



Keston News

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual our first few weeks back have been very busy, with children working hard from Nursery to Year 6.

The children have settled back into school routines beautifully and the behaviour in and around school has been calm and focused. The children have started their new topics and are thoroughly engaged in their new learning. Topics this term include, A Toy Story, Animal Magic, Veni, Vidi, Vici, and Sandbags and Sirens to name a few. We know the next few weeks will be just as busy and exciting.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Mrs Green
Headteacher



Admission to Nursery September 2023

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 are sure you have seen in the news, teaching strikes have been proposed for the coming weeks. The first of these dates which affects our region is Wednesday 1st February. As soon as we have more information on the impact of this for Keston, we will update you.

As you know our swimming pool is entirely self funded. Therefore we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 for the term from parents. This can be paid via ParentPay.



THANK YOU!



Thank you very much for your kind donations before Christmas.

Christmas Jumper day raised £321.63 for Save the Children and the performance collections raised £312.96.



Keston Primary School

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PACE Academy Trust

PUNCTUALITY



We would like to emphasise to our families the importance of being in school on time as there have been numerous incidents of some families routinely arriving at school at 9.00 a.m. or later.

School doors are open at 8.45 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their class by 8.55 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re explain work.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

We are required to monitor children's punctuality and attendance. On-going lateness (after the class register has been taken) is classified as an unauthorised absence and this is contrary to The Education Act.

We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive.

High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service or other agencies which have a duty to investigate further and could result in legal action being taken against you.

If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please contact the office to make an appointment.

Did you know how much learning children miss out on?

Minutes late per day during the school year

5 mins
10 mins
15 mins
20 mins
30 mins

Equal days worth of teaching lost in a year

3.4 days
6.9 days
10.3 days
13.8 days
20.7 days

How can you help?

Ensure your child arrives in time. Check with the school about opening times.

Prepare packed lunches, school bags and breakfast items the night before.

Make sure the alarm clock is set at a reasonable time for getting everyone up and ready.

Family Wellbeing Cost of Living Survey

Thank you to everyone that completed the recent cost of living survey. We had a total of 92 responses, with many great ideas of how we can support our families.

Some of the great ideas suggested were:

- Food / Toiletry banks
- Costume Banks
- Warm clothes bank - thick socks, warm clothes, baby suits
- Education about energy conservation

Over the next few weeks, the leadership will be looking at the results of the survey and we hope to implement some of the ideas.

Cost of Living Crisis



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
Dickens	Wednesday 8th March
Shakespeare	Wednesday 1st March



We hosted a successful Trust -Wide Maths competition for a selection of Year 5 and Year 6 children on Thursday 19th February. Children from Chipstead and New Valley joined us in person and children from Stanford and Beechholme joined us via Teams.

Children were in mixed school teams and completed a variety of challenging tasks throughout the day.

All of the children were brilliant and worked collaboratively together and an enjoyable day was had by all.

