

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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## Important dates for your diary

| Spring 1          |  | Spring 2          |                                 |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 04.01.22          | INSET day                                | 21.02.22          | Children return to school       |
| 05.01.22          | Children return to school                | 24.03.22          | Early Years Celebration Day TBC |
| 27.01.22          | Reception vision screening               | 01.04.22          | Last day of term                |
| 07.02.22          | Tutorial day (school closed to children) | 04.04.22-18.04.22 | Full-term                       |
| 11.02.22          | Last day of term                         | 19.04.22          | INSET day                       |
| 14.02.22-18.02.22 | Half-term                                | 20.04.22          | Children return to school       |

## Celebrations

| Class | Star of the Week | Writer of the Week | Mathematician of the Week | Reader of the Week |
|-------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| RCC   | Teddy            | Alana              | Davena                    | Fatima             |
| RSP   | Yaqub            | Freya              | Eden                      | Sade               |

| Class | Star of the Week | Writer of the Week | Mathematician of the Week | Presenter of the Week |
|-------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1CM   | Kallum           | Idris              | Erick                     | Elise                 |
| 1AJ   | Isa              | Khadijah           | Jadiel                    | Jake                  |
| 2PH   | Ben              | Amira              | Teddy                     | Samet                 |
| 3MK   | All of 3MK       | Anas               | Angel                     | Jayne                 |
| 3CS   | Abdul Rashid     | Kevin              | Sheray                    | Mohammed              |
| 4JA   | Keeva            | Saif               | Mahdi                     | Jeremiah              |
| 4MV   | Aiden            | Daybel             | Imaan                     | Kenza                 |
| 5JG   | Davontae         | Payshenz           | Maryama                   | Ezekiel               |
| 5BH   | Muhammad         | Violetta           | Khaziah                   | Seham                 |
| 6JA   | All of 6JA       | Beyonce            | Salma                     | Emilia                |
| 6JB   | Issa             | Teyo               | Mansour                   | Habie                 |

This week's gem winners are....

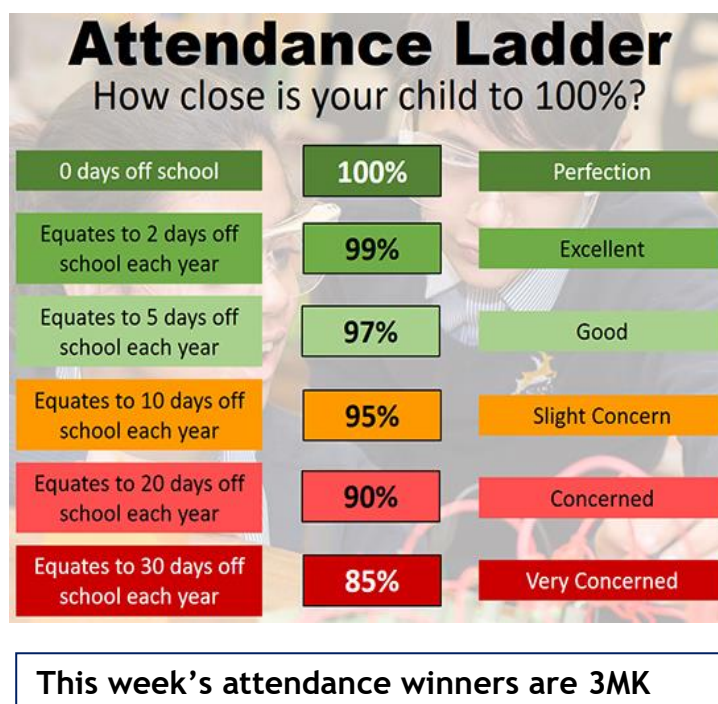
Emeralds

This week's treasure chest winners are...

