

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 23rd June 2023

Keyworth Term Dates 2022-2023

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August 2023						
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School Holidays

Inset Days

Bank Holidays

Tutorial Day

Other Closures

Important dates for your diary

Summer 2			
05.06.23	Children return to school	10.07.23-11.07.23	New Reception "meet and greet" meetings
05.06.23-16.06.23	Year 4 multiplication check	12.07.23	Year 6 production - 5:00pm
09.06.23	Spanish day	13.07.23	Early Years sports day
12.06.23-16.06.23	KS1 phonics screening check	14.07.23	Summer fair
19.06.23-23.06.23	Sports week and MasterChef	17.07.23	Keyworth Friends AGM - 9:00am
19.06.23	Nursery home visits	18.07.23	Year 6 graduation - 9:10am
23.06.23	KS1 and KS2 sports day	19.07.23	Carnival - 2:30pm
29.06.23	Polling day - school closed	20.07.23	Awards assembly - 9:10am
03.07.23	New Reception parents' workshop at 9:10am	20.07.23	Class parties
04.07.23	New Reception "stay and play" at 3:40pm	20.07.23	Year 6 BBQ - 3:30pm to 5:30pm
05.07.23	New Year 1 "stay and play" at 3:40pm	21.07.23	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish

Celebrations

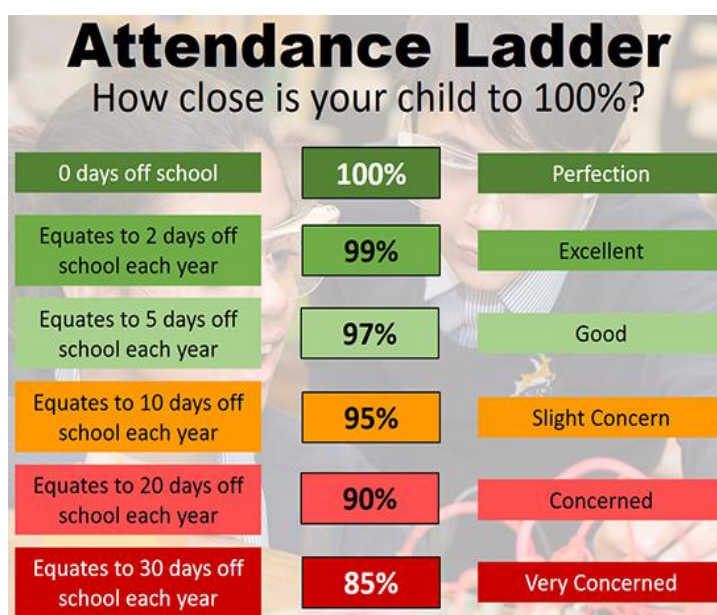
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	RCM	Joshua	Ionie	Michelle	
1AJ	Sade	Viktor	Eden	Yasmina	Fatimah
1HE	Alana	Davena	Nasir	Mohammed-Ali	Avianna
2PH	Jafari	Mikey	Zahara	Isa	Jayda
2CS	Sebastian	Elise	Amanah	Jeremiah	Jake

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	3MK & 3AB	Hamja	Ava	Eli
3AB	3AB	Arthur	Sumayah	Rayaan
4MV	Erin-Rose	Forry-Forry	Maxi	Mohammed
4EB	Ridwaan Anas Sheray Manuella	Nhyira	Cinar	Aylin
5BH	Tamarni	Albie	Keeva	Mahdi
5JA	Suleyman	Nicholas	Michelle	Davarney
6MO	Sam	-	-	Samiya
6JG	Nahla	Khaziah	Daniel	Adam

This week's gem winners are....	Emeralds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2PH 6JG

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	85.36
1AJ	96.00
1HE	92.31
2PH	96.54
2CS	97.02
3MK	98.24
3AB	93.33
4MV	94.78
4EB	92.50
5BH	97.04
5JA	98.18
6MO	95.79
6JG	93.08
Whole school	94.14
School average (year)	93.42%
National average (year)	93%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are 2CS 5JA

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

1st	2nd	3rd
6JG 95.33%	5BH 95.23%	6MO 94.51%

Latest News

Industrial action - reminder

The NEU has announced further industrial action, with strikes taking place on **Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July**. As the majority of our teachers are in the NEU and will be taking strike action, we will need to close the school to the majority of children on these days. This is because, after consultation with the governors based on risk assessment, it is not possible to stay open on strike days with the high number of absent staff while maintaining health and safety standards for pupils and staff, and reasonable working conditions for those staff not involved in the industrial action.

