

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays	Polling Day
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Important dates for your diary

Event	Class assemblies
08.01.24	INSET day
09.01.24	Children return
17.01.24	Reception celebration day at 9:00am
24.01.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 1
31.01.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 2
05.02.24	Year 1 reading workshop and celebration at 9:00am
07.02.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 3
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
	24.01.24 6CS
	31.01.24 4EB
	07.02.24 2ER
	06.03.24 Year1
	13.03.24 5AA
	20.03.24 3GC
	27.03.24 RCJ

Celebrations

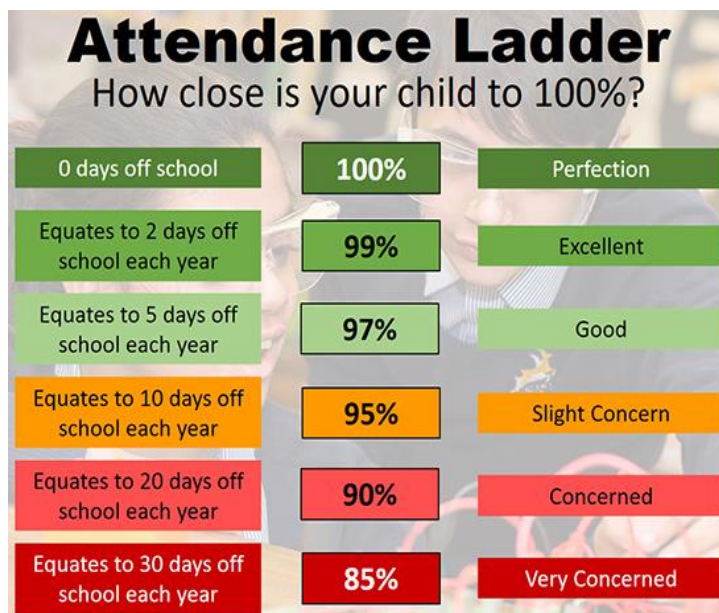
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Kyrie	Dalyon	Yussuf	Alissa	
1AJ	Ali	Thomas	Michelle	Alex	Joshua
1HE	Savannah	Jayden	Olamilekan	Afia	Misabhu
2PH	Ava	Nile	Viktor	Sofia	Nabhia
2ER	Eliyeen	Fatimah B	jaren	Sade	Sonnie

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Amanah & Idris	Isabella	Abib	Zak
3GC	Sebastian	Leena	Adam	Elise M
4AB	4AB	Sophia	Denzel	Arthur
4EB	4EB	Kaelan	Tawiah	Ayaan
5BH	Francis	Maddie	Sammy	Aylin
5AA	Jayme	Hana	Nhyira	Maxi
6MV	Maida	Joseph	Jhesica	Honyar
6CS	Oliver R	Keeva	Annabel A	Suleyman

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1HE 4AB

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	90.63
1AJ	91.18
1HE	92.97
2PH	90.38
2ER	88.05
3MR	95.31
3GC	95.24
4AB	97.37
4EB	98.61
5BH	100
5AA	98.44
6MV	88.94
6CS	97.06
Whole school	93.08
School average (year)	94.4%
National average (year)	94.1%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **5BH**

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

1st	2nd	3rd
4AB 97.04%	3GC 97.32%	4EB 96.37%

Latest News

School finances

As I have shared with you previously, schools are under-funded. At Keyworth, while we are not in debt, we have had to make cuts to staffing, services and provisions in recent years, meaning we have had to focus on the core school offer between 9:00am and 3:30pm. Despite this, we have tried to protect families from lots of the costs associated with school life so that all children can access the full offer without finances being a barrier. This has meant that the school has absorbed lots of the financial burden so that we can offer families a reduced financial rate when it comes to trips and activities - this is not true of most other local schools. Below are several examples of what we charge parents/carers and the actual cost per child:

Activity/provision	Cost to parents/carers	Actual cost per child
Breakfast club (breakfast and 1-hour childcare)	£1.00	£3.00
Sports club session	FREE	£35.00 per club
Year 1 trip to the Sea Life London Aquarium	£1.50	£7.00
Gem trip to The Blue Elephant Theatre	FREE	£5.00

Moving forward, we will not be able to absorb all of these costs and so we will have to ask parents/carers to contribute more.

What can parents/carers do?

In order for the school not to pass on all of these costs to families, we will need parents/carers to support our fundraising events through Keyworth Friends. This would need parents/carers to actively volunteer their time to support Keyworth Friends as a whole or for a specific project. This might mean parents/carers attending meetings, collecting items to sell, designing posters or volunteering at stalls.

Examples of upcoming fundraising initiatives:

- Reception farm visit, including a coach;
- Year 2 seaside visit, including a coach;
- Year 6 residential 2024-25.

We have been successful in the past when parents/carers have supported the school's fundraising efforts and value your time.

