



Dear Parents,

Next Week

Tuesday 17th May-Y5/6 Girls Cricket @ Hayes CC

Wednesday 18th May-Parent Forum Meeting 9-10am
EYFS/KS1 Tell us something we don't know
presentation to class.

Thursday 19th-Friday 20th-Y5 Bowles Residential

Saturday 21st May-Y3/4 Cross Country @ Crystal Palace

Future Dates

Wednesday 25th May- KS2 Tell us something we don't know presentation to class.

Thursday 26th May-Y5/6 Boys Cricket @ Old Wilsonians

Friday 27th May-Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Awards

As the hall was being used for the Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop today we will be having our weekly achievement assembly on Monday when the following awards will be presented.

The Spike Trophy (for attendance and punctuality) went to Y4. Well done!

Gold Awards will be presented to Hannah and Ava (Y5).

A Silver Award-will be presented to Jess (Y5)

Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to the following children who will be awarded a certificate for achieving the Highest Accuracy out of everyone in Y2-Y6

1st Poppy (Y2)

2nd Bella (Y2)

3rd Lola (Y2)

Congratulations to the following children who will be awarded a certificate for the highest improvement in accuracy across their class.

Y3-Dora

Y4-LJ

Y5-Charley

Y6-Amber

School News

Y6 SATS

I would like to congratulate Y6 on their excellent effort this week in their SATS tests. They all worked really hard and tried their best. We are very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Green, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Golding and parents for all your hard work in preparing the children for the SATS.

As a reward Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Golding took them to Keston Woods yesterday after their last test. They had a picnic, relaxed and enjoyed themselves.

Representing the school in sports and other areas

Now we are out of Covid I am delighted that our children can represent the school in many areas. It's always a difficult decision as to who to pick for events. Various criteria is used, obviously ability in that area but also effort and commitment in lessons. At Keston we are one of the only schools in the borough that enter virtually every possible event (this obviously means extra work and we are very grateful for parents driving and returning letters promptly). As we are a small school our pupils gain more opportunities than others in bigger schools to represent the school. However, this also is a downside as we have to ensure teams are capable of competing to a good standard otherwise it can be very demoralising to pupils taking part.

We aim for all pupils to represent their school at some point, ideally every year but realistically this isn't possible. To ensure clarity and fairness we have a spreadsheet which shows pupils yearly representation in sports and other events such as Choir @ the O2, Maths Challenges, Y5 transition workshops etc.

Y2 Great Fire of London Day

Y2 had an amazing day today taking part in the Great Fire of London Workshop.

"We have had a brilliant day. We pretended we were in London in 1666 and the fire was spreading, we had to catch rats and make a bucket line. There were lots of shops to make things, my favourites were the Chandlers and the Perfumery". Daisy

Packed Lunches

May I remind parents that we are a nut free school so please do not use pesto in your child's packed lunch as this contains pine nuts.

Special Spring Menu-Thursday 19th May

Next Thursday, all YR and KS1 children, including those currently on packed lunch, will be offered the special spring menu lunch as a taster for school lunches. If you think your child might be unsure about having it, they are of course welcome to bring in a packed lunch as a back up. KS2 children are very welcome to take part at a cost of £2.35 (payable via School Gateway). Please see attached menu.

Geography in the news

This week the country is Australia.

Look at the attached PDF and research the country then write a fact on a post it note and attach it to the geography board opposite the Y5/6 classrooms.

T.U.S.W.D.K. (Tell us Something We don't know!)

Just to remind you that the Keston finals of this competition are next Wednesday 18th May for Rec/KS1 children and Wednesday 25th May for KS2. The children are to prepare a short presentation at home (2-3 minutes max) that teaches their audience something that is:

1. Generally regarded as new information (to most at least)
2. Verifiably true (a simple google search would support the claim)
3. worth knowing

No Power points please.

Have fun preparing for this!

Miss Askew

Sporting News Mr Hunnisett

Y3/4 Quad Kids

On Thursday we took part in a Y3/4 Quad Kids competition at Norman Park. The children performed really well and I am delighted to report that we came third. Well done team!

Lucia (Y3), Shivai, Louis, Charlie, Miles, Owen, Poppy, Dotty and Orla (Y4).

PTA News

Friday 27th May

We have a special visitor coming to school on Friday 27th May. The PTA will be selling strawberries and cream, cakes and refreshments after school. All are welcome to come and join in and meet our special visitor and have a photo with them for a small donation.

If you can help with this event please let us know or Email PTAkestonCofE@outlook.com

Friday 3rd June

Join us on the green opposite the Greyhound Pub on Friday 3rd June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

If you are able to help at this event please let us know or Email PTAkestonCofE@outlook.com



Summer Fair Wednesday 20th July

The summer fair is fast approaching.

If you would like to have a stall, help at the event or make a donation please get in touch with the PTA asap.

Email PTAkestonCofE@outlook.com

Community News

Please find a link below to Orpington Literary Festival which runs from Friday 13th May – Sun 22nd May: [Orpington First | Orpington Literary Festival 2022 \(orpington1st.co.uk\)](http://Orpington First | Orpington Literary Festival 2022 (orpington1st.co.uk))

Mon 16th May

4-5pm

Margaret Bateson-Hill will be talking about her beautiful picture book for older readers: Masha and the Firebird

Venue: The Green Room, 51 The Walnuts

Tues 17th July

4.30-5.30pm

Mo O'Hara will be running an interactive session about her very funny graphic novel Agent Moose

Venue: The Green Room, 51 The Walnuts

Sat 21st May

11-12

Venessa J Taylor runs an interactive session and talks about her wonderful series Baller Boys about two friends who want to join their local football club

Venue: The Green Room, 51 The Walnuts

For younger siblings Orpington Library will be running special Storytimes on Fri 13th May from 11.00-11.30am and on Wed 18th May from 2-2.30pm.

West Wickham Library

Julia Golding: children's author is coming to run an event at West Wickham Library on Mon 30th May from 10.30-11.30am. Julia is the author of both fiction and non-fiction books for children including The Queen's Wardrobe.

Biggin Hill Children and Family centre

Please find attached their May 22 timetable. They have been introducing **face-to-face Parenting Courses** back in the centres! They also have their **online bitesize webinars**, which allow parents to do these sessions from the comfort of their own home! They can be enquired about via parenting.courses@bromley.gov.uk .

Cleaning Vacancy

Lodestar are looking for a cleaner to work at Keston between 3.30pm to 5.45pm, term time only. Please contact tina@lodestarcleaning.co.uk for more details.

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Have a lovely weekend. I am in Bowles next Friday with Y5 so there will be no newsletter.

Julia Evison
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