1CM and 5BH

## Attendance

| Class                | Attendance    |
|----------------------|---------------|
| RSP                  | 81.97%        |
| RCC                  | 89.47%        |
| 1CM                  | 83.05%        |
| 1AJ                  | 83.19%        |
| 2PH                  | 87.97%        |
| 3MK                  | 95.83%        |
| 3CS                  | 92.86%        |
| 4JA                  | 95.45%        |
| 4MV                  | 92.79%        |
| 5JG                  | 82.46%        |
| 5BH                  | 90.43%        |
| 6JA                  | 91.87%        |
| 6JB                  | 93.02%        |
| <b>Whole school</b>  | <b>89.25%</b> |
| <b>School target</b> | <b>96%</b>    |



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## Latest News

### Coronavirus and attendance

This week, our attendance has been severely impacted by Covid-related issues during the school holidays. With the government guidelines continually changing, it is really important that we all regularly -check what the process is and the actions that should be taken in the event of someone having symptoms, someone being in contact with someone with Covid or someone testing positive for Covid. You can find further details below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

**While I know that it may be difficult to organise for someone to bring your child/ren to school if you have Covid, children do not need to self-isolate if someone in their household has Covid (unless they have symptoms/Covid themselves) and should therefore be in school.**

### **When you do not need to self-isolate**

If you live with or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're under 18 years and 6 months old.

**Any absence from school that does not meet the government's absence criteria will be unauthorised and will be included in a child's overall absence from school.**

### Parent workshops - postponed

As a result of the current Covid situation, we are postponing all of the parent/carer workshops for Reception and Year 1, which were due to take place next week. We will provide new dates for the workshops soon.

## Interventions

As part of our heightened Covid protocols and with reference to current government guidance, we have taken the unfortunate decision to suspend many interventions for this half-term. Most small group interventions will not be taking place for the next 6 weeks. Where possible, specialist interventions (for example Speech and Language Therapy) will be prioritised. If the situation changes, we will of course reintroduce our full intervention programme.



## Packed lunches

Food served in schools and academies in England must meet the *school food standards* so that children have healthy, balanced diets. This includes children who may have a packed lunch brought in from home. Please note the following details from Southwark Schools Food Policy:

Please be aware that some items are not allowed in children's packed lunches. This is because we are a Healthy School, and we want children to eat a nutritious and balanced lunch that sustains them throughout the afternoon.

Packed lunches should contain a main item, such as a sandwich, wrap, rice or pasta salad, some fruit or vegetables and another snack such as crackers and cheese or a yoghurt.

We do understand that when children have a packed lunch for a school trip they consider this a treat and this is reflected in the guidelines below.

**For school trips please do not include;** nuts or nut products, e.g. peanut butter, grapes, sweets, chocolate bars (biscuits with some chocolate coating are acceptable) or fizzy drinks.

**For daily packed lunches in school please do not include;** any drink other than water, nuts or nut products, grapes, sweets, crisps, cake, sweet biscuits or chocolate bars of any sort.

Below you will find some information about healthy packed lunches:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

## New federation website - The Gem Federation

We have decided to shorten our federation name to *The Gem Federation*, which links to the behaviour system at both Keyworth and Bessemer. Take a look at our new website!

<https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/>



### Autism support team coffee morning - reminder

Join us on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January between 10:00am and 12:00pm** for an informal and friendly coffee morning with Blagoje Vucinic (Mr B), Autism Post Diagnosis Support Worker from the Autism Support Team. This is an opportunity for parents/carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to ask questions about the diagnosis, to discuss practical strategies for meeting the needs of your children, to meet other parents, to share information and experiences, or simply just to listen.

In accordance with the Covid-19 precautionary measures, we have a limited number of spaces, so please do register your interest to attend, via email or phone using the contacts below to secure your place. Please arrive ten minutes before the event to sign in. Note - be advised that in accordance with the Covid-19 government recommendations, in case we are not able to meet in person, we will organise a virtual meeting at the same time and date as shown below.

To book your place please complete the registration form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TzbkLcJHhj>

Looking forward to meeting you!

Email: [Blagoje.vucinic@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Blagoje.vucinic@southwark.gov.uk)

Mobile: 078 0286 0871

### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **nausea**. 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., **nauseating**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Previous words</b> | euphoric, disclosed, premature, alleviate, gullible, bamboozle, elite, corrupt, vigour, penultimate, rebuff, contemplate, euphoria, malleable, temporarily |
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School