

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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School Holidays
INSET Days
Tutorial Day
Bank Holidays

Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
04.12.23	Flu vaccinations	08.11.23	5BH
08.12.23	Enterprise Fair	15.11.23	2PH
12.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6	22.11.23	1AJ
13.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 1, 2 and 3	29.11.23	4AB
13.12.23	Christmas lunch		
14.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - Reception		
15.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - Little Stars and Nursery		
15.12.23	Winter Fair		
19.12.23	Class parties		
20.12.23	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish		
08.01.24	INSET day		
09.01.24	Children return		

Celebrations

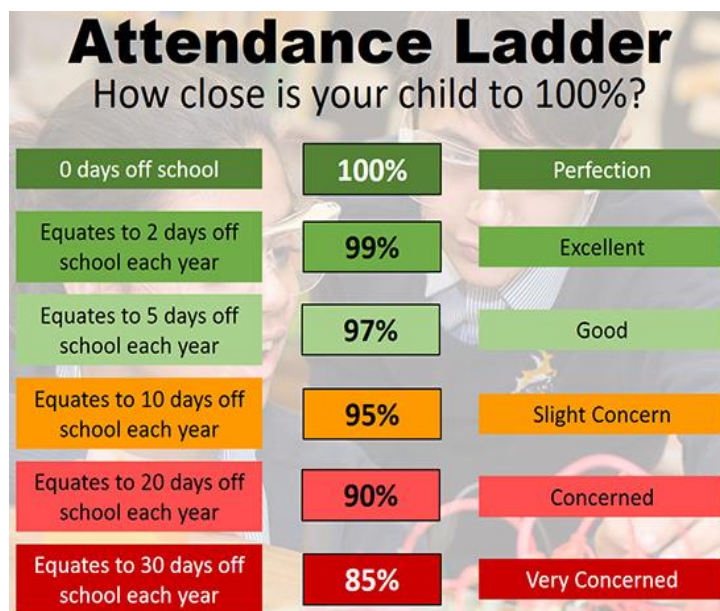
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	-	-	-	-	
1AJ	Abdella	Anna	Thomas	Raed	Michelle
1HE	Ionie	Zaheem	Misbahu	Lacey	Afia
2PH	Alana	Ami	Nasir	Viktor	Matilda
2ER	Sebi	Humaira	Syraj	Shahid	Jasmine

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3MR	Luky	Alayna	Idris & Jamelia	Mariam
3GC	Yussef	Elise MQ	Ashley	Jeremiah
4AB	Rayaan	Teddy	Jahmorei	Arsema
4EB	Ayaan	Eli	Tawiah	Kaelan
5BH	BJ	Stephanie	Valentina	Erin
5AA	Maxi	Sheray	Aza	Hawdyar
6MV	Tate	Saif	Qhalil	Brianna
6CS	Annabel A	Abena	Keeva	Keishana

This week's gem winners are...	Sapphires
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2PH 3GC

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	94.29
1AJ	96.47
1HE	97.65
2PH	94.07
2ER	85.56
3MR	96.08
3GC	98.64
4AB	95.06
4EB	100
5BH	90.05
5AA	94.97
6MV	93.25
6CS	95.19
Whole school	93.31
School average (year)	94.97%
National average (year)	93.1%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **4EB**

Classes with the best attendance this term so far...

1st	2nd	3rd
5AA 97.32%	1HE 97.14%	2PH 96.58%

Latest News

Ofsted 2023

In September, Keyworth had a visit from Ofsted. The inspection was called a 'section 8' which means it is ungraded, with the purpose being to check that Keyworth is still at least good since the last inspection. Attached to this newsletter email is the Ofsted report - I am sure that you will agree that there is so much positive feedback about your school:

The school has high expectations of pupils.

Pupils achieve well in their learning and play an active part in their community.

Pupils are polite, kind and considerate.

Staff look after pupils and keep them safe.

Staff adapt teaching well so that pupils with SEND access the same curriculum as their peers.

There is rarely any disruption in lessons.

Safeguarding is effective.

The school promotes a love of reading.

Staff are proud to work here.

Parents and carers value the work of the school.

Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum that is bespoke for pupils at the school.

As a staff, we are very proud of Keyworth Primary School. However, we strive for continuous improvement. In relation to our next steps listed on the report, we are working hard with our staff who are new to the profession (some had only been qualified for 3 weeks before the inspection!) to support them moving forward.

Dates for your diary - Christmas events

Another Christmas is fast approaching! Please make note of the following dates:

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Additional dates for themed events and our Gem winners' trips will be added soon.

IntoUniversity at Keyworth

Academic attainment is a crucial factor in determining the options available to young people when they leave school.



Young people growing up in Britain's least privileged neighbourhoods have always faced an uphill struggle. Homes are often overcrowded spaces where young people have nowhere to study, where devices are shared between siblings, and where hard-pressed families do not have spare cash for tutors and after-school activities. Few get the grades to go to university.

As a result, many families are caught in a vicious cycle, where the disadvantages of one generation are passed onto the next. This creates neighbourhoods where for decades, poverty and educational underachievement have gone hand in hand.

Keyworth is very fortunate to host IntoUniversity Kennington on our site. IntoUniversity Kennington works with the children in two ways:

- Their FOCUS programme, which takes place throughout the school year, provides information, advice and guidance for all children in KS2 through their immersive workshops, with the aim of inspiring the children to be academically ambitious for their future goals;
- Their Academic Support programme offers FREE tutoring support after school for children in KS2, with the aim of supporting the children to become active, curious and independent learners.

