



Keir Hardie Newsletter

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parent / Carers, welcome back! I trust you had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to the new term with as much anticipation as I am. We are sure your child is now well settled into their new class and is familiar with all the expectations and routines. Next I will embark on an educational visit to Finland to learn why their schools are successful. The findings will be shared with the school community on my return.

Celebrations

We were all very pleased and proud of our Early Years, Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs results and Year 1 phonics screening. A big thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents for their hard work and commitment.

Working at expected level	Reading	Writing	SPAG	Maths
KS1	80%	76%	n/a	80%
KS2	90%	83%	93%	91%

Early Years Good Level of Development	74%
Year 1 Phonics Check	93%

Parent Meet & Greet Sessions

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have attended the meet and greet sessions so far. We look forward to meeting many more of you next week. Please send us your suggestions of training you would like to receive this term.

Reading

Keir Hardie loves to read! Please remember to read with your child each day and to visit the school library!

Uniform

It has been great seeing our pupils attending school looking so smart in their uniform! Quick Reminders: 1) please ensure your child brings their PE kit to school - including their house coloured PE top. 2) school uniform is sold **solely** on Monday mornings from **8:15-9:30am**.

Dates for the Diary

- Week Beginning Monday 24th September:** Year 5 Swimming Begins
- Friday 28th September:** Friendship Friday
- Week Beginning Monday 15th October:** Heritage Week
- Friday 19th October:** Heritage Dress Day (no Friendship Friday)
- Monday 22nd-Friday 28th October:** Half Term Break (**School Closed**)
- Week Beginning Monday 29th October:** Year 6 visit to Wales

Parent Communications

We are currently looking at ways of improving our communication with parents. We are therefore asking for parents to provide the school with an up to date email address to allow electronic communications.

Attendance

The Attendance Team would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child has good attendance! Over the past few years we have seen a reduction in unauthorised absences but we are still striving to reach our target of 96%.

Please note, the school will only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances.

We would like to remind parents to contact the school if their child is absent or unwell. Upon returning to school, parents are required to provide any related medical evidence.

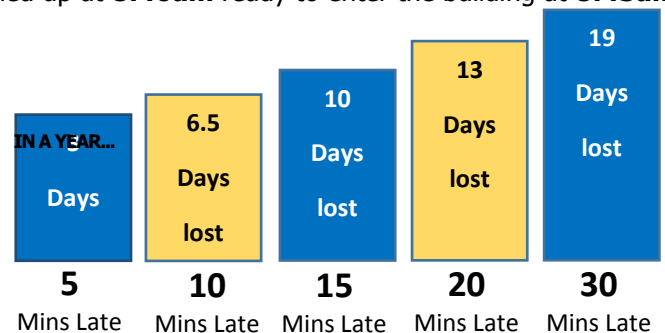
As of October 2018, in line with government regulations, if a child's attendance falls below 90% in a term or there are 6 unauthorised sessions in half a term, a penalty notice of £60 per parent may be issued. A referral to the Attendance Management Service may also be made.

We look forward to working with parents and carers again this year to improve our attendance and reach our targets.

	2017-2018
Whole School Attendance	94%

Punctuality

It's been great to see so many pupils coming to breakfast club and arriving on time to school. A reminder, pupils should be lined up at **8:40am** ready to enter the building at **8:45am**.



Healthy Schools - Polite Reminder

Please can you ensure that pack lunches contain healthy options. Guidance for pack lunches can be found on the school website: <http://keirhardie.newham.sch.uk/information/school-meals/>

We would also like to remind parents that any party bags brought in for birthdays must contain healthy treats only, e.g fruit skewers.