



Keston News

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful half term. It is hard to believe we are in the second half of the Autumn Term already. There are lots of events happening at school, with parent workshops, sports events and trips for the children.

As the weather is changing, please make sure your children have coats in school with them everyday.

Kind regards,
Helen Green
Headteacher



Swimming

Miss Ransom, our swimming teacher, will be leaving on Friday 11th November. She has decided to take a new direction with her career. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank You' to Miss Ransom for all her enthusiasm and hard work for the last 7 years. We will miss her and wish her well.

We will recruit a new swimming teacher as soon as possible.



Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.

If you are worried about something....
If you are worried about someone else....

You can talk to ANYONE who works for the school.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.



Keston Primary School

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PACE Academy Trust

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



We will be holding class assemblies again this year. Starting with Gavin Class on Wednesday 30th November at 9.15am.

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



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](#)

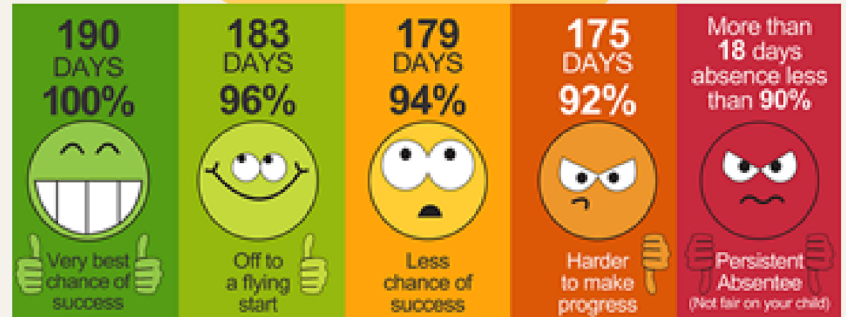
Class	Assembly Date
Rosen	Wednesday 17th May
Rowling	Wednesday 3rd May
Nichols	Wednesday 22nd March
Horowitz	Wednesday 1st February
Year 6	Thursday 20th July

Attendance Matters!



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.

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%.



Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

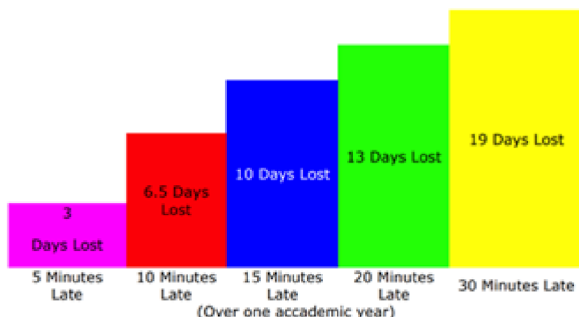
Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- 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.

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.



When is it not ok for your child to stay away from school

- Holidays - only in exceptional circumstances will term time holidays be authorised by the school.
- Birthdays - your child should still attend, even if it is their birthday.
- Shopping/Family Days Out - or any other activity for which there is no serious reason for your child to stay away from school.

If you need to request absence from learning, please complete an 'Exceptional Leave' request form available from the school office, or the school website and return it to school.



Remembrance Day

There is a Remembrance day service at St John Church on Sunday 13th November. As in previous years, we have been asked to lay a wreath as part of the service.

If you and your family would like to represent Keston at the service and lay the wreath please contact the school office as soon as possible.



We will be selling Poppies next week and other small items for the Royal British Legion.

Items range from 50p to £1.50.

Please send your child with money in a named envelope to give to their child's class teacher.



Goodwill this Christmas

If you need help this Christmas with providing a dinner for your family or would like a toy to give as a present please come and talk to Mrs Stevens as soon as possible.



Labelling of Uniform

Please make sure all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name. This includes, hats, gloves and coats as the weather gets colder.



Parents and Carers are being advised to keep an eye out for head lice, as this common problem usually affects school-aged children and their families.

Though head lice may be a nuisance, they don't cause serious illness or carry any diseases and can be treated at home with a fine tooth comb or over-the-counter medication. See NHS [website](#) for more details



Tissues



As we enter the cold and flu season we would be grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. Please leave them with your child's class teacher.