



ST KEYNA PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONMOUTH ROAD, KEYNSHAM, BRISTOL, BS312JP
HEAD TEACHER: STEVE GUMM
DEPUTY HEAD: RICHARD EATON
INCLUSION LEADER: DANIEL JONES
SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER: YVETTE COLLIER

Thursday 3rd March 2022,
Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am writing to provide updates for the start of term 4. I am also hoping that Spring arrives soon as I am looking forward to lighter evenings and better weather.

Learning and behaviour:

I am really pleased to report that achievement across the school is remarkably good in spite of continued Covid disruptions. All classes are making good progress in English and Maths, as well as the prime areas of the Early Years curriculum. It is a very positive picture!

In addition, we are spending the Government Catch-up funding on additional interventions in school. We are generally using our part-time staff to run these interventions as we have found this to be the most effective way to spend the money and get positive results. We are, however, going start some online Maths tuition for identified children in the summer term.

Behaviour on the whole continues to be very good with the school's daily average of yellows at under 3 a day which is superb. In some classes yellows are barely required and weeks can go by without any yellows, which is very encouraging. After 2 years of disruption it is fair to say very well done to the children for their learning and behaviour – they are a credit to the school and their families!

Parents' Evening:

Please remember to sign-up for parents' evening appointments as they are an invaluable opportunity to find out about the development of your child(ren). As a general point, please do communicate any positives or concerns with the class teacher and do make appointments when required with Mr. Jones for all matters regarding SEND and inclusion and with Mr. Gumm or Mr. Eaton for any other relevant matters. We see education as a partnership so please do communicate with us as much as is helpful.

If you haven't already booked an appointment the online system will be closing **at 12 noon on Friday**. We sent a reminder link yesterday but you can also contact the school office to manually book an appointment if required.

Class organisation next year:

We currently have 47 Year 5 children and 41 Year 4 children spread over 3 classes. We will have to re-organise these classes next year for good learning reasons and we would like to invite parents from Jade, Topaz and Amber classes to an in-person meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 5.30pm in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity to share and discuss our proposal.



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I am sure that you will be anxious to know our plans but as we are currently developing and refining them we will not be able to discuss before the meeting on the 15th.

School expansion:

PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE ST KEYNA PRIMARY SCHOOL, KEYNSHAM, BS31 2JP

[Bath and North East Somerset Council](#) is proposing to enlarge the premises of St Keyna Primary School in Keynsham to expand the school.

The full proposal and details about how to comment on it are published on the [Bath and North East Somerset Council](#) website at: www.bathnes.gov.uk/stkeynaexpansion

Anybody can object to, support, or comment on the proposal. The representation period for comments to be submitted will run for four weeks from 3 March 2022. The deadline for comments to be submitted is **8am on Thursday 31 March 2022**.

Staffing:

I am afraid that I have some sad news to share, Mrs. Cleaves, our school secretary is retiring after 23 years at St Keyna and Temple Primary. To make matters worse she has sustained a nasty injury and is not able to work at the moment. We will set up a collection which parents can contribute to if they would like to soon. Stating the obvious, we will all miss Mrs. Cleaves' expertise, experience and humour in the school office.

Further sad news is that Mrs. T is currently on long-term absence leave and will not be back to school this academic year. To support Ruby Class, Mrs. Dee will switch to Y6 and Ms. Weale will continue in Topaz class. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs. T and Mrs. Cleaves speedy recoveries.

Covid:

In spite of the removal of restrictions, Covid is still causing disruption. I am recovering from a bout of Covid and there are currently 1 member of staff and 4 children out with Covid.

I have advised staff to carry on with twice weekly lateral flow testing and we will also maintain isolation periods of up to 10 days, dependent on lateral flow test results.

I would like to still be cautious this term but I am really looking forward to a normal Summer Term in which we can hold sports days, a leavers play and a whole-school jubilee celebration.

Please also refer to the separate Covid letter – attached for further information.

I am really looking forward to a full return to the normal chaos of our lovely school.

Kind regards,

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