



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vision

We are pleased to attach our Vision 2026. This builds upon the success of our previous Vision 2023 that established the groundwork for the school's progress.

All stakeholders have had input into our school vision including the children. We are very proud of the work we do at Keston as we continue to make the school the best it can be for our wonderful children.

Vision 2026

Standards and Achievement
We empower every child to be an independent and resilient learner, in order to achieve their full potential. We recognise, value, and celebrate each child's achievements, both academically and personally. We encourage them to be responsible citizens who positively contribute to their community.

Provision
We nurture our children's innate curiosity and love of learning. Our engaging curriculum is diverse, and ever evolving. Our children enjoy learning together in a creative, inclusive, and stimulating environment.

Wellbeing
We put wellbeing at the heart of our school to ensure positive attitudes and successful learning. Our environment is safe and nurturing for everyone. We believe in ourselves and each other.

Partnership and Community
Our school community – children, families, staff, and governors - work together with mutual respect and a shared sense of belonging to ensure the success of our school. We contribute to the wider community and encourage their involvement in our children's learning and development.

Uniform

We would like to remind everyone that the correct uniform needs to be worn every day. We believe that school uniform instils a sense of pride and belonging.

We are seeing increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform. Our expectations around uniform also extends to hair and jewellery. Below is a reminder of the uniform and expectations for all children. This can also be found on the school website [here](#).

- Footwear with uniform should be black, practical school shoes - **not trainers or boots**.
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back
- No jewellery (except watches)
- Earrings should be plain studs only. If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons.
- No nail varnish should be worn

Please can we ask that **all** school uniform is named.

We have reminded the school of our rules and class teachers will re-enforce our message to maintain high standards. Individual letters will then be sent home to children who continue to wear the uniform which is not in line with school policy.



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Parking

We are having an increasing number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking in the surrounding roads. Can all parents/carers please park considerately when dropping off or collecting your children, by ensuring that you are not obstructing driveways or parking in a dangerous position such as at a junction.

We would also like to remind you not to park/drop off or pick up on the zigzag lines outside school.

Climbing frame and Trim Trail

Please remember that in the interest of children's safety, that the climbing frame and trim trail, **are not** to be used by the children before or after school. Adults and children should also not ride bikes and scooters inside the school ground.

Easter Bake Off

Thank you everyone for all the amazing entries to the PTA Easter Bake Off competition. The standard of entries was fantastic and it was very difficult deciding on the prize winners!

THE GREAT EASTER
BAKE OFF



Early Years and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
1 st prize – Hamza	1 st prize – Honey
2 nd prize - Rivan	2 nd prize - Thomas
3 rd prize - Phoebe	3 rd prize - Emelia



Chicks

As part of their topic learning, Reception have been very lucky over the last few weeks to have had an incubator and chicken eggs in Red Class. Last weekend they hatched and this week we have had 2 chicks for the reception children (and

staff!) to look after. All children across the school have had the opportunity to visit the chicks and see how we have been caring for them.



Mrs Kirk has decided to leave Keston and will not be returning after the Easter break. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Kirk for all her hard work at Keston and wishing her all the best for the future.

Have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15th April.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Green
Headteacher



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