



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 Christmas lunch for over 400 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 £347-02 from Christmas Jumper Day and this will be sent directly to Save the Children. We also raised £422.74 from 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 an additional donation to Save the Children. 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

I think you will agree 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 £435.67! Thank you for your generosity and the PTA Committee and volunteers for their tireless work for the children at Keston.



Thank you to Dipa Patel

We would like to say a huge thank you to Dipa Patel who stepped down as Chair of Governors in September. Dipa worked tirelessly for the Keston community for many years both as a Governor and as part of the PTA. She will continue to be a Director on the PACE Academy Board.

Message from the Chair of Governors – Sarah Garner



Being in a school at Christmas is always so magical! It was lovely seeing the children's excited faces as they were selling their homemade wares at the Christmas Fair; they all did so well!

As governors, we have been meeting with teachers connected to our area of responsibility to ensure we have a clear understanding of the school's priorities this academic year. We are looking forward to spending time in school on our Governors' Morning on 31st January.

We would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work this term and wish all of the Keston community a very happy time with family and friends over the Christmas break.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Garner

Chair of Governors

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/

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.



Return to school

The children should return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025** as Monday 6th 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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