



Dear Parents,

### Future Dates

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Parent Consultations. Booking is still available online. **NB: School will close at 1.20pm on 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** PTA Book Fair

**Half Term Holiday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9-10am:** Paul Cabb Workshop (please see below)

**Change of date-Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July PTA School Disco**

### Next Week's Dates

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January:** Mixed Hockey Tournament Y5/6 Langley Park School for Boys

### Awards

Casper Allington Y4 has received a Head Teacher's Award for his excellent homework in designing a factsheet about famous London landmarks. Not only did Casper produce a fantastic piece of homework, he also designed his own website. Please take a look at [www.casperguide.com](http://www.casperguide.com)

### School News

#### Thomas Aquinas Celebration Assembly

Today's assembly celebrated the Aquinas patronal saint-Thomas Aquinas. KS1 and KS2 had separate assemblies with age appropriate powerpoints. The children found out about Thomas Aquinas who was a Christian Teacher 700 years ago. Children reflected on how learning can change lives.

Please see attached a letter from Mrs Kathy Griffiths the Aquinas Chief Executive Officer.

This week's awards will be presented next Friday as there was no Achievement Assembly today.

### New Street Dance Club Y2-6

Places are still available in our new Street Dance Club. The club will be run by Sophie who is a qualified dance teacher and who ran some excellent workshops for us in Health Week.

It will take place on a Thursday after school 3.30-4.30pm starting 1<sup>st</sup> February until Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The children will experience Street Jazz, Hip Hop, Freestyle and Dance Games. Cost is £32 please sign up via School Gateway. Places are limited.

### Water Bottles

A reminder that water bottles should be clear plastic and named.

### BYMT Mass Choir Rehearsal

On Tuesday we were joined by children from Downe and Wickham Common Primary schools for a mass choir rehearsal with Ms Rabin from BYMT.

'The rehearsal was wonderful as the choir's hard work came to life when we were able to sing in 3 part harmonies with other schools. We are now very excited about our concert!' Mrs Fathers.

### Scootsure Training Year 2

A number of Y2 pupils took part in Scooter Awareness training on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, provided by the London Borough Bromley. All pupils successfully passed the course showing a high level of competence and development in their scooter use and received a 'Scootstrap' and certificate in recognition of their achievement. The course not only aims to improve safety, but also to endorse the scooter as a suitable method of transport travel to school in the eyes of the school community and local residents.



## Year 6 Survival Experience

On Tuesday, Year 6, Mrs Treharne, Mrs Martin and Mrs Turner went to our Forest School for a survival experience. We were split into clans: Eagles, Wolves, Stags and Boars. We painted our faces with mud and designed and performed our own Hakas. Then we worked in groups to make our own camps. Finally, we came together to share bread and tomato soup (cooked on the campfire) and listened to the next few chapters of our book "Wolf Brother" in the dark. The whole experience helped us learn new skills and have a better understanding of what it might be like to really survive in this environment. Libby Betts



## MarvellousMe

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up to MarvellousMe. If you haven't yet signed up please have a look over the weekend. If you need your login code please contact the school office. MarvellousMe will tell you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and lets you know when they've been praised for good work. All teachers will aim to use this by the end of next week.

## Helping to Develop Socially Confident Children 9-10am Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

The school is pleased to offer an hour's workshop, open to all families in the school, and run by Paul Cabb, our independent social communication advisor.

The workshop is an opportunity to look at how children grow and develop socially and the sorts of experiences and challenges they are likely to encounter along the way. The session will also focus on how families and the school can successfully work together to help support this journey. If you would like to attend, please e-mail the office on [admin@keston.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@keston.bromley.sch.uk).

## Keston Bank

Monday will see the launch of a very special savings initiative at Keston Bank. It's frantic, frenetic February. Keston Bank is literally giving away money to help your children to save efficiently. Frantic February is open to all children in school. Please come to the Bank or ask for a form at the office to open an account and take part if you are not currently a member.

## JTA News

### JTA Design a Leaflet Competition

This week the JTAs launched their Design a Leaflet competition. The theme is 'Safety on Your Way to School' and is sponsored by the Keston Residents Road Safety Group (KRRSG). This is an important competition and we'd love every single child in the school to participate. The winner in each year group will win a £15 Glades voucher and the overall winner will have their leaflet printed and distributed; we hope we receive lots of entries. Everyone who enters will receive a keyring or a wristband.

The design topic for each year group is:-

**Reception**-Don't stop on the zig-zag

**Year 1**-Drive slowly near the school

**Year 2**- Don't park across drives.

**Year 3** Don't park on the pavement.

**Year 4**-Don't stop and drop

**Year 5**-Turn off your engine while you are waiting.

**Year 6**-Think about respect and your neighbours.

Entries to be in by 8th February. Winners will be announced 26th February. Printed leaflets will be distributed around the school on 5th March.

## Drive Carefully in Keston FREE Badge Distribution

We had a terrific morning on Wednesday handing out Drive Carefully in Keston badges as funded by the amazingly generous Keston Residents Road Safety Group. Our two friendly Met Police Officers were present as were our own PTA, the JTAs and lots of parents. It was a huge success. The KRRSG want to pass on their thanks to all concerned for conducting

ourselves beautifully and making the initiative worthy of their efforts.

## Sporting News

### Marathon Kids

The children are really enjoying taking part in Marathon Kids. The programme aims to inspire and empower children of all fitness levels to set and achieve goals and it is of course full of health benefits.

A very special mention goes to the following children who have already run 10kms. They will receive their certificate next week.

Ela Kirdar Y4, Casper Allington Y4, Xavier Jehangir Y1, Aidan Lawrence Y1, Summer Dabin Y4, Mason Marner Y1, Joe Richardson Y4, Taylor Caulfield Y4, Blaine Cresswell Y4 and Florence Adler Y1.

## PTA News

### **World Book Day**

Next month, alongside World Book Day, the Scholastic Book Fair will once again be visiting Keston. We will be set up in the Dome from Friday 23rd February from 3pm and will open again on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th at the same time. Be sure to come and have a browse. There'll be further information nearer the time...

### **Awful Auntie**

Exciting news! Following the success of our trips to the Churchill Theatre to see Gangsta Granny and George's Marvellous Medicine, the PTA has secured a block of tickets to see David Walliam's brilliant Awful Auntie on Inset Day 25th May. We have the FRONT FOUR ROWS! The show starts at 10.30am, tickets cost £16 each. To order your tickets, first email [kestonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:kestonprimarypta@gmail.com) and you will receive payment instructions if tickets are still available.

### **Panto 2018**

Another date for the diary is 2018 panto. Cinderella will be on at the Churchill this year and we've secured a block of tickets for the 1.30pm performance on Friday 21st December (the day we break up). Tickets will be an absolute bargain at £20 each. Please register your interest by emailing [kestonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:kestonprimarypta@gmail.com) so we can gauge roughly how many tickets we'll need. Thank you.

### **PTA Chairperson**

As previously announced, Gail and Lucy are stepping down as PTA Chairs at the end of this school year. It's a great role if you're interested in helping make Keston an even better environment for our kids to learn and thrive, so if you are interested in hearing more about being Chair, grab us for a chat or drop us a line.

## Community News

### **Jason's Totally Tennis February Half Term Holiday Fun**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

10am to 12pm £11,

10am to 4pm £25

[www.jasonstotallytennis.com](http://www.jasonstotallytennis.com) or 0208 466 8473

### **Bromley Schools Collegiate Teaching Information**

**Event Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 4-6pm at Pickhurst Infants School. Please see attached flyer for information.**

With best wishes for the weekend

Julia Evison