- Our Little Stars provision will remain open from 8:45am to 11:45am. Please use Gaza Street gate.
- Year 6 will remain open from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Please use Gaza Street gate. A cooked school lunch will be provided.
- For children not in school, a packed lunch will be available for collection between 12:00pm and 1:00pm on each day. **Please call the school office by Monday 3rd July to request a packed lunch for each strike day.**
- Afterschool club will be available between 3:30pm and 5:55pm. Children should be dropped-off promptly at 3:30pm via Sharsted Street entrance. **Please book your child/ren's place/s using Magicbooking by Monday 3rd July.** If your child is in year 6, they will be taken to afterschool club by school staff.

Anyone who had previously booked our afterschool and/or breakfast clubs for these days will be refunded as credit in their Magicbooking account.

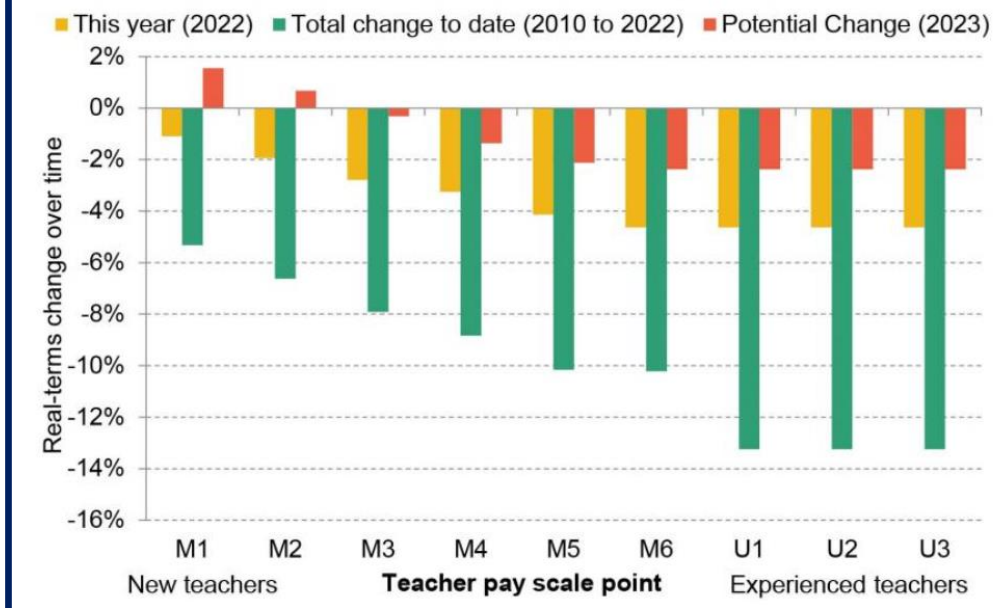
Should there be any further updates, you will be informed as soon as we know. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Why are teachers taking strike action? (NEU)

- **Fair pay for teachers:** *"Real term pay for experienced teachers has declined by 13% since 2010, and that over the same period average pay in the whole economy has increased by 2% in real terms. This adds up to a decline in teacher pay of 15%. Senior teachers in England have in effect had their pay cut by £6,600 since 2010."* ([Institute for Fiscal Studies](#))
- **Budget struggles:** *"School spending per pupil in England fell by 9% in real terms between 2009-10 and 2019-20, the largest cut in over 40 years. The government has allocated an extra £7.1 billion for schools in England through to 2022-23. Whilst this will increase spending per pupil by over 8%, school spending per pupil in 2022-23 will still be 2% lower in real terms than in 2009-10."* (Institute for Fiscal Studies)
- **Workload:** Due to the cuts to funding, teachers and school staff are having to do more as schools have had to reduce staffing levels and resourcing, and fill the gaps left by the cuts to other services.
- **Keeping good teachers:** *"Nearly a third of teachers leave the profession within five years of qualifying, meaning schools have to employ supply staff and/or do not have enough qualified teaching staff to educate children effectively".* (Department for Education data)

Please note that teachers have not been getting paid while taking industrial action so are showing commitment to improving the above.

Figure 1 Real-terms changes over time in teacher salary points since 2010: actual and forecast inflation



Institute of Fiscal Studies
[What-has-happened-teacher-pay-England?](#)

Polling day

As a reminder, Keyworth will be closed to children on **Thursday 29th June** as the school is being used as a polling station. I again contacted the council about this and received the following response:

“Please accept our apologies for the disruption caused by this by-election. The trigger for the election was the resignation of a councillor, which was only received last week on Friday 19 June. The timetable for the subsequent by-election following a resignation is set in law, which does mean unfortunately that we are unable to give longer notice for such events.

Current legislation requires that all publicly funded schools and any other premises in Southwark in receipt of local authority funding must be made available for use as polling stations when required. We do appreciate that this causes disruption to pupils and parents, so we do try to avoid using schools as polling stations as much as possible. Unfortunately, in this instance we have not been able to identify other suitable alternative venues within the existing polling district boundaries.”

