusted the price due to rising costs.



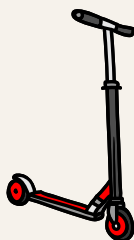
Breakfast Club Registration

If your child attends, or you wish them to attend, breakfast club you need to complete a registration form. This form is required to provide the staff with relevant health and contact details as the club runs before the opening hours of the school office. If your child attends Breakfast Club your parentpay account should be in credit at all times.

Dogs - Please remember dogs are not permitted on the school grounds whatever their size, even if they are being carried in your arms.



Bikes and Scooters - Please remember bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the playground at any time. They should be stored in the racks provided.



Medicines

All medicines held in school should be brought in to the office (in its original box/packaging including dosage and frequency instructions), with the completed "Permission for Prescribed Medicines Administered in School" form. (Copies are available on the school's website or from the school office).

Trim Trail and Infant Climbing frame

Children should not be on these before or after school.

We have reminded the children today during assembly. There have been lots of children on the equipment unsupervised each day after school.

We would appreciate your assistance with this.



Can all parents/carers please park considerately when dropping off or collecting your children, by ensuring that you are not obstructing driveways or parking in a dangerous position such as at a junction. Please also remember we are a School Street.

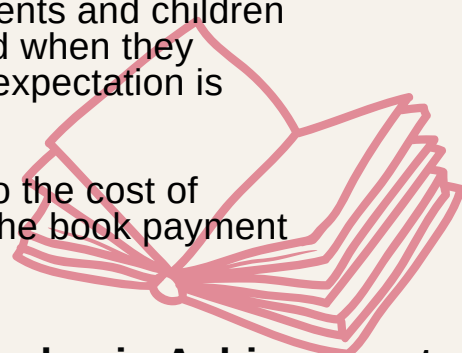
Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading Record and Planners

All children from year 1 to year 6 will be issued with a new Keston Reading Record and Planner book. These books have been designed to be not only a reading record but also a place to record homework given and a facility for parents and teachers to communicate.

The planners contain pages of useful information for both parents and children – please take the time to look through the book with your child when they bring it home. As with the previous reading record books the expectation is that these books will come into school every day.

The book is designed to last the full academic year and due to the cost of them we have very few spare copies. Should your child lose the book payment will be requested for a replacement.



Poor Attendance + Poor Punctuality = Lower Academic Achievement

Every child has a right to education and to have the best possible life chances. By attending school daily and on time, they learn the importance of being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.

In addition, being late means they miss minutes which build into missed learning time and missed opportunities. Being punctual means all children learn well, free from interruption from late comers.

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days



Important Message

We would like to make all parents aware that we have pupils within our school that are immune suppressed and are vulnerable to infection. This makes them extremely susceptible to illness within a very short space of time. As a school, we take this matter very seriously and are in regular contact with the parents concerned, updating them of any illnesses across the school.

Chicken Pox, Shingles, Measles, and other types of viral infections can have a huge impact on pupils who are immune suppressed.

If anyone has a child with any of the above infections, please can we ask that you contact the school immediately and we can then liaise with the parents concerned.