

KEEVIL CoE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

17th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

17th Dec – End of Term 2

4th Jan – TD Day (School Closed)

5th Jan – Start of Term 3

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Edward & Annabelle for being Stars of the Week. Well done to the whole class for an amazing autumn term.

Spring: Well done to Barney and Oscar W for gaining their full Pen Licences.

Summer: Well done to all of Summer Class for improving your times tables. All the adults have noticed the increase in your confidence. Keep it up!

Autumn: Well done to the whole of Autumn class for a successful sharing worship and for creating their own wands and wand boxes.

Message from the Head

As we draw close to the end of the year, we can't help but stop and look back. What a year it has been. I hope that it is never to be repeated in the life time of all our children. But it is important that we remember and celebrate the positives that there have been in amongst the hardships. There are things, however large or small, that we have all done that we never otherwise would have done. And we have all learnt, the children most especially, to show resilience and find strategies to manage change. This will serve them well as they move onwards through their lives.

But as I look across the school now, both children and staff, I have never seen such exhaustion at this time of year before. I am sure it is the same for you all at home as well. The toll of the burden that we are all carrying is very apparent. The glimmer of the time we are allowed to share with a few others over Christmas is just about keeping everyone going and their spirits up. It is the importance of this for everyone this year which is at the heart of the Acorn Education Trust's decision to close schools a day early next week. It is about doing everything we can to ensure that everyone can relax and enjoy this precious time.

In light of that as well, we have decided in school that for next week (and also the first week back in January) we will take children's temperatures at the school gate. Anyone whose temperature is raised we will ask to be taken home straight away. We will also ask you not to send any child into school who is under the weather in any way. This is something that we can do to show our care for everyone around us. None of us wants to have to isolate over the Christmas period and therefore miss that priceless time with those we love.

I appreciate that the early closure maybe causing disruption for you at home. But by working together we can help ensure the best of holidays and celebrations for us all.

Because school is finishing early, **Thursday 17th December** will now be our **Christmas Jumper Day** in school. Please remember to wear school uniform and just replace the school jumper with a Christmas one. If you would like to donate some money to Save The Children, who are the charity who organise the national Christmas Jumper Day, you will find details of how to do this at <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate>

Thursday 17th December will also be our **Christmas Lunch** day. We will be giving every child a cracker and a small treat to help them celebrate. But you may wish to remember this if you are making a packed lunch at home.

You will be receiving an email shortly with a link to your child's Christmas Sharing Assembly video. We are very much looking forward to watching these in school next week, and hope that you enjoy them at home as well.

Up-dated guidance means that children can now sing within their class bubbles if we put certain safety measures into place. It is wonderful to now hear the school being full of Christmas joy as well as seeing it. We hope you are all feeling this at home too.

| House points | | | |
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| Kestrels | Ospreys | Buzzards | Harriers |
| 1399 | 1330 | 1320 | 1164 |

House Winners!

Well done to the Kestrels for winning this term's House Cup with a magnificent 1399 points! Children in Kestrels are welcome to wear non-uniform to school on Tuesday 15th December in celebration, and they will also receive a little treat in school for all their efforts and great team-work.

Christmas Card Design Winner

Many congratulations to Io Lepine-Gay (Y4) whose design was selected to be the official Christmas Card for St Mary's Church in Steeple Ashton this year. All the submitted pictures are currently on display in the Church porch.

St Mary's Church Christmas Celebration

At 4pm on Christmas Eve, St Mary's Church in Steeple Ashton will be holding a Nativity service outside including carol singing. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Christmas comes to Keevil!

Including the lovely decorations that the children made for the village Christmas tree.

<https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/18917590.children-get-santas-grotto-surprise-keevil-cofe-primary-school/>

A message from Grace Dalglish – mum to Arwen (Y5) and one of the school's Academy Councillors

I am on a wee Christmas mission for a cause close to my heart. I have been a trustee over the last few years for a UK-based charity called Dominion Schools Africa. We are currently running a Christmas campaign for the school we support in a deprived area on the edge of Nairobi in Kenya.

www.dominionschoolsafrica.org

I went to visit the school myself 2 years ago with the other trustees which was an amazing experience. I led art workshops with all the students and attended an incredible African graduation for one of the year groups. During that visit we went to see the new site where a new school building was just starting to be built. Now the new school 'Hope Academy' is about to open in January!

The Christmas Campaign has been set up to help buy **essential supplies** to get the school ready in time. For as little as £4, there are **one-off gifts**, such as balls and hula hoops, or there are bigger items as well, such as a desks, which would help to furnish the school for the new term.


I know that things are tight for many people but this may be a nice 'alternative gift' idea for some families.

Anyone donating to the campaign will be sent a thank you certificate for any item purchased. The self-portraits on these were created by the children in one of my art workshops.

With heartfelt thanks for reading and getting this far!

Grace

Debs Clark is running the Wellbeing Sessions that have recently started in school, and these will be continuing across the school year.



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Timetable

| January | February | March |
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| Shine Bright weekly classes (5 to 10 yrs old) 4-5pm @ £7.00 Wednesday 13 th , 20 th , 27 th , | Shine Bright Weekly Classes (5 to 10 yrs old) 4-5pm @ £7.00 Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 24 th , | Shine Bright Weekly Classes (5 to 10 yrs old) 4-5pm @ £7.00 Wednesdays 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st |
| Relax & calm – Teenagers 'rights of passage' (aged 10 +) 6-7pm 14 th , 21 st , 28 th @ £8.50 | Relax & calm – Teenagers 'rights of passage' (aged 10 +) 6-7pm @ £8.50 4 th , 11 th , 25 th | Relax & calm – Teenagers 'rights of passage' (aged 10 +) 6-7pm @ £8.50 4 th , 11 th , 18 th |
| Refresh & Reset New Year Workshop 10-12pm @ £20.00 Saturday 9 th | The inner Boast Saturday Workshop 9.30 - 12.30pm 6 th , 27 th , @ £20.00 | The inner Boast Saturday Workshop 9.30 - 12.30pm 13 th , 27 th @ £20.00 |
| Child & parent/adult workshop 17 th , 10-12pm £35.00-Connect & Express | Child & parent/adult workshop 28 th , 10-12pm £35.00-Connect & Express | Child & parent/adult workshop 28 th , 10-12pm £35.00-Connect & Express |

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Schools & healthcare services Tuesday to Thursdays
 1:1 session for your child, 1:2 child & parent sessions available, 1:1 for Exams/SATS - learning techniques to calm the anxiety and release the calm - We have so much more going on @ VIBES check out our FB page VIBESDebsClark4- contact Debs 07896 529229 - debs@vibesandminds.org

**Help your children give the
gift of a good read
this Christmas with the help of
The Santa Hotline at Trowbridge Library!**



It's as simple as A, B, C...

Ask us to select some books for you

- * Ring us on 01225 716700 (Monday, Thursday or Saturday)
- * When we answer, ask for **The Santa Hotline**, then put your child on the phone and cover your ears (or ask another family member to help them)
- * The children can then tell us the sort of books each parent likes to read

Book an appointment to pick up the books

- * Before you/your child hangs up book an appointment to pick up the books (they will be hidden in a bag so you can't see the titles).

Collect your books

- * Once home, let the children wrap their gifts and label them, all ready to go under the Christmas Tree.
- * Remind the children the books are only on loan for 6 weeks. We believe in recycling our reads!

**The best part? It'll be a meaningful gift
that won't cost you a penny!**