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**KERESLEY
GRANGE**
PRIMARY ACADEMY

This week at Keresley Grange..



Friday 7th November

Parent Survey – last chance

Your views are always important to us. We use your ideas to help inform our next steps as a school. If you haven't yet filled in our latest parent survey, please spare a few minutes to do so over the next week. **One lucky family who complete the survey will win a £25 Amazon voucher.** Don't miss out!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZYBWPDV>

Mobile Phones & Photos

Please do not use mobile phones while onsite. When you pick your children up at the end of the day, have a chat with them about their day and keep your phone in your pocket. Parents must not take photos of children other than their own.

Staff news

We are delighted to welcome Mr Rawes to Keresley Grange next week. Mr Rawes is a new Teaching Assistant who will be working in Year 5 and 6. Welcome to the team, Mr Rawes!

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

PJ day next Friday! There are other activities happening on the day – a letter was sent out about that this week with more details!

Message from Mr Astley

Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed the half-term break and stayed safe. This half-term is incredibly busy, with theatre trips, Christmas concerts....as well as lots of exciting new learning.

You will have seen and heard lots in the news about mobile phone use and how children are using technology much more frequently. Research has shown that 25% of 5 – 7 year olds own and use a mobile phone regularly, growing to nearly 100% of 12 year olds. While use of technology can be great, lots of research is showing that over-use of technology by children can lead to lots of problems for those children.

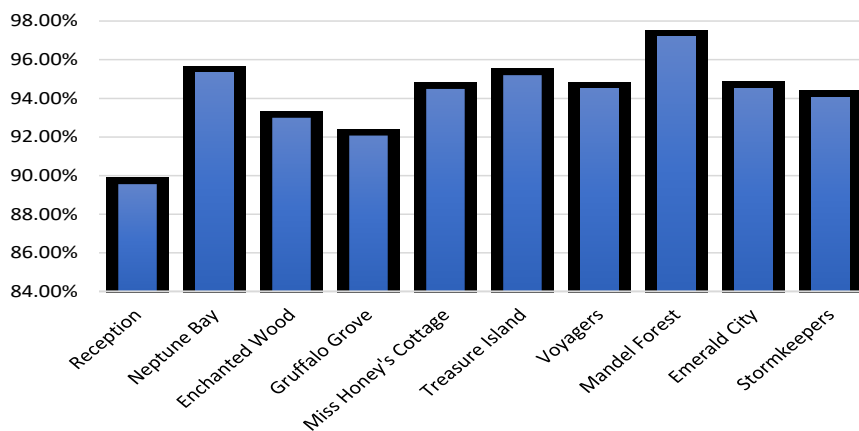
Children can struggle to sleep, develop difficulties dealing with their emotions and even suffer from some types of Special Educational Needs because of over-use of technology – including Speech and Language difficulties or ADHD-like behaviours.

It can be difficult to say “No” to your child when using technology, but please try to limit your child’s use of any technology they have and encourage use of more ‘traditional’ entertainment instead – playing outside, playing board games, reading, practising art, the list is endless. In school, we try to use a mixture of technology and more practical elements to help your child to learn. Please try to help us by limiting the technology use at home as well.

Please read the attached “What’s the fuss?” guide for more useful info.

Have a good weekend – maybe you could go out for a walk?

Best Attendance



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Well done to **Mandel Forest** for the best overall attendance this week of 97.19%
For KS1, **Neptune Bay** had the second best attendance for this week with 95.33%

Anti-Bullying – Odd Socks 10th November

Once again, we are celebrating anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks on Mon 10th November.

Best Start in Life

A new website has gone live, offering super links for parents. There is lots of great information there:

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

Careers Week

Next week we have a focus on careers in school. We are delighted to welcome people from lots of different careers to talk to our children and do exciting activities to help bring their careers to life. Look out of Facebook for all of the pictures!

Uniform

You must remember that the uniform for Keresley Grange is either a blue polo shirt or blue shirt WITH A TIE. Some children are coming to school with a shirt on without a tie. PE kits should be plain dark blue or black with a white t-shirt. They should not be coloured or labelled.

This is an important part of our RESPECT values and helps children to prepare for secondary school.

Christmas Fair Donations

As it is Children in Need next Friday, please bring chocolates for the Christmas Fair on **Friday 21st November**. Children can wear non-uniform on that day.

REMINDER

Please park carefully and use the crossings on Waste Lane and Tamworth Road when coming to and from school.