



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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To all those who have children attending Keston Primary School.

Welcome to another New Year at Keston. 2014 seems to have flown past and we are again starting the Spring term so I do hope that all have had a pleasant and refreshing Christmas and look forward to a healthy 2015. Hopefully many of bugs that were plaguing the school before the break have gone and with the improving lighter mornings and evenings all are feeling much fitter.

As usual the various Christmas celebrations were well attended by parents and friends it is so rewarding to find that so many are able to come along to see these productions and to watch the growing confidence of the children participating and enjoying the processes. Again the PTA held a Christmas Fair which was well attended and we are truly grateful for all the time that is put into the preparation of the various stalls and activities and to the invaluable financial profit which enables the school to provide additional events and facilities.

As Governors of the school we have the responsibility to see that three core functions are in place, which includes setting the strategic direction, overseeing the educational performance of the school and ensuring financial health, probity and value for money. So at Keston we have a number of committees which oversee these various areas and prioritise the work completed, for instance last summer the Building and Sites committee did not have enough money to re decorate the Junior Hall but enough to refurbish the corridors, hopefully in next year's budget we will have sufficient funds to put this item at the top of the list. We have to be good housekeepers of site as well seeing to the well-being and education of the children and are very grateful for the added funds that the PTA contributes to the items for the children to use at the school.

The school is now offering an afterschool club on the premises so that those interested are no longer bussed to other schools but have in house care which takes place in the music studio. The number attending before school club is now reaching up to 50 attendants which shows how popular it is. I must admit that the children all seem to be enjoying the various games and activities which are supervised by teaching assistants. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and successful 2015.

Yours sincerely

Miriam Massey
Chair of Governing Body at Keston.

