

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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## Important dates for the diary

Autumn Term 1		Autumn Term 2	
01.09.21	INSET day	01.11.21	Children return
02.09.21	Children return	17.12.21	Last day of term
21.10.21	Last day of term	20.12.21-03.01.22	Full-term
22.10.21	INSET day	04.01.22	INSET day
25.10.21-29.10.21	Half-term	05.01.22	Children return

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## Latest News

### Welcome back!

It has been great to welcome back all of the amazing Keyworth children and to welcome for the first time our new starters! We look forward to working with our families in providing the best possible learning experiences for your child/ren.

### Collection

It was good to see many of you again in our playground when collecting your child/ren after so long. Please help us aid a smooth collection of children by not standing on pathways where other people may need to pass through.

### Communication between home and school

Our main form of informing parents/carers about what is going on in school will be done via email. Please ensure that you check your emails regularly and then read any letters/newsletters that we send. Additionally, should your contact details change, please inform the school office.

You can of course ring or email the school office throughout the school day. As parents/carers are now allowed on-site at the end of the school day, this gives you an additional opportunity to speak with school staff then too.

### Faunce Street entrance - closed

A reminder that children should only be using the Faunce Street school entrance if they are attending breakfast club or arrive to school late.

### Breakfast and afterschool clubs

Our wraparound provision begins at 8:00am and ends at 5:55pm. Should you wish to find out more about our breakfast and afterschool clubs and/or book a place for your child/ren, please contact the school office.

### Reporting a child absent

If your child is going to be absent from school on any given day, you should call the school office and provide a reason. If your child is absent on consecutive days, you still need to call the school office every day that they are absent.

### School volunteers - message from Jaime

Previously, we were able to offer a few volunteer places across the school for parents/carers to help out in classes. We would like to begin this again. If you have an interest in supporting children with learning, are able to commit to a half-term or term's volunteer work (1-3 days per week), are punctual and do not mind getting stuck into school life, please send an email to [office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk) requesting a volunteer placement.

We have limited spaces available so will not be able to take on everyone, however your regular help and support would be much appreciated.

*Please note: If you have a child in the school, you will not be placed in their year group.*

### New school resources

This term, we will be relaunching our full curriculum and improving the standard of our provision. Resourcing is an important part of this so we have invested across the curriculum including buying new laptops, books for in-class and home reading, maths manipulatives and topic resources.

### Reading relaunch

As I have said on numerous occasions, if there is something that parents/carers can do at home that will really help their child/ren with their learning, it is to ensure that they read every day. In the next week or so (our order has yet to arrive) your child/ren will be receiving a reading record book which needs to be signed when your child/ren have read. In school, the children will receive rewards as follows. I have asked school staff to monitor their class' home reading and to communicate with parents/carers either when reading may not be taking place or not frequently enough.

Number of reads	Prize
5	Bronze sticker
10	Silver sticker
15	Gold sticker
20	Bronze sticker
25	Silver sticker
30	Gold sticker
35	Bronze sticker
40	Silver sticker
45	Gold sticker
50	Certificate presented in class

Number of reads	Prize
55	Bronze sticker
60	Silver sticker
65	Gold sticker
70	Bronze sticker
75	Silver sticker
80	Gold sticker
85	Bronze sticker
90	Silver sticker
95	Gold sticker
100	Certificate presented in assembly

### Home learning

At Keyworth, the completion of some additional learning at home is encouraged. As said above, daily reading is extremely important. Below are some additional home learning opportunities/support. Please contact your child/ren's class teacher/s for further clarification as necessary.

- **Years 2 to 6 Maths and Spelling Rockets** - The children will be given rocket cards containing all of the spelling and mental maths objectives for the year. Starting from the bottom of the rocket card, the children will be learning weekly spellings and mental maths in school and are encouraged to also practice these at home.

