



Keston News

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2023

Celebrating 25 years of changing lives
through a love of books and shared reading.

Happy World Book Day!

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday we celebrated being a reading school, with lots of different World Book Day activities. We dressed in our pyjamas and talked about the books we like to read at bedtime. We had a special World Book Day assembly and we paired up classes as buddy readers and shared books with children from different year groups.

Don't forget to use your World Book Day £1 book token by Sunday 26th March; tokens were sent home with the children last week. You can collect your free book from most bookshops and supermarkets, or use the voucher for a discount off another book.

Kind regards,

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PACE Academy Trust

As part of their Community Access Scheme, you can now buy reduced price tickets for London Zoo or Whipsnade Zoo 'at the gate' from as little as £3 per person if you are receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance.



You can find out more about the scheme, which runs until the end of March using the link. <https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/community-access-scheme>



International Women's Day

Wednesday 8th March is International Women's Day. This is to celebrate the achievements of women around the world and talk to children in lessons about equality, stereotyping and this year's theme 'Embrace Equality'.

Please do celebrate the women in your own families by telling their stories and talking to your children about what they have achieved and do achieve every day.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Children have a right to be cared for and protected; protecting them is everyone's responsibility. Here at Keston Primary School we have a duty of care to ensure that all users of the school are kept safe from harm.

We are committed to provide a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential.

To report a safeguarding concern or for any queries contact:
safeguarding@keston.croydon.sch.uk

Secondary Schools

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received their offers of a secondary school place last week.

Please don't forget that the deadline to accept or decline your offer is on Wednesday 15th March. You must do this via the eAdmissions website.

If you will be taking up a place at an independent school, please let the school office know.



Food and Hygiene Banks

After our recent cost of living survey, we have decided to run our own food and hygiene banks. Please see the attached flyer for more information on what can be donated. The donation station will be just outside the school office before and after school.

If you need to access support from our banks, then please email the school on safeguarding@keston.croydon.sch.uk or talk to a school leader on the gate before or after school.





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

Class	Assembly Date
Rosen	Wednesday 17th May
Rowling	Wednesday 3rd May
Nichols	Wednesday 22nd March
Horowitz	Wednesday 28th June
Dickens	Wednesday 8th March



WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO ROCK AT THEIR TIMES TABLES?

You know how important it is for your children to learn their times tables, but it's hard work for you and for them. Are you looking for an easy way that just works?

Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.

Children from Year 2 upwards at Keston have access to Timestables Rockstars and have their own unique log in,

Please contact your child's class teacher if your child does not have their log in.

Suitable for all learners aged 6 years and up, their question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed.

Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.



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.



UNIFORM

During the **summer term**, until the October half term, blue & white check dresses may be worn. Dresses should be at least knee length but no more than 10cm below the knee. White socks - ankle or knee length

Coats:

Coats should be school jackets, or any navy, royal blue or black coat.



Headlice in School

Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children who are 4-11 years of age. It is not easy to tell exactly how common head lice are because the problem is often treated at home with people only visiting their GP if treatment proves unsuccessful.

However, it is thought that more than 1 in 3 children in the UK are likely to get head lice at some time during the year. Please be vigilant and check your children's hair regularly and treat as necessary.

[This link has all the information you need.](#)



Eco Schools Committee

The Eco Committee would welcome donations of plants, both indoor and outdoor, and seeds. They are working hard on making our school environment a greener place to be.



Don't forget to bring your change for the PTA's Small Change Challenge.

Which team will collect the most money?

Small Change CHALLENGE



SWIMMING



Mrs Kennedy, our new swimming teacher, has enjoyed getting to know the children over the last term. She has started using the STA's school swimming programme which has 8 levels these include stroke work, distance, water skills, life saving skills and survival skills.

Even if your child swims outside of school, they will still benefit from these awards, as some of the schools criteria is not included in the ASA swim awards. Even our strongest swimmers will cover new skills. The children will be assessed and awarded certificates, throughout the year.

