



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of our Spring Term. We've so far been very lucky with the weather – let's hope it continues!

I would like to welcome Kuzey Kocuk and his family to Keston. Kuzey has joined Y3.

Change of Date

Tuesday 19th June – Music Evening (previously scheduled for 5th July)

Next Week's Dates

First week of clubs

Health Week all week!

Wednesday 10th January: PTA Meeting, 8pm at The Greyhound. All welcome.

Thursday 11th January: Y3 Swimming and Forest School.

Future Dates

Monday 5th & Wednesday 7th Feb: Parent Consultations. We will notify parents when the online booking system has opened. **NB: School will close at 1.20pm on 5th February**

School News

Chris Bamber

Many parents will remember Chris Bamber who was our school caretaker from 2004-2013. Chris very sadly passed away on Boxing Day after a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Clubs

Unfortunately Lunchtime Lego Club will not be running. We are waiting to find out if Gym and Cricket are viable and will let you know asap. For clubs that do not run, refunds will be processed via Gateway next week.

PTA Resignations!

Lucy and Gail have decided to hand over the reins at the end of this academic year. They have done an absolutely wonderful job over the last few years and I would personally like to thank them for their hard work. If you would like to put your name forward or to find out more about the role, please e-mail the office on admin@keston.bromley.sch.uk or go along to the PTA meeting on Wednesday.

Health Week

The children will participate in a variety of workshops and learning experiences throughout the week. All children will learn about First Aid with Y3 to Y6 having an hour and half of practical workshop learning (how to put people in the recovery position etc). All children will have a structured session in the LifeBus. Parents are invited to an informal session in the LifeBus on Tuesday at 2.45pm for further information on what is covered in individual class lessons.

Various classes will be experiencing Zumba, Kung Foo, a talk from a dentist and drama workshops as well as an Anti-Bullying Show on the Friday. My thanks again to parents who contribute to school funds via gift aid as without your generosity, we would not be able to offer enrichment activities such as Health Week.

Y2 Scootsure Training – 24th January

LBB are offering Scootsure sessions to Y2 children. A letter with all the information was sent out via SchoolComms this week. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 16th January. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KESTON17> to sign up.

Bromley Schools Festival of Music

The school choir and band will be performing in the Bromley Schools Festival of Music at the Churchill Theatre on 21st February. This event is being organised by BYMT and is in place of the Bromley Schools Prom which usually takes place in the Fairfield Halls which are currently under refurbishment. Tickets will be on sale via the Churchill Theatre from next week. Be warned – they tend to sell out quickly!

Marathon Kids

Mr Hunnisett has sent out both hard copies and a SchoolComms with information on Marathon Kids as well as a slip to sign and return. All children will be participating but only those who have returned slips

will have their participation tracked. **Please return slips asap!!**

Read, Write Inc

I hope parents have been practising every day with their children. Sessions will be recommencing w/b 15th January. I have assessed all the children and, as a result, have made some adjustments so it may be that your child has a different RWI leader this term. Please ensure that all folders and books are brought into school regularly. Going forward, we will be recording it if children do not complete their homework or reading book.

La Fete des Rois

Today in Assembly, the whole school celebrated Epiphany "a la francaise" as we have done for a number of years. Madame Day baked a nut-free version of the "galette des rois" and hid a "feve" (a porcelain nativity figure) in the cake. Traditionally, the finder of the feve in each family becomes king or queen for the day and wears the crown from the top of the cake. Each class was given a portion of the cake and to ensure there was no cheating (!) we followed the French custom of asking the youngest child (Brody in YR) to go under the table and to select which class was given the next slice of cake. Congratulations to Y4 who found the feve (an angel). They celebrated by wearing their own paper crowns (courtesy of some crackers which were leftover from Christmas). As loyal subjects, we owe respect to our newly crowned kings and queens – until the end of the day that is!



Bromley Collegiate Training

Please see the separate attachment regarding teacher training opportunities within Bromley.

Keston Bank News

Keston Bank Prize Draw

Last term our Keston Bank Clerks were busy opening new Keston Bank accounts, paying in monies and processing Smartcash card applications. Every application for 3 weeks was entered into a prize draw and our winners were picked before Christmas. They were: Eoin McCarthy, Issey Edmunds and Sidney Hill. Each member won a Christmas helium balloon.

Anyone needing advice on how to use their Smartcash Card, please ask any of the Clerks or Ms Martin or the office for a handy crib sheet. Remember you have to save in order to spend. We look forward to opening Keston Bank on 10th January when you can invest any Christmas money you've not spent.

JTA News

Training

Parents wishing to assist us with our school Travel Plans can complete a survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Keston17-18>. It's quick and easy and will help our school and our wonderful JTAs enormously.

Community News

Messy Church

Tuesday 23rd January 3.30pm: Come along to Keston Parish Church for an afternoon of fun, crafts and games on the theme of "Stairway to Heaven"

With best wishes for the weekend

Julia Evison