

KEEVIL COFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

20th Oct – Last day of Term 1 21st Oct – TD Day 2nd Nov – Start of Term 2

In our Good Learning Book this week

Winter: Lottie for being Star of the Week. Jack for having an excellent attitude towards his work. Charlotte, Olive, Remy & Amelia for getting certificates for reading their phonic words!

Spring: Well done to the following children for gaining different handwriting awards. Yellow award – Farleigh & Leo. Full Pen License - Isla G, Harrison, Alex & Rhys.

Summer: Thomas Q for amazing improvements in his handwriting. Molly & Seb for a fantastic attitude to learning. Autumn: Massive well done to all of Autumn Class for completing a tough week of assessments.

Message from our new Executive Head – Rob Price

I wish to introduce myself as the new Executive Headteacher at Keevil Church of England Academy.

I am very excited to work alongside Lindsey Hermon, who is an outstanding Headteacher. My role is to help support her and the talented team at Keevil achieve their goal of "ensuring that every child feels success in something that they do in school, so that their self-confidence and esteem grows."

My journey to Keevil started in 2001, when I trained as an English teacher at Bath University. Since then, I have taught in schools in Wales, Bath, and Warminster. I have been involved in school leadership for many of these years and am truly passionate about education.

I originally come from South Wales and the small mining village of Oakdale, just outside Blackwood. I now live in Box and am happily married with two children (Millie who is 8; and Isobel who is 6). I am first and foremost a family man, and fully understand what it is like to send your children to school under the care of other adults. I therefore hope to bring my experiences as both a school leader and a loving father to Keevil and use these to add real value to your children's time at the school.

As part of my role in The Acorn Trust, I am also Executive Head at West Ashton School and Headteacher at The Clarendon Academy in Trowbridge. I believe that the three schools can work collaboratively and learn from each other, so that we continue to make the children's school days the best they can be. I am also Chair of Governors at Box Church of England Primary

School and hope that my experiences in this role will really help in my work at

Keevil.

I will be at Keevil most Fridays and I

look forward to meeting many of you then.

All the best, Rob Price



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Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers	
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House points

Parents Evening Appointments

Due to the on-going restrictions for the pandemic, we are unable to offer face-to-face appointments in school at this time. Instead we will be offering meetings with class teachers through Zoom before the end of Term 1. You will be able to book your meeting time through WisePay using the system we have used for parents evenings previously. You will subsequently be emailed a link which will let you join the Zoom meeting with your child's teacher at the appropriate time. Appointment times of 10 minutes will have to be strictly adhered to, to enable this virtual process to run smoothly. These meetings will allow you to find out how your child is progressing in school and ask any questions that you may have.

Bags in School

We appreciate your understanding at the current time over our restrictions as to the types of bags children are allowed to bring into school. School book bags are currently allowed and can be purchased through WisePay from our stock in school. We will now also allow children to bring in a standard sized drawstring kit bag instead of a book bag. Children may only bring 1 bag to school each day, containing their lunch box, water bottle, reading book and Home-School Contact Book. Many thanks for your support with this.



School Admissions for 2021-22

Due to the strict guidelines we are currently operating under, we are unable to welcome visitors onto the school site at this time. This makes it more challenging to show potential parents and children around the school. In particular, thinking about families who are looking for a place for a child to start school in September 2021 we have decided to offer a couple of different options this year. The first is an Open Morning on Saturday 14th November. The school will be open for safe visits and tours between 10am and 12pm. If you have a child who is due to start school next year, then we look forward to seeing you then. And please let friends and family members who might be interested know as well. Full details are on our website https://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk/website.

We are also going to create a virtual tour of the school. Very excitingly, this means that we will be filming in school on Friday 9th October to create this. We are looking forward to all the children looking exceptionally smart on this day and taking part in a range of activities that will show what life in Keevil is like. When finished the virtual tour will be posted on our website, and we will let you know when it goes live!

Rolling Drop

Many thanks for all of your support with the rolling drop in the mornings, it is proving a very efficient way of the children coming into school and it is wonderful to see the independence of even our youngest children doing this. Its success is due in large part to your efforts to follow the system we have put in place, and we are very grateful to you for doing this. Could I please just remind you to be travelling up Main Street in the direction of Trowbridge when you drop your child(ren) off, and to please remember to indicate before you pull in to the school so other road users are aware of what you will be doing.



A huge welcome to our new YR children for 2020, it is lovely to welcome you to the Keevil family Skylan, Max, Annabelle and Poppy we are looking forward to sharing your school journey with you.



