



Headteacher's Message

Welcome Back! We hope you enjoyed the festive break. It is wonderful to see how well the pupils have settled back into the school routines. We look forward to working together as a school community to improve outcomes for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued support. Please find below some key updates for the Spring Term.

Attendance Update

The attendance percentages for the Autumn Term 2023 were as follows:

Nursery & Reception	Year 1 to Year 6
90.4%	94.3%

Our school target for attendance is 96%, and regular school attendance is proven to improve outcomes for pupils.

Attendance percentage can be equated to the following number days missed per academic year.

100% Attendance	0 days missed
98% Attendance	4 days missed
96% Attendance	8 days missed
95% Attendance	10 days missed
94% Attendance	12 days missed
93% Attendance	14 days missed
92% Attendance	16 days missed
91% Attendance	18 days missed
90% Attendance	19 days missed

Poor attendance has an impact on progress, social skills and attainment.

Adhering to the Local Authority's attendance policy:

- The school will not authorising any term time leave. Any leave taken without the school's permission could result in a penalty notice.
- Medical evidence is required when a pupil is absent for three days or more or attendance is below 90%.
- The school will continue to inform parents when attendance is below 95% by sending out a School Attendance Concern Letter 1.

Timestable Rockstars / Sumdog

To support pupils fluency in ' mental arithmetic, all pupils have access to the online platforms Timestable Rockstars and Sumdog. They are great resources for pupils to practice their timestables and are accessible on most devices. Please encourage your child to access the platform at home. For any login queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or email the school via the school info box: info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk.

Narrowing the Gap

The school will be organising after school **Booster Sessions** from Year 1 - Year 6 on Thursdays. If your child is invited, you will receive a notification via ParentMail.

Reading

At Keir Hardie we are passionate about reading. please encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes per day. we are committed to ensuring that the school provides creative and enriching books for pupils to take home and read. There have been a number of books which have not been returned to school, please help your child look at home for any unreturned books. A polite reminder, if a book is lost or not returned to the school, a payment of £5 will be requested to cover the cost of a new book.

Parent Workshops

We will be organising Parent Workshops to support parents:

- Year 1 **Phonics**-preparing for Phonics screening
- **Maths** Workshops-How we teach maths
- **Reading** - Supporting reading in school and at home
- **Wellbeing and Mindfulness**-Supporting Mental Health

If there is a particular subject or area that you believe could be beneficial in supporting parents, please let us know by emailing the school info box: info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk

Your views are important to us!

Richard House Children's Hospice

A Richard House representative visited the school to thank the pupils and explain to them about the wonderful work the charity does to support children with life-limiting conditions. Thank you parents/carers for your support and contributions - extended on behalf of Richard House. We raised £375



Keeping Children Safe Online

It is important for our pupils to stay online whilst in school and at home. LGFL have some great advice and tips for parents/carers for keeping their children safe online. Please visit <https://parentsafelgfl.net/> for more information.

House Points Update



GARNET
2457



EMERALD
2990



SAPPHIRE
2972



CITRINE
2748

Spring Newsletters

Please click the links below to access the Spring Year Group Newsletters.



[Nursery](#)



[Reception](#)



[Year 1](#)



[Year 2](#)



[Year 3](#)



[Year 4](#)



[Year 5](#)



[Year 6](#)

Newham Updates



Polio & MMR Vaccination Catch Up Clinics

If your child is aged between 4-11 years, they may be overdue for their Polio and/or MMR Immunisations. Vaccination UK are running the following clinics so that children can be vaccinated and protected.

- Saturday, 27th January, 10:30 am-2:00 pm, Beckton Globe Library, E6 5JQ**
- Saturday, 10th February, 10:30 am-2:00 pm, Canning Town Library, E16 1EH**
- Saturday, 24th February, 10:30 am-2:00 pm, Katherine Road Community Centre, E7 8PW**

If parents/carers would like an appointment for their child to receive the Polio and/or MMR vaccine, please follow this [link](#).



Community Meals in Warm Havens



Find a place to stay warm and have something to eat as the months get colder.

The community warm havens not only offer a hot meal but support, guidance and signposting to other services including debt and benefits, employment and mental wellbeing.

Take part in free activities designed to improve both your mental and physical well-being. Join sessions like yoga, board games, music, arts and activities for children. Your community is here to support you!



WHERE TO GET SUPPORT IN NEWHAM.