

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

5th April – TD Day
23rd April – Children return to school
26th April – Non-uniform day for Scarecrow Trail donations (Tombola)
30th April – Winter Class trip
1st May – Class photos
3rd May – Swimming gala (KS2)
6th May – Bank Holiday
10th May – Non-uniform day for Scarecrow Trail donations (Lucky Jars)
13th – 17th May – SATS week
18th & 19th May – Scarecrow Trail

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Hugo for being Star of the Week.

Barney, Edmund, Leo & Eli for working hard in phonics. All of Winter class for lovely African art and making palm leaves.

Spring: Well done to all of Spring class for yet another term of hard work and fun!

Isaac for gaining his Pen Licence.

Summer: Fred for a great improved attitude to his learning. Henry W, Olivia, Maisie, Lexie, Emily, Logan Ban & Oliver G for passing their 99 clubs.

Autumn: William W for a changed attitude to his learning. Darcy, Joshua, Grace, Ethan & Oscar for passing their 99 clubs.

Message from the Head

We find ourselves at the end of another busy and successful term, all looking forward to the chance to relax, refresh and reflect that the Easter Holidays provide.

Nothing ever seems to stand still in education. Each school is on its own journey to continually improve what it offers and achieves for its children. This is set in amongst the national landscape which is constantly changing as a result of both advances in research and understanding, and politics. So whilst it can feel like the goal posts are often moving, it also makes it an exciting and dynamic place to work as a professional. For a small school like ourselves, being part of a larger Multi-Academy Trust, provides invaluable support and development in the ever-changing world. I have shared with you earlier this term the outcomes of our Quality Assurance Visit, which has already and will continue to have a positive impact on the teaching and learning our children receive across the school. As a school on our own, we would not have access to such outside expertise. It also provides us with much needed professional networks – for headteachers, for SENCos, for EYFS teachers, for Y6 teachers, amongst others. Through which we can learn and share knowledge, systems and innovations. In combination with the very real and practical support and investment we receive, such as our recent roof repairs, being part of the Acorn Education Trust is of enormous benefit to our school and all our children. There is much negative press about MATs in all areas of the media. When you encounter this, it is worth remembering all the many positives such an organisation has brought to our community.

I wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful time over the holidays. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 23rd April. Happy Easter!

Keevil's 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Just a reminder that these will be centred around the week beginning Monday 20th May. Activities we have planned so far are:

- Art Workshop with an animator from Aardman studios, generously funded by FOKS.
- Service of Thanksgiving in the Church for school and village
- Creating a time capsule
- Commemorative mugs – please see separate letter
- Fundraising activities organised by the children for the Church building appeal
- Dress as a Victorian Day – start planning your costume!
- Tea party for the whole school

Thank You

A huge thank you to Ms Corke who has come to the end of her time teaching French for us. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Acorn Education Trust - Twitter

Anyone wishing to keep up with Acorn's latest news, please follow them on Twitter using @acornedtrust. A link to their Twitter feed has been put onto the homepage of our school website.

Art Club

Grace Dagleish has very kindly offered to run an after school art club for us. In the first instance this will be for Y1 and Y2 children, who will get to do all manner of exciting things such as: using clay and natural materials to make magical landscapes; crazy big painting using vegetables; plasticine portraits; and touchy feely pictures using dried beans and pulses. Sessions will be on Wednesdays in Term 5, from 3:15-4:30pm, and cost £5. Booking and payment is through WisePay.

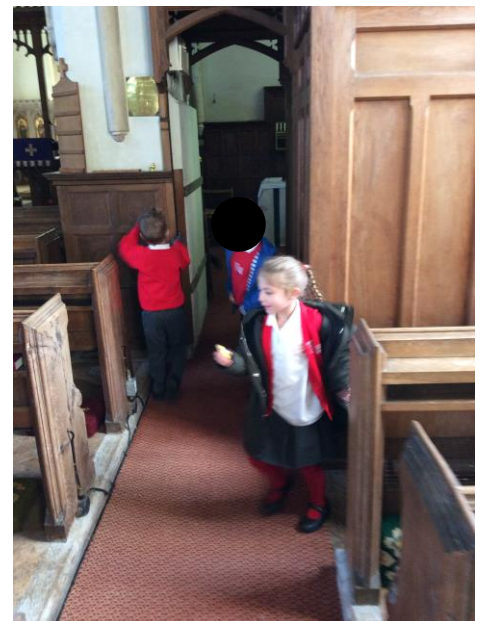
Scarecrow Trail

The Scarecrow Trail is fast approaching... with just over six weeks to go! We hope all our Scarecrow Makers are busy getting creative making wonderful scarecrows, and the children are looking forward to painting an animal on a rock for the children's trail. We have two important dates for your diaries next term:

- **Friday 26th April** – Non-uniform day in return for donations of bottles and chocolate items for the tombola stall.
- **Friday 10th May** – Non-uniform day in return for donations of filled jars for the Lucy Jar stall.

A letter explaining how to fill a Lucky Jar will be sent out after Easter. We will also be asking for donations of teddies and cakes and of course, volunteers over the weekend itself. We'll make sure texts are sent out giving you plenty of notice to bake, donate and volunteer! Thank you in advance for your support.

Scarecrow Organisers: Kirsty Elford & Caroline Walden (07977 655795 & 07779 124694)



Winter Class enjoying an Easter Egg hunt in the Church