



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of PACE Academy Trust

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Newsletter 1 – October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy half term and we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of at Keston.

Some of the things we are proud of so far this year:

- Year 6 visit to Junior Citizens
- Reception Open Morning
- Year 2 visits to Pizza Express
- Year 1 walk in the local environment
- Key Stage 1 Harvest Assembly
- Harvest donations to Purley Food Hub
- Nursery Autumn Walk
- Sports events
- Year 6 Class Assemblies
- Wear Red Day
- Reception have had a visit from a Fire Fighter

Sports



Cross Country

On Thursday 3rd October, our Cross Country team travelled to Royal Russell school to take part in the Croydon Schools Cross Country Championships. Our growing squad of 40 runners took part in the races on a new course at a new venue. Everyone listened to advice and trusted their training and produced some outstanding results. We had Individual bronze medals in the year 3 and year 4 boys events and top 10 finishers across multiple age groups. Once all of the results have been calculated, we may see some team medals come our way! Thank you so much to all the parents who supported the team and each other in getting the children to the venue. A great start to what will be a fantastic season!

Football

On Monday 7th October, the Keston Football Team had their first game of the season in a cup match against St John's Primary School from Shirley. Despite the first half being evenly matched between the teams, at half time the score was 2-0 to St John's. Keston played well in the opening minutes of the second half and scored to make it 2-1. Keston continued to play well looking like they might make a comeback however St John's scored 3 quick goals to end the match 5-1. The team showed lots of determination, teamwork and encouragement all throughout the match, their team spirit and positive attitude was second to none.



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Respect

The vast majority of parents, carers and others visiting our school are keen to work with us and are very supportive of the school. Our school motto is 'Respect, Believe, Achieve'



We expect all parents and other visitors to behave in a respectful way towards all members of our school staff.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who stopped by for coffee and cake on Friday 27th September. We managed to raise £492.28 for such a fantastic cause.

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 can be made via Parent Pay.

PTA

The PTA work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for our school. A huge thank to all of the PTA Committee and volunteers for their hard work.

These are some of the things funded by the PTA:



Our new fish tank and fish



New dictionaries for every class



Post covers for the Nursery outdoor area

The PTA are currently saving up to enable us to refurbish our library. We are very excited!



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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, preferably 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.

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from local residents regarding parking. 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 that if you are parked and stationary to turn your car engines off.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

The next round of secondary school admissions for the September 2025 academic year is now open for parents/carers to apply online. Croydon's Secondary Schools Admissions Prospectus can be found [here](#). The Pan London eAdmissions website opened from 1st September - this is where **ALL** Parents/Carers will be able to register and apply online [eAdmissions](#) (please register here)

You need to submit your application by 31 October 2024.

Admission to Reception September 2025

Information on Applications for Admission to Reception in September 2025

Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

Then you **MUST APPLY** now!

1. Visit www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions to find out about the schools in their area and be guided through the steps in the application process.
2. Apply through an eAdmissions account at www.eadmissions.org.uk

Application deadline: 15 January 2025

Please remember that being part of Keston Nursery does not guarantee you a place in Keston Reception.

Admission to Nursery September 2025

We still have spaces in our Nursery Classes for next September.

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you can apply now.

Please see our virtual tour of the Early Years area on the school website here: [Virtual Tour](#)

How to apply can be found on the admissions page on the school website here: [Keston Admissions](#)

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.



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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.

Remembrance Day

There is a Remembrance Day service at St John's Church on Sunday 10th November. As in previous years, we have been asked to lay a wreath as part of the service. If you would like your child/children to represent Keston at the service and lay the wreath please contact the school office as soon as possible.



A message from our new Chair of Governors:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to hear that the children have returned to school enthusiastic for their new year of learning at Keston and the Nursery and Reception children have also settled in well to school life.

The Governing Board are looking forward to working with the school, supporting leaders and all stakeholders in ensuring Keston's children achieve their best outcomes both academically and holistically.

Sarah Garner

Chair of Governors

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

We hope you have a lovely half term.

Keston Headship Team



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