

John Keble Church of England Primary School
Newsletter
Summer 2 2017



Dear Parents,

As the end of the school year draws to a close, it is always a time to look back and reflect on everything that has happened. This year has been a busy and exciting year at John Keble School.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all our children across the school for achieving so well. Standards have improved across every year group. I would particularly like to congratulate our Year 6 students on finishing so well. They head off to secondary school older, taller and smarter than when they came to John Keble. It has been our pleasure and privilege to watch their character, personality and intellect develop. The Year 6 children have studied, played, laughed and grown up together. At the beginning of July, the Year 6 received their SATs results (test results). 67% of the students achieved the national expected level. This is HIGHER than the national average and the Brent average. This is an AMAZING achievement and we are very proud of all the children and the staff who have taught them.

Across the whole school, all the children have benefited from our new creative curriculum. The children have told us how much they have enjoyed all the themes and trips. Our trip to The Lyric Hammersmith Theatre to see Fantastic Mr Fox was one of the highlights of my year. I am really looking forward to the new, exciting topics for next year. Our priority is to give all children the highest quality learning experience in a happy, safe school.

The school continues to excel in sporting competitions, winning many trophies across a range of sports. The school has won further football trophies, Korfbal trophies and an American football trophy. Sport and co-operating in team games are an important part of our curriculum.

There have been sad moments during this academic year too. The Grenfell Tower fire affected many children and families in our community. In class circle times, the children expressed a desire to help. In these last few weeks, every class has decided on a fund raising activity, planning it and held it. This is a real demonstration of how the children are living out the Christian values taught to them. The money we have raised is going to The Grenfell crèche, who lost everything.

The end of the year is always a time for goodbyes. This year we say goodbye to Mr Donnachie and Ms McKinlay who are moving out of London in search of new adventures. Ms Jones and Ms Davy are also moving onto new schools. We wish them all the best and every blessing in the next stage of their career. Joan Herbert, a long standing governor is also retiring. Joan has faithfully served the school as a governor and as a lay speaker in mass and assemblies for many years. We wish her and her husband a restful and peaceful retirement. In September, we welcome Ms Adams, Mrs Beeching, Mr Kong and Mr Vekaria to our staff. All these new staff visited the school and met their class during our class swap day and are excited about joining the John Keble Team.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy summer holiday. I hope you have plenty of opportunities to engage in some of the free activities that London has to offer. I look forward to hearing from the children about the holiday visits to museums, parks and swimming pools. Enjoy your children's company and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 5th September in their full school uniform.

Catherine Allard

'For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.' Philippians

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National Award

A Restorative Approach to Behaviour

As many of you know, John Keble School has been using a restorative approach. This means we are teaching the children that their behaviour has consequences and we are supporting the children to understand the impact their actions have. The children then have the chance to put things right themselves, deciding how they want to do this.

The work we are doing here, led by Mrs Allard, has been recognised nationally with an award from the Chris Donovan Trust.

Internet Safety

Please remember that if you are concerned about your child's internet safety, the site below will show you everything you need to know.

<https://ceop.police.uk/>

Remember to put filters in at home and check your child's devices and their browsing history. If you are not sure how to do this, please ask a member of staff to help you. Our experts are Ms Loch, Mr Suhan and Ms Hawker.

Ms Hawker is keen to hear from parents who want to help get an official PTFA going. Some parents helped with the summer fair and we took £1800. She will be recruiting volunteers in September!

School Website

Please check this- it has all the latest news and photos from the school year.

<http://www.johnkeble.com>

Term Dates 2017- 2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET day (School closed for children) – Monday 4th September 2017

Term starts (children return) - Tuesday 5th September 2017

INSET day (School closed for children) - Friday 20th October 2017

Half-term - Friday 20th October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017

School reopens (children return) – Monday 23rd October 2017

Term ends - Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term 2018

INSET day (School closed for children) - Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Term starts (children return) - Thursday 4th January 2018

Half-term - Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

School reopens (children return) - Monday 19th February 2018

Term ends – Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

INSET day (School closed for children) - Monday 16th April 2018

Term starts (children return) – Tuesday 17th April 2018

Bank holiday (no school) - Monday 7th May 2018

INSET (School closed for children) - Friday 25th May 2018

Half-term - Friday 25th May to Friday 1st June 2018

School reopens (children return) - Monday 4th June 2018

Term ends – Tuesday 24th July 2018

Please do not take your child away on holiday during term time. They miss learning opportunities and time with their friends. We will not authorise the holiday. The Local Authority will issue a fine.