Early Years sports day

After weeks of dry weather, we were unfortunate to be hit by thunderstorms and heavy rain when we were due to have our Early Years sports day earlier this week. Our Early Years sports day, which will take place in school, is now on **Thursday 13th July** with a **9:15am start**.

SEND Q&A

Should you have any questions related to SEND, please refer to our website:

[SEND Q&A](#)

If you have a question that is not answered in this section of the website, please email the school office with your question for the attention of Lori.

Keyworth Friends Summer Fayre

Many hands make light work...

We need your help to run the summer fayre. Without volunteers, there are not enough of us to man stalls, supervise games/activities, serve food/drink. The more volunteers we have, the more each of us will get the chance to enjoy the fair with our own families.

Please add your name and indicate what you prefer to help with to the lists located around the school and/or email Keyworth Friends using the email on the poster.

set-up (1-3pm) face painting/temporary tattoos and nails food/drinks
football shootout bouncy castle teddy bear tombola
raffle tickets selling guess the sweets
other games clear up (5-5:30pm)



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JOIN US FOR OUR 2023

SUMMER FAYRE



FRIDAY 14TH JULY
3.30PM - 5.00PM



BOUNCY CASTLE • GAMES
• RAFFLE • FOOD & DRINKS •
TEDDY BEAR TOMBOLA
& MORE...



Email: keyworthfriends@gmail.com

Windrush

Yesterday was the 75th anniversary of the **HMT Empire Windrush** docking in Tilbury, Essex, on 22 June 1948.

Windrush day (22 June) is a time for remembering this historic event and those whose experiences play a significant part in our history.

In school, children have learnt about Windrush and the stories behind the 'Windrush generation'. Below are some examples of commemorative stamps created by year 4:



Further information can be found by using the links below:

[BBC Bitesize - Windrush](#)

[Museum of London - Windrush stories](#)

Windrush Child by John Agard

Behind you
Windrush child
palm trees wave goodbye

above you
Windrush child
seabirds asking why

around you
Windrush child
blue water rolling by

beside you
Windrush child
your Windrush mum and dad

think of storytime yard
and mango mornings

and new beginnings
doors closing and opening

will things turn out right?
At least the ship will arrive
in midsummer light

and you Windrush child
think of Grandmother
telling you don't forget to write

and with one last hug
walk good walk good
and the sea's wheel carries on spinning

and from that place England
you tell her in a letter
of your Windrush adventure

stepping in a big ship
not knowing how long the journey
or that you're stepping into history

bringing your Caribbean eye
to another horizon
Grandmother's words your shining beacon

learning how to fly
the kite of your dreams
in an English sky

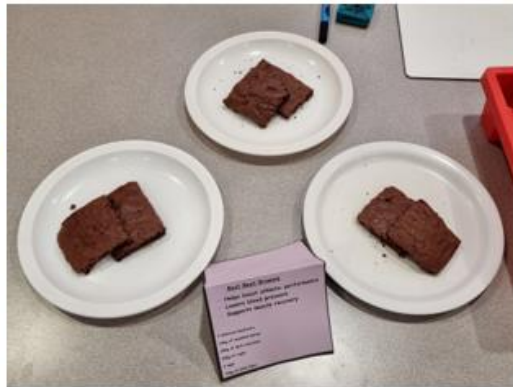
Windrush child
walking good walking good
in a mind-opening
meeting of snow and sun

MasterChef

Yesterday we hosted MasterChef, with each class presenting a dish for tasting to a panel of judges with a different vegetable being showcased by their food creation. Linked to the vegetable chosen, the children learnt:

- The importance of vegetables in our diet (5-a-day);
- How the vegetable is grown;
- Where the vegetable is grown;
- Health benefits of the vegetable.

Each class also produced a commercial advertising their recipe. Congratulations to classes 3AB, 3MK and 4MV on winning the competition! Additionally, thank you to Martin, one of our governors, who was a special guest judge.



The Oval Games

Children in year 5 had an enjoyable time representing Keyworth in a range of athletic events as part of the Oval Games. Although they did not win the event, we are extremely proud of everyone who wore the school badge with pride



Year 4 ukulele

In their music lesson, year 4 composed their own songs ready to be played on the ukulele.



Word of the Week

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

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

Previous words	certain, mourn, congregate, collaborate, community, progressive, convention, respectful, resilient, prevent, rigor, responsible, prejudice, festive, transform, despondent, devoted, prosper, discontent, complement, eulogy, culture, equity, empathy, poetic, inherited, heritage, prudent, dubious, monarch, require, sustain, ecology, audacious, misled
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School