

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 15th December 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023						
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August 2024						
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Polling Day

Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
08.01.24	INSET day	24.01.24	6CS
09.01.24	Children return	31.01.24	4EB
17.01.24	Reception celebration day at 9:00am	07.02.24	2ER
24.01.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 1	06.03.24	Year1
31.01.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 2	13.03.24	5AA
05.02.24	Year 1 reading workshop and celebration at 9:00am	20.03.24	3GC
07.02.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 3	27.03.24	RCJ
19.02.24	Tutorial day - school closed to children		
13.03.24	Year 4 x-table check parent/carer workshop at 9:10am		
20.03.24	Year 6 SATs parent/carer workshop at 9:10am		
28.03.24	Last day of term		
16.04.24	Children return		

Celebrations

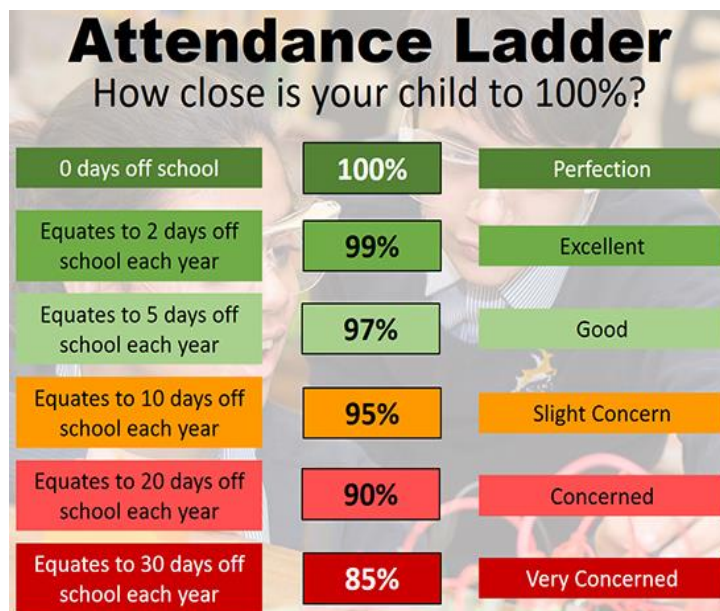
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Whole Class	Adama	Daniel	Bethania	
1AJ	Ali	Raed	Alex	Thomas	Jolade
1HE	Saint	Khalid	Muhanned	Fatima	Lacey
2PH	Jaime	Nasir	Nabhia	Ava	Georgina
2ER	Shahid	Sebi	Fatima N	Elyes	Davena

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Amanah	Jamelia	Naila	Mariam J
3GC	Yussef	Jase	Alan	Zahara
4AB	Yahya	Nora	Keyla	Teddy
4EB	Keily	Tawiah	Isabella	Petr
5BH	Ridwaan	Azra	Aylin	Maddie
5AA	Mohammed	Jandira	Hana	Elijah
6MV	Nicholas	Jeremiah	Adjoa	Kiara
6CS	Keeva	Oliver R	Majid	Randa

This week's gem winners are....	Sapphires
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1AJ 3MR

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	100
1AJ	91.18
1HE	90.59
2PH	94.29
2ER	87.21
3MR	88.33
3GC	98.94
4AB	91.05
4EB	93.62
5BH	74.65
5AA	94.05
6MV	98.85
6CS	90
Whole school	91.42
School average (year)	95.41%
National average (year)	93.7%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are RCJ

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

1st	2nd	3rd
6MV 69.08%	5AA 96.76%	2PH 96.47%

Latest News

End of term

Keyworth will close for the Christmas break on **Wednesday 20th December at 2:00pm**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 9th January**.

Class parties

Our class parties take place on **Tuesday 19th December**. If preparing food, please ensure all ingredients are clearly labelled due to allergies. As an advocate for the party rainbow plate, it would be great to see lots of fruit and vegetables...

Trips

In order to take children on trips, we require parent/carer support. We usually have lots of volunteers when the children are younger but somewhat struggle when they reach upper KS2. If you are able to offer your support on a trip, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you to everyone who has offered their support in the past and in advance of 2024.

Reception 2024

Is your child starting primary school next year? If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, your child is due to start primary school in September 2024. Further information can be found below:

[Southwark Reception 2024 application process](#)

Christmas performances

This week, we hosted several Christmas performances. Well done to all children involved and thank you to all parents/carers who attended. We hope that you are now feeling in the festive spirit!



Enterprise Fair

Last week, the children took part in Maths Enterprise Week. Each class were tasked with designing, creating and selling a product. In Maths lessons, the children learned all about product design, budgets and profits. The week ended with the Maths Enterprise Fair which was a great success, thanks to all who attended and supported our school. A big congratulations to our winners, Year 1, who made a very impressive profit of £158!!!