All children in KS2 at Keyworth will take part in the FOCUS programme. Should you wish your child in KS2 to attend the Academic Support programme after school, you will need to contact IntoUniversity Kennington directly.

Further information and contact details can be found by using the link below:

[IntoUniversity Kennington](#)

Celebrating difference

This year we are continuing our investment in diverse books to ensure that our children can recognise themselves and their families in the books that they read and know that we respect everyone, regardless of our differences and that difference is something to celebrate.

At the end of this newsletter are some examples of books that we have in school to support this aim.

For those of you who do not know, we are also continuing our work with *Lifting Limits* - a charity working to promote gender equality in education. Further details can be found by using the link below:

[Lifting Limits](#)



Christmas choir - years 4 to 6

From **Monday 6th November**

teacher Alex and the vicar of St Mary's Newington Church will be running a Christmas choir club. This will take place for 6 consecutive Mondays after school from 3:45pm - 4:30pm. The last session will be on Monday 11th December. The children will practise some Christmas songs which they will then have a chance to perform at the Carol Service in St. Mary's Newington Church, Kennington Park Road, at 5:00pm on Sunday 17th December. Those of all faiths and religions are warmly welcome to attend but please bear in mind that the choir will be singing traditional Christmas Carols about Jesus' birth in the Church Carol service.

To give permission for your child/ren to join the above club, please sign into your Magicbooking account and book the club. To give permission for your child/ren to walk home alone please select the extra option when booking. Please only select the extra option if your child DOES have permission to walk home alone.

We are no longer accepting paper permission for trips or cash in the office.

Flu vaccinations rescheduled

Due to NHS staffing issues, the flu vaccination date has changed to **Monday 4th December**.

Times Tables Rock Stars

As a reminder, all children from year 2 up have a Times Table Rock Stars login. By the end of year 4, all children are expected to know all of their times tables to 12x12. Please support your child at home by giving them regular opportunities to practise their times tables.



Join our Christmas Choir

Everyone welcome! Year 4-6

Rehearsals Monday 3:45pm – 4.30pm

Starts: Monday 6th November
Alex (4AB)

We will learn Christmas Carols to sing at a

Carol Service Sun Dec 17th 5pm

At St Mary's church, 57 Kennington Park Rd. Followed by a Christmas Party for all

Keyworth Primary Winter Clothes Bank

We have opened a Winter Clothes Bank in the school office. If you have any winter clothes in good condition that you no longer need, please bring them to the school office. We will be using these donations to help those in need!

KEYWORTH PRIMARY WINTER CLOTHES BANK

Please donate any new or gently used winter clothing that you no longer use to those in need.



What we need

**Winter coats, hats, scarves
gloves etc.**

**PLEASE BRING ANY
DONATIONS TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**



School Council

Congratulations to Nate (3GC) and Naila (3MR) for being appointed to Keyworth's School Council! They will join current members, Arthur and Tilly from Year 4, Maddie and Azra from Year 5 and Sara and Jay from Year 6. The school council are thoroughly looking forward to getting started on some new and exciting projects to make our school an even better place!



Harvest Festival

“Connected to the Community” is one of our school values - we have a strong sense of being a part of and having responsibility for our community. The children have been learning about the importance of giving what we can to those in need. Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Harvest Festival - the donations will be sent to Vauxhall Foodbank to support others in need.



Online safety

Anti-Bullying Week is taking place from **13th to 17th November** and this year's theme, "make a noise about bullying", encourages students to stand against negative behaviour when they see it. Families can complete the 'Digital Family Toolkit' and get tailored advice specific to their family. Further information can be found below:

[Digital Family Toolkit](#)

Support for families 1 - FREE Maths and English tuition for years 4 to 6

At the end of this newsletter you will find a poster containing information about how children in years 4 to 6 can access FREE Maths and English tuition which is being offered on The Brandon Estate.

Word of the Week


This week's *Word of the Week* is **controversy**. 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. **controversial**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

Please find below previous words that we have used in school:


Previous words	defensible, corresponded, exaggerated, recommended, determined, hinder, accommodated
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I would like to wish you and your family a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School

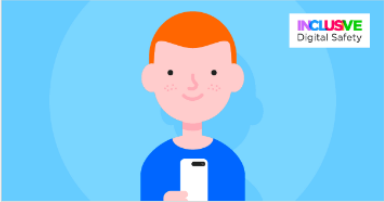


ABOUT MY CHILDREN
3 Resources
Age-specific advice about online safety to support your child.



Online safety guide 0-5 year olds
Short read

[What You'll Learn](#) [See Resource](#)



Supporting children with care experience online
Long read

[What You'll Learn](#) [See Resource](#)

Books with characters from different cultural backgrounds:



Books with strong female characters:



Books which celebrate different family structures:



Books with black characters and by black writers:



Books with characters with physical differences and with neuro-diverse characters:



Books about finding and celebrating your own identity:



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Maths and English Tuition for Years 4, 5 and 6



Fully-trained
tutors



Small
class sizes



Supports
school work



Weekly pupil
feedback

1- Hour Weekly Classes at 4pm (Yr 4&5) and 5pm (Yr 6)
Taking place in a community centre on the Brandon Estate



Scan the QR code to join or visit

www.tutorsunited.org

Select: Clarion x Southwark Council Brandon Estate

