



# KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of PACE Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, it has been a very busy half term with a lot going on at Keston. The children have enjoyed all of the Christmas concerts and celebrations over the last couple of weeks. I think you will agree that we have lots of talented children at Keston. I think the singing, dancing and acting we have seen in all of the performances has been outstanding.

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

- A thank you to Olive catering staff who provided an excellent Christmas lunch for 451 children and staff last Thursday – a big thank you to the whole team!
- Thank you to our wonderful PTA for all their hard work and fund raising.
- Thank you to all of our wonderful Keston families for your kind words, gifts, cards and Christmas wishes for myself and all the staff.
- Thank you to all of the staff at Keston for their hard work this term.
- Lastly, thank you to the most important people of all – the children at Keston. You have children to be proud of and it is a privilege to work with them .

## Charity Money

We raised £252.00 from Christmas Jumper Day and this will be sent directly to Save the Children. We also raised £506.50 our collections at the Year 2 Nativity and the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. We will make a donation to St. John's Church and also to the charity CRY – Cardiac Risk in the Young in memory of Summer Harris. Thank you so much for your generosity.

## Christmas Parties

The children all had fun at their Christmas parties yesterday. We even had a surprise visit from Father Christmas!



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## PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA Christmas Fayre was a huge success and it was lovely to see the Keston community come together and enjoy some Christmas fun! We are waiting to find out the final amount raised however I know that 'Elfridges' raised £500! We are fund raising for a sensory room and to improve some of our outdoor spaces for the children. Thank you for your generosity and the PTA Committee and volunteers for their tireless work for the children at Keston.

## Cross Country

We have now had the overall team results through from the Croydon Schools Cross Country Championships held in November at Lloyd Park. Keston had two incredible competitions and have featured for the first time in the overall team standings. Over 40 schools took part in the competition and each race had over 150 runners. We are delighted to report that our year 6 girls' team consisting of Jessica, Olivia, Alexa, Rose and Selena came 3rd overall winning bronze medals. Our year 3 boys' team also had an outstanding competition with Harry, Teddy, Henry and Harry also winning bronze in the team competition. Well done to everyone.

## CIF Funding

The works continue to replace the heating and water systems across the school. Paine Manwaring have been onsite since October. Please be assured that all contractors onsite have a DBS and our safeguarding procedures are followed. We will send more details about the works in January.

## Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform and that our high expectations are being met. The uniform list can be found on the school website:

[https://www.kestonprimary.org.uk/parents\\_information/school-uniform/](https://www.kestonprimary.org.uk/parents_information/school-uniform/)

Children should wear black school shoes and not trainers to school with the exception of PE days. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any concerns or questions about uniform, please speak to a member of staff.

## Keston Avenue

Please can we ask that you park responsibly on Keston Avenue. There should be no parking at all on the zigzag lines. We want to keep the children as safe as we can.

## Return to school

The children should return to school on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024** as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day.

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

Kind regards,



Helen Green  
Headteacher



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