

KEYWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important dates for the diary - 2021

Summer Term 1		Summer Term 2	
19.04.21	Children return	07.06.21	Children return
03.05.21	Bank holiday - school closed	15/16.06.21	School photos
06.05.21	Polling day - school closed	21.06.21	Festival of Sport
06.05.21	Tutorial day	12.07.21	Festival of Music
24.05.21	Wellbeing Week	22.07.21	Last day of term
28.05.21	Last day of half-term		

Celebrations

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week
RCC	Alan	Luky	Ifeoma	Yasir
RSP	Malik	Adam	Jayda	Jeremiah

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1CT	Zarah	Jahmorei	Oscar
2PH	Lillie	BJ	Awo
2TA	Abdul	Kevin	Ismail
3JG	Oliver	Aila	Brianna
3BH	Saif	Keeva	Gabriella
4JA	Zainab	Yacine	Osman
4MV	Janet	Aya	Benite
5JB	Barkat	Harrison	George
5CS	Adama	Lexie	Antonio
6JA	Adam A	Danisile	Mulaho
6MK	All of 6MK	Jasmine	Tarik

This week's gem winners are....	Rubies
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2TA and 3BH

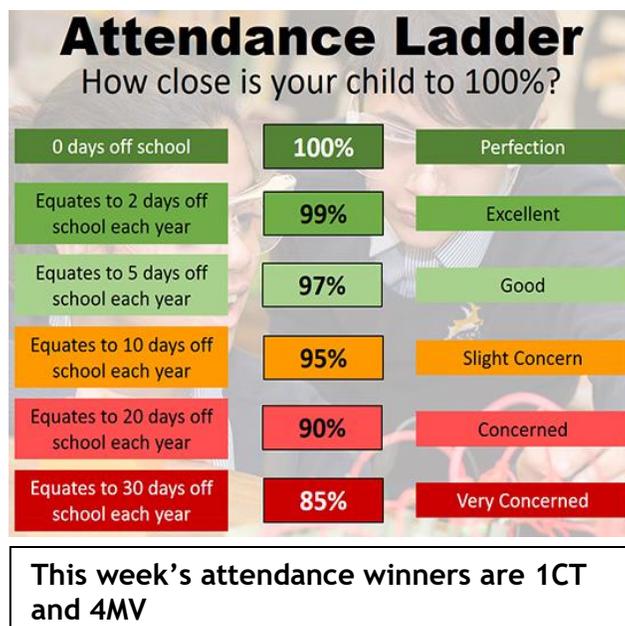
Attendance

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
RSP	94.89%
RCC	88.36%
1CT	100%
2PH	94.74%
2TA	95.9%
3JG	99.03%
3BH	98.41%
4JA	89.95%
4MV	100%
5JB	96.02%
5CS	93.83%
6JA	97.98%
6MK	97.46%
Whole school	95.87%
School target	96%



Latest News

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular readers of the newsletter will know that I mention a lot the importance of good attendance and punctuality to school. We are currently reviewing our procedures for this, which will be shared with you soon, but I thought that this would be an opportune moment to discuss children's attendance and punctuality again.

The role of parents/carers: *"By law, children of compulsory school age (5 to 16) must receive a suitable full-time education. You're legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly and have good punctuality"*. This means that a child's attendance is at least in the early 90's as a percentage with an aim of being 95%+ and that they are on time almost every single day.

The role of the school: *"Schools are expected to monitor children's attendance and punctuality to school. Where absences and lateness to school are persistent, schools should take action by contacting families and then making referrals."* Persistent absence is when a child's attendance falls below 90% and persistent punctuality is where a child is late 3 times in a half term. When inspected, attendance and punctuality are factors used to determine how good a school is.

Why does school attendance and punctuality matter?

- Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning.
- Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up.

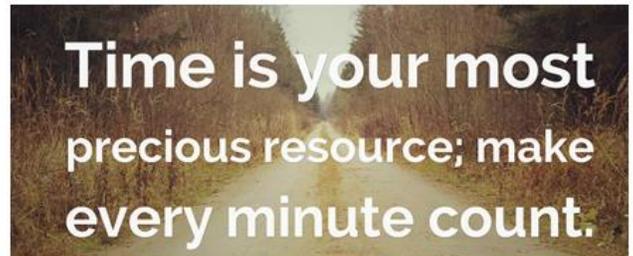
Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning.

- Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

- Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.
- Being on time is also vital. Arriving late to school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.
- Poor attendance and punctuality also reflects badly on your child's school. Ofsted expect all schools to have good attendance and punctuality rates, and they are marked down in inspections if their absence/lateness figures are too high.

Attendance and Punctuality - the facts

Attendance	Punctuality
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attending school every day = 100% attendance. ➤ Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year. ➤ Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year. ➤ Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed. ➤ An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school. 	<p>Being late for school reduces learning time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. ➤ If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.



End of half term

The last day of this half term will be **Friday 28th May**. Keyworth will close at the normal time i.e., year 1 at 3:15pm, year 2 at 3:30pm etc. Children will return to school on **Monday 7th June**.

School Covid guidance update

With the government announcing further changes to the national Covid restrictions, they have also updated their guidelines for schools. While they have made changes for secondary schools, there are no real changes to the primary school guidelines so we will continue as we are through to the end of term, unless other changes are announced. For your reference, you can find information about what the national restrictions mean using the link below:

[Coronavirus updates and guidance | London City Hall](#)

School uniform

We have noticed that some children are coming to school wearing whatever they like every day of the week and not their school uniform. Please ensure that your child/ren wear their full school uniform on days that they are not having a PE lesson.

In the image, you will find a sneak peek of Keyworth's new school jumper from September 2021. As I have said previously, **children will continue to be allowed to wear purple during the next academic year but we will no longer be selling purple items.**



Wellbeing Week

Next week at Keyworth is Wellbeing Week, with a continuation of the 'Express Yourself' theme. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas through creativity, including through activities that make you feel good. Throughout the week, the children will be having lessons using a variety of means to express themselves:

- Express yourself through music;
- Express yourself through art;
- Express yourself through writing;
- Express yourself through exercise.

There will also be a focus on whole school wellbeing through whole school projects:

- **Paper Chain of Wellbeing** - every child in the school will be given a paper chain. This is to represent how we all join together to support ourselves and each other.
 - On the inside side of the paper chain, children are going to draw pictures and write words that represent what they do to support their own mental wellbeing. It could be exercise, listening to music, writing etc.
 - On the outside side of the paper chain, children are going to write and draw what they can do to support the mental wellbeing of those around them.

Each individual chain will be joined and displayed in the lunch hall.

- **Garden of Wellbeing** - As a school community, we are a bit like a garden - we are all wonderful, unique flowers and together we make a lovely place to be. In the playground, we are going to decorate an outline of our hands with some pictures and words that show how we take care of our mental wellbeing through self-expression.
- **Dress to Express** - On **Friday 28th May**, children will be allowed to come to school dressed in any way they feel



expresses themselves. *I would ask that Health and Safety is considered when deciding on an outfit!*

Food vouchers - May half term

Southwark Council has advised that they will fund the provision of food vouchers for the May half term to families who are entitled to **benefits-related free school meals**. We will organise these for families towards the end of next week.

School packed lunches

In the tables below, you will see the days over the next 2 weeks when children will be provided with a packed lunch. On all other days they will be provided with a hot lunch. A reminder that you can find the hot lunch menu on the school website.

Packed lunches provided by the school – w/b 24.05.21					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:00 – 12:30	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1
12:30 – 1:00	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3
1:00 – 1:30	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6

Packed lunches provided by the school – w/b 07.06.21					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:00 – 12:30	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
12:30 – 1:00	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4	Year 3	Year 4
1:00 – 1:30	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5	Year 6	Year 5

Word of the Week

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

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

Previous words	serenity, relinquish, plethora, devoured, dwindle, simultaneously, impede, revenge, smuggle, flail, profound, contemplate, participate, unfold, epiphany, occasionally, anxious, disguised, indignant, translucent, illustrate, pinnacle, capitulate, solidarity, panorama, tedious
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Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School