

# Our Kensington Avenue Primary News

KENSINGTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Together Everyone Achieves More



11 September 2020

## Welcome Back!

It has been fantastic to see so many children back in school since lockdown began. It has been really good to hear so much noise from the playgrounds as the children get used to playing and learning with each other again.

The DfE guidance is that children don't need to socially distance but do need to stay in their class bubbles and so we have worked our timetabling around those as well as increasing our cleaning and handwashing. There is more information about this on our website as well as advice and guidance from Croydon Public Health about what to do if you or, anyone in your household, has symptoms. I am sure you will continue to work with us to keep us all as safe as possible from the virus by keeping a safe distance from others when waiting onsite to drop off or collect your children.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to your class teacher and they are busy with other parents, then please ring the office on **020 8764 2923**, email **parents@kaps.croydon.sch.uk** or call Pammy Bhambra on **07984 303718**

Please ensure the school office has your most up to date contact information as we will need to be in touch if your child becomes unwell.

We are planning a socially distanced 'meet the teacher' in the next few weeks so

## Stormzy's Superheroes

On Wednesday, KS2 children had an exciting surprise waiting for them as they came into school! Superstar and ex-pupil Stormzy had a special virtual message just for Kensington Avenue followed by an exclusive viewing of his new music video 'Superheroes'. Not only was this an amazing surprise, Stormzy had a very important message for the children and this message is clear to see in his new video. He told the children to embrace their talents, they are all special in their own way and that every single one of them is a Superhero! In his own words, Stormzy said 'I wanted to make this video to inspire you, to let you know that the sky is the limit. To let you know that all those things inside of you make you incredible'. I am sure you will agree that this is an amazing message for the children to take away with them and always remember.

To watch the video click here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2nwoza3>



## Attendance and Punctuality

You are reminded that classrooms are open from 8.45am and all children should be in class by 9am. If your child is late it effects the punctuality of the whole class, the classes with the best attendance and punctuality win a cup each week and are celebrated in assembly. Please ensure that your child arrives on time so they do not miss out on valuable learning. If your child is absent you must call the office each day that the child is absent. School finishes at 3:10pm for all children.

**Here Everyday Ready On time**

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

#### 5 October

- Inset Day, school closed for pupils

#### 26-30 October

- Half Term Break

#### 30 November

- Inset Day, school closed for pupils

#### 18 December

- Break up for Christmas holidays

Please ensure dinner money is paid one week in advance.



It is the school's policy that your child(ren's) account must be clear or in credit.

**YEAR 3 Parents:** please remember that year 3 pupils are not longer entitled to Universal Free School meals, so you now need to pay for school lunches. Alternatively you can supply your child with a packed lunch.

## Contact us

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## Nursery Spaces Available - September 2020



**KENSINGTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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- Safe and Secure
- Affordable sessions
- Fully qualified Teacher & Caring Staff
- Up to date resources and equipment
- Getting children "school ready"
- Generous outdoor space

**CONTACT US NOW - Admissions open, enquire now for spaces and waiting list!**  
**020 8764 2923 or**  
**admissions@kaps.croydon.sch.uk**

## School milk scheme

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child. School milk is free for under-5s, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price.

Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh to the classroom.

### **How to register**

#### **If your child is under five:**

Register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or complete a registration form available from the school office. Register by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's free milk to start the following week.

Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive

school milk, simply make a payment

#### **If your child is five or older:**

Register and pay online at

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Alternatively, fill in a registration form available from the school office – once Cool Milk has processed your form, you will receive a payment request. You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.

Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week.

If you have any questions regarding school milk please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248. More information on milk is also available from the school.

*\* Milk for under-5s is provided free of charge, fully funded by the Department of Health. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by the Rural Payments Agency and the E.U.*

## Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, the school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

### Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them.

If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

### How do I check if my child is eligible?

**Check now by going to the main page of our school website to find the Free School Meal Checker.**

## SENCO

I am Mrs Sharma (some of you may know me by Miss Gooch) and I will be taking on the role of SENCO from September. You may already know me from teaching in Nursery and Reception. I look forward to working with lots of children and families in the new academic year. From September I will be available at the office from 8.45 - 9am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday if you have any questions or queries.