- **Topic homework** - The children will be given a topic homework book with some ideas of what you can do at home as part of their topic learning. This might be creating some art or craft, eating some food from a particular country, visiting a place of interest etc.
- **Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Purple Mash (whole school) and Timestable Rockstars (year 2 up)**. Your child/ren should have received their login details for the above online tools or within the next few days. If they have not received their logins or you have any queries, then please contact their class teacher/s.
- **Letter-join** - Letter-join is the handwriting scheme that we use in school. We have a parent subscription where you can watch online tutorials of how letters and words are formed through the scheme, complete pre-set activities and create your own worksheets. In school, we often link our handwriting to the spellings and sounds that we are learning. If using a tablet device, children can learn to use their fingers to practise forming letters.

[www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

Letter-join 

If using Letter-join on a tablet device, you will need to use the following details:

**Username:** Keyworth

**Swipe code:** a capital 'L' shape starting at the top left

Click on where it says 'Tablet login' first.



If using Letter-join on a computer, you will need to use the following details:

**Username:** key

**Account password:** worth

Please note: Letter-join recommends that you use Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari for the best compatibility.

*We do not want to inundate you with home learning expectations so please communicate with your child/ren's class teacher/s to discuss how families can best help.*

### Google classroom

We will continue to upload homework and newsletters to *Google classroom*.

### New music provision

We have been looking at developing our music provision to ensure a progression of knowledge and skills each academic year. As well as the in-class provision linked to the different topics, this year we will be expanding our use of external music providers to add some expertise to our teaching. Each year group will have a music focus for at least a half-term as indicated below. We look forward to uncovering the next young musical star/s!

Year group	Music provision
Little Stars	Singing and rhythm
Nursery	Singing, rhythm and percussion instruments
Reception	Singing, rhythm and percussion instruments
Year 1	Singing, rhythm and percussion instruments
Year 2	Singing, rhythm and percussion instruments
Year 3	Recorder
Year 4	Ukulele
Year 5	Woodwind
Year 6	Samba

## Staffing changes - Inclusion Team

A reminder that our Inclusion Manager Kristin and our newly-appointed SENDco Lori will be working across the federation and so will not both be at Keyworth every single day. Should you need to speak to our Inclusion Team, please contact the school office who will pass on your message.

## Breakfast bagels

*Magic Breakfast* are a charity aiming to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK schools. They provide the school with breakfast provisions at a reduced rate and, during lockdown, they provided breakfast directly to over 50 Keyworth families. In order for the school to support *Magic Breakfast* with its aim of ending hunger as a barrier to education, we will be introducing two new breakfast options starting **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**:

- Little Stars, Nursery and Reception will have a self-service breakfast station in their classrooms at the start of the school day, with options including fruit and bagels;
- For the rest of the school, there will be a bagel station in the playground between 8:45am and 9:00am. The bagels will simply be plain, toasted, buttered and cut into pieces. Should children decide that they would like something to eat, they can take a bagel and eat it before the bell goes. Any leftover bagels will be placed in the quiet area during playtime.

## Keyworth Friends

Keyworth Friends are our school PTA. Throughout the years they have supported the school through their fundraising and organising of events. Being part of the PTA does not have to take up much of your time and is a great way of meeting other parents/carers as well as supporting the school. To register your interest and/or to find out more, email [pta@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:pta@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk).

## Building works

When collecting your child/ren from school this week, you may well have noticed the hoarding around part of the perimeter of our playground. Works are beginning on the site beside the school to build new housing with the aim of completion in the next two years. We have worked with the building contractors to discuss the site and express our expectations on them in order that the new works cause as minimal disruption to the school as possible.

## Kye Whyte

In case you missed our Twitter feed in the summer...



## School lunches

We will continue with a combination of hot and cold lunches for KS1 and KS2 children next week. Children in the Early Years will have a hot school lunch every day.

School packed lunches				
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1
Year 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3
Year 6	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6

Starting on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be providing hot lunches for everyone.

You can find our current lunch menu on our school website and below:

<https://keyworth.southwark.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Keyworth-Lunch-Menu.pdf>

## Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **euphoria**. Please discuss its meaning with your child/ren and encourage them to share what they have learned with their teachers in school to receive gems. Do they know the origin? Can they use the word correctly in a sentence? Can they identify and explain the meaning of alternative forms e.g., **euphoric/euphorically**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

The start of a school year is always hectic for all so I ask that you are patient with us and give us time to get our systems fully in place. I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School