

KEYWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Friday 14th February 2020

Important dates for the diary - Spring Term 2020

Spring Term 1		Spring Term 2	
06.01.20	INSET Day (school closed to children)	24.02.20	Children return to school at 8:55am
07.01.20	Children return to school at 8:55am	28.02.20	Tutorial Day (school closed to children)
21.01.20	Little Stars parent workshop - time TBC	12.03.20	Early Years Celebration Day - 9:10am
23.01.20	Reception reading working 1 - 9:10am	24.03.20	Year 6 SATs parents' meeting - 9:10am
30.01.20	Reception reading working 2 - 9:10am	26.03.20	Gender Equality parent workshop
06.02.20	Reception reading working 3 - 9:10am	03.04.20	Last day of term
10.02.20	Year 2 SATs workshop - 9:10am	Full Term - 06.04.20 - 17.04.20	
12.02.20	Year 1 phonics workshop - 9:10am	20.04.20	INSET Day (school closed to children)
13.02.20	Year 6 residential parents' meeting - 9:10am	21.04.20	Children return at 8:55am
14.02.20	Last day of term		
Half Term - 17.02.20 - 21.02.20			

Please note, while we try our best to ensure that the above dates are accurate, they may be subject to change so please ensure you refer to the school website, letters sent home and the weekly newsletter. Or, contact the office.

Celebrations

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week
1PH	Erin	Nina	Jahsiah
1BH	Aza	Inti	Nathan
2MV	All of 2MV	Dylan	Brianna
2TA	Ama	Bazeet	Keishana
3MB	Alba	Nihal J	Jabari
3KW	Davontae	Osman	Leyla
4JB	Abra	Isatu	Beyonce
4CS	Adam	Aisha	Mustapha
5JA	Jessica	Bethany	Adam S
5JG	Tarik	Nibras	Taheem
6JA	Sophie	Defne	Sofia
6MC	Isha	Sophie-Ann	Jemma

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are....	2MV and 6MC

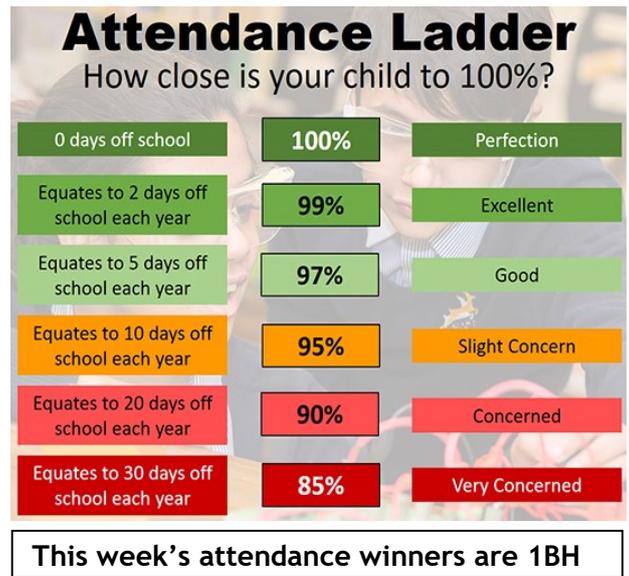
Attendance

A child's attendance to school has an enormous impact on their learning.

The Department for Education (2016) found: "*The higher the level of absence from school the lower the likely level of attainment (children's grades).*"

Please ensure that your child/children attend school as regularly as possible.

Class	Attendance
1PH	91.32%
1BH	96.91%
2MV	94.95%
2TA	93.09%
3MB	93.27%
3KW	95.67%
4JB	92.91%
4CS	95.13%
5JA	93.5%
5JG	94.12%
6JA	94%
6MC	93.19%
Whole school	93.99%
Target	96%



Latest News

Online Safety

Many children at Keyworth have mobile phones and / or regularly have access to *Social Media* and the *Internet*. In school we teach the children how to keep safe online. We encourage Parents / Carers to reinforce this at home and to regularly check children's devices to ensure that what they are viewing and recording is appropriate.

Useful websites:

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

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/social-media-concerns/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Upcoming class assemblies

Thank you to all Parents / Carers who have been able to attend their child's class assembly in recent weeks. The children absolutely LOVE having you there to cheer them on! Please note the details of upcoming class assemblies:

- Thursday 12th March at 9:10am - 1PH
- Thursday 19th March at 9:10am - 4CS
- Thursday 2nd April at 9:10am - 1BH

Assembly - Managing children's mental health

During assembly this week, we discussed strategies for managing our mental wellbeing. While we know how to keep good physical health through our diet and levels of exercise, we often do not focus enough on our mental health. All children in KS1 and KS2 took part in an interactive meditation and role-play session where they reflected on a time when they had been angry and responded negatively towards another child through the words that they had said or their actions. They re-visited the scenario and considered how they could have managed the situation in a different way. The following strategies were shared for managing angry feelings:

1. Take a deep breath (breathe in through your nose, hold it and then breathe out through your mouth);
2. Take several more deep breaths;
3. Slowly count to 10;
4. Move yourself away from the situation to calm yourself down;
5. Distract your thoughts using interlocking fingers, rubbing your hands, clenching etc.
6. Talk to someone that you trust about your feelings;

7. Exercise, listen to music or complete an activity that you like doing.

Further information can be found on the following websites:

<https://copingskillsforkids.com/managing-anger>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-anger/>

Space Changer Project - improving the local area (written by teacher Carolina)

The members of our *School Council* have been representing their year group as part of the exciting **Space Changer** project being run by **Sustrans**. The project aims to improve the local streets in the area to enable children to walk, cycle and play more. *Guy's and St Thomas' Charity* have commissioned this project due to childhood obesity being a growing issue across the UK, with 38% of year 6 children in London overweight or obese (this figure is higher in Southwark). The children were taken on a walkabout of the local area to express their opinions and ideas for our local community. They were able to identify a range of both positive and negative aspects of the surrounding area and came up with some great ideas on how things could be improved.



Keyworth Friends

This week, the *Keyworth Friends* distributed their first edition of their very own newsletter. Did you know that Keyworth used to be called *Faunce Street School*? A huge thank you to all of the team for their work. We do still need further members so please email the pta if you are able to help:

pta@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk

Word of the Week

This week's word is **simultaneously**. Please discuss the meaning of this with your child / children 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?

Previous words	serenity, relinquish, plethora, devoured, dwindle
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Tutorial Day 2020 - reminder

Tutorial Day takes place on **Friday 28th February between 8:00am and 7:00pm** with Keyworth being closed to children. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher/s to discuss their learning and school experience. Please ensure that you make an appointment using Magicbooking.

Spring Term 2

Keyworth will re-open after the half-term on **Monday 24th February at 8:55am**.

Wishing you a lovely half-term!

Ray and Sarah