



KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 2 – November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks with a lot going on at Keston. There is a lot to celebrate:

- Year 6 visited the Globe Theatre and took part in a drama workshop about Macbeth.
- We have taken part in 'Celebrating Difference' week, starting the week with a special assembly and by wearing odd socks.
- Nursery went on their bus trip to Poppy Park, as part of their 'Let's Move' topic
- Year 1 took part in the Gunpowder Plot workshop and Year 2 took part in the Mary Seacole Workshop.
- Year 5 enjoyed their Ancient Greek Day.
- Year 3 visited Butser Farm as part of their topic on the Stone Age.

We know we will have just as busy a time in the next few weeks leading up to Christmas.

Apologies that the Headship team haven't been on the playground as usual – we have been helping on the doors to welcome the children in each morning. I am currently on crutches with knee problems and I just wanted to say your children have been amazing! They are always asking how I am, holding doors for me and wishing me well.



Quiz Club

Thank you to our Quiz Team who took part in an event with local Coulsdon primary schools. Congratulations to Archie (Y6), George (Y5), Alfie (Y4) and Hamza (Y3), who came third in the event. We are very proud of them all for representing Keston so well.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Ava and Kit for representing Keston at the Remembrance Day service. They laid a wreath on behalf of the Keston community to remember all those that have lost their lives in honour of our country. Ava and Kit did a wonderful job and made us all very proud.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy appeal. I am very pleased to say that Keston raised £669.10 which is a huge amount of money.

PTA Christmas Fayre



This year, we are trying a different approach to our Christmas Fayre. It is being held on Friday 6th December from 5pm to 7.30pm. Some stalls will be inside school and there will also be stalls on the infant playground. We are excited about this event and hope the weather is kind to us.



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Please note

Each year group is working on an enterprise project and they will be selling what they have made at the Christmas Fayre. Everything is being made as a class/year group rather than individually and this means you will not be able to buy your own child's work.

Christmas Events

Please see the attached date list for all our Christmas events. A letter will follow at the end of the week with more details.

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the recent book fair. We raised £592.53 and will be spending the money on much needed books for the school.

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 and is entirely self-funded.



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.

School start and finish times

Just a reminder that the doors open for all children at 8.40am and the school start time is now 8.45am when the outside doors will be closed. The school finish time is 3.15pm – this is the time lessons finish. The teachers will endeavour to have the children out to you soon after this time.

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

If there are issues between children, please contact your *child's class teacher in the first instance* in order for any issues to be addressed. Please do not approach other parents or children on the playground.

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.

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 families concerned.



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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 your 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. You must apply as above.

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](#)

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Kind regards,



Mrs H Green
Headteacher



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