Year 3 Science Museum trip

3MR had a wonderful trip to the Science Museum's Wonderlab. They were able to apply their forces and magnets learning to some of the experiments whilst also discovering new areas of science (space, matter, electricity and sound).



Keyworth's pop-up bookshop

Thousands of children grow up in homes with very few books of their own, sometimes none at all. They have fewer opportunities to lose themselves in a story, for shared reading with a parent and to discover the world. Keyworth has been working with the *Children's Book Project* who aims to provide children with access to books. As you can see, the children loved receiving their new FREE books!



Home learning

Year 4 have been learning about the invasion and settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in Britain. Arthur in 4AB has shown his passion for history in his topic homework by making a brilliantly authentic model of a Viking sailing boat. Well done Arthur!

Year 2 art

Year 2's art unit this half term is collage. Taking inspiration from famous collage artist Kurt Schwitters, the children produced the following piece of art (found on Keyworth's X page - formerly Twitter):

[Keyworth social media](#)



Gem trip

Our winning gem house Rubies had a fantastic time at The Blue Elephant Theatre watching “The elf that saved Christmas”.



Year 1 DT lesson

Year one tested the boats they made in DT to see if they could float and hold 3 toy people.



Christmas lunch

On Wednesday, we had our Christmas lunch - the event was full of food, crackers, singing and laughter. Thank you to Ola and the kitchen team for the feast and Dorett for the organising!



School-Home Support - Welcome Donna Duke (School-Home Support Practitioner)

To ensure children can do their best in education, School-Home Support practitioners are there to support the whole family with any issues they are facing. This could include issues with housing, concerns about money, or support with family relationships. School-Home Support practitioners listen so that they understand the full picture and then work with families to get a personalised plan in place. The plan might include:

- Providing support with housing or benefits issues;
- Helping to improve family relationships and enhance parenting skills;
- Attending classes or groups;
- Helping parents/carers work more closely with other staff at school including their children's teachers;
- Actively engaging the family to access other useful services;

- Providing support to the children in school;
- Providing financial support through the School-Home Support Welfare Fund to buy essential items such as school uniforms, travel tickets, cookers or washing machines.

Donna will generally be based at Keyworth on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please do not hesitate to speak with her if you see her in the playground.

She can also be contacted via email:

donna.duke@shs.org.uk



Thank you

At this time of year, I like to reflect and share my thanks to others.

1. **Thank you to parents/carers** - parents/carers play an incredibly important role in the success their child/ren is/are likely to have in school and a positive home-school relationship is the most effective way in ensuring all children excel at school. Thank you for ensuring that you bring your child/ren to school every day and on time; thank you for supporting your child/ren's learning at home through reading, completing homework and by providing your children with wider experiences; thank you for supporting the school, including through raising queries and questions in a calm and assured manner; and, thank you for working with the school to ensure the highest of standards for every child.
2. **Thank you to Keyworth staff** - the past few years have at times been challenging, with the pandemic, difficulties with school budgets and pupil numbers, the cost of living crisis, cuts to family services, the mobility of families etc., which have added pressure to an already difficult job. The staff at Keyworth go the extra mile for the children and their families, ensuring they deliver the highest possible standards in relation to the academic, social, emotional and experiential provisions. The staff are extremely talented, loving and hardworking, which makes the senior leaders of this school feel extremely proud.
3. **Thank you to the Keyworth children** - the children are the centre of the school and all we do. The children of Keyworth are incredible and surprise us every day through their achievements, progress, resilience and citizenship. They make us smile, laugh, feel a sense of joy and are the reason we love going to work each and every day. The children of Keyworth can be anything that they aspire to be and the school will continue to work hard to ensure that they have the best possible opportunities to thrive in both the present and the future.

Support for families 1 - Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run across the winter holidays (21st December - 5th January) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4-16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds.

Southwark are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in the local community.



Each programme will provide:

- Free, nutritious and tasty food;
- Fun physical activity sessions;
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities;
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition.

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

[Food and Fun](#)

Support for families 2 - ADHD Foundation

The ADHD foundation website has lots of useful resources to support children and their families to understand neurodiversity - see link below:

<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/resources/>

The website also includes podcasts with great tips and strategies. Check out our top 3 below:

- Neurodiversity: **Sleep podcast**
<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/sleep-support.mp3>
- Neurodiversity: **Managing siblings' relationships**
<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Managing-Sibling-Relationships-final-edit.mp3>
- Neurodiversity: **Impulse control**
<https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Impulse-control-risk-management-first-edit.mp3>

Support for families 3 - childcare courses

The link below contains further information about childcare courses (some FREE) in Southwark:

[Childcare courses](#)

Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **suggested**. 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. **suggestion/suggesting**? 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, controversy, sacrifice, persuade, awkward, thorough, convenient
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I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

Ray Capper
Head of School

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