Please contact Keyworth Friends via the email below to offer your support and look out for further information about how you can support specific fundraising efforts:

keyworthfriends@gmail.com

If parents/carers volunteer their time to support Keyworth Friends' fundraising efforts, then we can ensure that the cost of trips and activities remain affordable for everyone and do not exclude any child or families.



School Food Matters - packed lunches

Keyworth works with 'School Food Matters', a charity whose mission is to teach children about food and to improve children's access to healthy, sustainable food during their time at school.

If your child regularly brings a packed lunch to school, you may have received an invite to a healthy eating workshop taking place in school run by a practitioner from the charity 'School Food Matters' and supported by our Inclusion Teaching Assistant Michelle.

This is an opportunity for parents/carers and children to spend a morning together preparing a healthy packed lunch and talking about nutrition and food choices. These workshops are part of our initiative to promote healthier eating habits among our children and families, in line with our new school food policy.

By attending, you'll gain valuable insights into creating nutritious and balanced meals for your child's lunchbox, ensuring they have the energy and nutrients they need to thrive throughout the school day. We can only offer 6 places per session on a first come first served basis so we hope that you are able to get involved. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to these engaging and informative sessions.

Further information about 'School Food Matters' can be found by using the link below:

[School Food Matters](#)



World Book Day on Thursday 7th March - competitions and events!

KS1:

For our KS1 competition, KS1 children are invited to unleash their creativity by designing their very own imaginary land. They have been asked to create a vivid description to transport readers into their imaginative world. Children can use exciting adjectives, alliteration and think about their 5 senses to help them spark a reader's imagination. Entries must be submitted to the class teacher by **Friday 1st March** for a chance to win an exciting prize.

KS2:

Meanwhile, KS2 children can dive into the Story Opening Competition, creating captivating beginnings using just three sentences. With a prize awaiting the most intriguing and engaging entry, children are encouraged to explore the PowerPoint on Google Classroom for help and inspiration. Entries must be submitted to Google Classroom by **Friday 1st March**.

Don't miss the chance to ignite your passion for reading and writing this World Book Day!

World Book Day Dress Up - Thursday 7th March:

Children (and staff) are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. Book prizes will be given to the most creative costume in EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2, and Upper KS2.

Year 4 National Gallery visit

Year 4 had a great time visiting the National Gallery for a workshop on myths and legends. They learnt fascinating tales behind the works of masters such as Titian, Botticelli and Leonardo Da Vinci, and loved exploring the gallery's fantastic art collection.



Children's Mental Health Week

Before the half-term, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week at Keyworth. We completed lots of activities in school around the theme "My Voice Matters" which focuses on empowering children with tools to express themselves.



My Voice Matters

Make sure peoples' opinions are heard.
Your voice matters.

"Very kind" Is what you should be
Of course, it is easy to be kind.
It feels good to be nice.
Careful people are kind people
Everything can be positive.

Most people can get affected by
Anything is possible.
Think before you speak
Try to spread kindness, not hate.
Equal rights for all.
Reassure people who have been bullied
Spread the right things!

My Voice Matters

My voice matters
Your voice matters

Very kind is what you need to be.
Opposition should not be shown to anyone.
In this world, there should be peace.
Crying should not be seen.
Everyone should be loved.

Make a change to the world.
All people should be treated fairly.
Think before you speak.
Treat others the way you want to be treated.
Everyone is perfect in their own way.
Remember you are unique.
Smiling is the key.

Further mental health support for children and parents/carers can be found at the end of this newsletter.

More from Will Poulter's visit...



Year 1 London Aquarium trip

The children in year 1 visited the London Aquarium; they had a great time seeing the different animals they have learnt about in science.



Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **occurrence**. 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. **occurring**? 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, suggested, harassed, relevant, definite, category, curious
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School

Mental Health Support

For help supporting your child/ren:

The Nest in Southwark:

The Nest in Peckham offers drop-ins or booked sessions on Saturdays between 10:30 and 2:30 for parents/carers of young people aged 0-25. You will be offered a slot with a trained counsellor to gain advice or help with signposting.

Phone: 0208 138 1805

Website: www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Parenting Smart by Place2Be:

Online parenting advice from mental health professionals, with practical tips to support your child with their mental health and wellbeing.

Website: www.parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk

For parents/carers own mental health:

Southwark Talking Therapies:

If you have a Southwark GP, then you can access support through Southwark Talking Therapies. You can self-refer on the website and they will then get in touch to assess what support would be the most appropriate for you. They offer online and face-to-face sessions, and it is free to access.

Website: www.talkingtherapiessouthwark.nhs.uk

Phone: 0203 228 2194

Qwell by Kooth

Free online mental health support without waiting lists, commissioned by the NHS. Download the app and sign up for one-to-one regular or drop in sessions with an accredited therapist.

Website: www.qwell.io