



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 2 – Thursday 5th October 2023



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who stopped by for coffee and cake on Friday. We managed to raise around £768.79 for such a fantastic cause.

Vision

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school's recent questionnaire on our school vision. Your opinions and ideas are really important to us. We will use this information to inform our vision and reflect on areas you would like us to improve.

School Fund & Swimming Fund

A reminder that the swimming contribution for the Autumn term for years 1 to 6 is £18.00. This payment goes towards the upkeep of the swimming pool which is monitored on a weekly basis by a pool management company. The school fund contribution is £10 per child and £5 for each sibling. School fund payments and swimming payments should be made via Parent Pay.



Class emails

Class emails are for communication between the class teacher and parents or carers only. Please can we ask that class email addresses are not passed on to any outside agencies or medical professionals. The class email addresses should *not* be used to report absence or for *urgent* information for class teachers as these are not monitored throughout the day. All absences should be reported to the office, on the dedicated telephone extension or through the office email address. Any emails about changes to pick up arrangements, should also be reported through the office.

School street

A decision was taken at a recent Croydon Cabinet meeting to cease the school street experiment in Keston Avenue and not make it permanent. As a school we are saddened by this decision and would like to remind all parents to park safely around the local area, to continue to keep our children safe. As the experimental period ends on 25 October 2023 the council's proposal is to remove the pedestrian zone signs after the school has closed for half term on Friday 20th October

Parking

Can all parents/carers please park considerately when dropping off or collecting your children. Please ensure that you do not obstruct driveways or park in a dangerous position such as at a junction. We would also like to remind you that if you are parked and stationary that you turn off your car engines.



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Remembrance Day

There is a Remembrance Day service at St John Church on Sunday 12th 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. This year we would like two children to lay the wreath.



Climbing frame and Trim Trail

Please remember that in the interest of children's safety, that the climbing frame and trim trail, **are not** used by the children before or after school.

Application for a place at a Secondary School in September 2024

Is your child currently in Year 6? If so you **MUST** apply for a secondary school place for them.

Apply now:

1. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions to find out about the schools available and be guided through the steps in the application process and the online application form.
2. If you are familiar with the process and already have an eAdmissions account you can apply straightaway at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline: 31 October 2023

If your application is late it will not be considered until all applications received on time have been processed and your child would be unlikely to receive a place at one of your preferred schools. Help your child by being one of the nine out of ten parents who apply on time.

Freddie Haynes

It has been brought to our attention that rumours and unhelpful speculation over the tragic death of a local teenager, Freddie Haynes, have been circulating around the Keston community. We were very disappointed to learn that this distressing and unfounded gossip has reached Freddie's family, at what must be the most unimaginably difficult time for them. I have no doubt that this will come as a shock to the vast majority of our parents and carers. However, we believe it is important to raise this with you and ask that as a community we show empathy and support for Freddie's family throughout this incredibly difficult time.

Kind regards,

Keston Headship Team



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