



Keston News

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As usual, it has been a very busy half term. The children have enjoyed all of the Christmas celebrations over the last couple of weeks. We had a special visitor from the North Pole yesterday to deliver presents to the younger children!

I would like to take the opportunity to say a few thank yous...

- Thank you to Carla (from Harrison's Catering) and her team who served 419 Christmas lunches this year to staff and children— a big thank you to the whole team!
- Thank you to all the amazing Keston families for your kind words and for being so supportive of the school. The fundraising has been fantastic over this period and in the next newsletter we will be able to tell you how much has been raised.
- Thank you also for all of the gifts for the staff, cards and Christmas wishes. They are very much appreciated by everyone.
- Thank you to the PTA for their enthusiasm and hard work.
- Thank you to all of the staff at Keston for all of their hard work this term
- Thank you to the most important people of all—the children at Keston. You all have children to be very proud of. They make me smile everyday with their enthusiasm and excitement in everything they do.

Everyone at Keston wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Wednesday 4th January**.

Kind regards,
Mrs Helen Green
Headteacher



Keston Primary School

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Keston Academy Trust

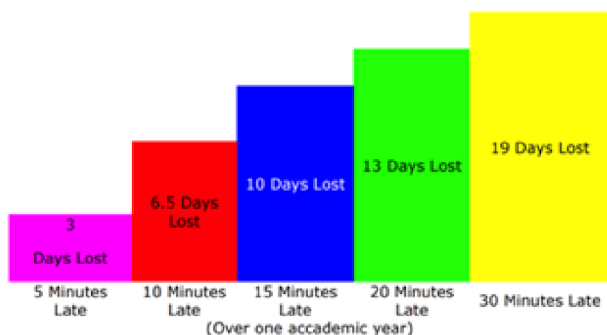
Attendance

The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and our aim is to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96%. Our target for attendance this year is 96.5% Our attendance figure for the year to date is 96.3%.

Obviously attendance levels, especially at this time of year, can be affected by illness, particularly tummy bugs. We would therefore encourage all parents to send their children into school wherever possible. However, if they have been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school until they have been symptom free for a minimum of 48 hours. This is to prevent the bug spreading throughout the school community as this has a significant, adverse effect on attendance levels of both children and staff.

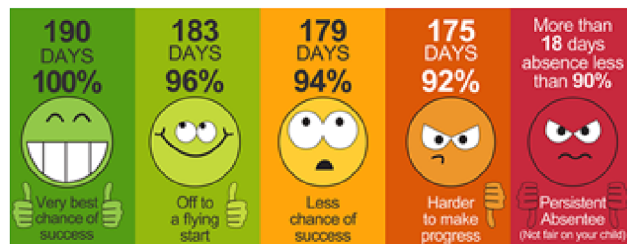
Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Keston Primary School expectations:

- All children will arrive on time and be appropriately prepared for the day – continued lateness will be followed up by the school office or a senior member of staff.
- All parents are to sign in their child if arriving late on our Entry System in the school office.
- Health appointments should be made out of school hours whenever possible.
- Absences through illness should be reported to the school office by 9.30 am.
- Holidays are not to be taken in term time – due to a change in government regulations we are unable to authorise holiday absence even if your child has excellent attendance.
- Any absence for holidays will be unauthorised and if the attendance falls below an acceptable level, you may incur a fine.
- A leave of absence in term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
- If you take the decision to take an unauthorised leave of absence during term time please fill in a leave of absence form. This saves us trying to contact you every day to find out why your child is absent.



Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

Arriving on time for school is important, as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- Classroom doors open at 8.45am
- School starts at 8.55am for KS2 / 9.00am in EYFS and KS1
- Late arrival is between 8.55am - 9.25am in KS2 and 9.00am - 9.25am EYFS and KS1.
- Arrival after 9.25am is recorded as an unauthorised absence..

Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child's attendance and achievement levels.





WELCOME

We would like to welcome Mrs Kennedy our new swimming teacher to Keston. Swimming will start week beginning 9th January.

We would also like to welcome back Miss East, who will be returning to school in January after her maternity leave.

Date	Event
Monday 2nd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Thursday 5th January	Nursery Open Morning Please see the website for more information
Wednesday 11th January	Reception Open Morning—Admissions Sept 2023
Tuesday 17th January	Nursery Open Morning Please see the website for more information
Tuesday 24th January	Year 6 at the O2—Young Voices
Wednesday 1st February	Horowitz Class Assembly
Tuesday 7th February	Parents Evening 4pm—7pm
Thursday 9th February	Parents Evening 4pm—7pm
Friday 10th February	INSET Day
Week Beginning Monday 13th February	Half Term
Monday 21st February	Back to school



Uniform Reminder:

- Mid-Grey tailored shorts
- Mid-grey straight leg, traditional trouser
- Grey pinafore dress
- Grey skirt - skirts should be at least knee length but no more than 10cm below the knee. Straight skirts are not permitted.
- White or blue cellular collared sports shirts or T-shirt, plain or with school badge
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge
- Socks - Mid-grey or white
- Tights - Mid grey / black

Please make sure that all children's school uniform is named.



PE Kit Reminder

Reception /KS1

- Royal blue shorts, white t-shirt.
- Plimsolls or trainers (black or white) are required for outdoor activities; please try to buy the slip on style/velcro.

KS2

- Royal blue shorts, white t-shirt,
- Plimsolls or trainers (black or white) with socks are required for outdoor activities.
- Tracksuit bottoms are useful for cold weather. Tracksuit bottoms must be black or navy and free of any logos and should be worn with a normal Keston School Jumper.

Admission to Reception September 2023

Information on Applications for Admission to
Reception in September 2023

Was your child born between 1 September 2018
and 31 August 2019?

Then you **MUST APPLY** now!

1. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions to find out about the schools in their area and be guided through the steps in the application process.
2. Apply through an eAdmissions account at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline:

15 January 2023



Class Assembly Dates

Class	Assembly Date
Blue	Wednesday 24th May
Red	Wednesday 5th July
Purple	Wednesday 21st June
Yellow	Wednesday 29th March
Orange	Wednesday 15th March
Green	Wednesday 14th June
Dahl	Wednesday 8th February

Class	Assembly Date
Rosen	Wednesday 17th May
Rowling	Wednesday 3rd May
Nichols	Wednesday 22nd March
Horowitz	Wednesday 1st February
Year 6	Thursday 20th July

Admission to Nursery September 2023

We have spaces in our Nursery Classes for next
September.

If your child was born between 1st September
2019 and 31st August 2020 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](#)