

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

26/2 Autumn Class Pencelli

01/03 World Book Day

09/03 Stay and Play

12/3 Summer Class Coffee Morning

Message from the Deputy and Head

We can't quite believe we have got to the end of the half term already, but although it has been very short we have crammed a lot in!

We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher this week to discuss their progress and were able to look through all the many and varied bits of work they have been doing. Of course, there are always areas in which there could be improvements, and we are hugely grateful of all the things you do at home to support your child's learning – reading, learning key words and spellings, practicing maths facts, helping with homework, to name but a few. But, it is also an important chance to celebrate all their achievements, as well as recognise the hard work and effort that has gone into all the learning, from children and staff alike.

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Lily, Molly, Charlie, Gabriel and all Year one for their stories.

Spring: Nieve, William, Fred, Elijah, Frankie-Raine

Summer: Amy Coles, Ethan, Chloe, Logan Bittner, Ivie, Oscar, Grace, Nancy.

Autumn: Boonie, Monty J, Amelia, Jonah, Joshua, Anakin, Caleb, William Ince, Charlotte, Hadley and Euan

In light of this, we are running 'Super Golden Time' on Friday afternoon for all the children. A few children from each class who have either earned the most house points this term or have been chosen by their teacher, will take part in a special Forest School session. The other children have been given a choice of different fun activities that will be going on across the school. In addition, they will all be having their chance to enjoy a pancake kindly cooked by Mr Lepine and supported by FOKS. Hopefully this will be a great way to round off the busy half term.

Many congratulations to Keylan in Y6 for achieving 2nd place in the Midlands Under-18 Taekwondo Championships – what an achievement, well done! And wishing Louis in Y2 lots of luck when he competes in the Motocross World Championship in Spain this weekend – we hope you do brilliantly!

We wish you and your family a lovely break over half term, and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 20th February.

Book Fair

We will be running a Book Fair in school to coincide with World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. We will be sending out more information after half term about this, but the Book Fair will be open after school on 1st, 2nd and 5th March. Children will also be bringing home their £1 World Book Day token on 1st March, which can be used at the Book Fair.

Wisepay

We're pleased to say that we will be moving to WisePay, an online booking and payment system after the half term. WisePay will initially be used to order and pay for meals, trips and breakfast club. After half term we will send a letter out with log-in details so you will be able to log into the system. Any questions, please contact the school office.

Forest School

If you have any waterproof trousers that you no longer need at home, could you please donate them for our Forest School. We are aware that not every child has these at home, so we would like to have as many as possible in school that we can lend out to children.

Parking

Hopefully your child has brought home the letter this week, explaining the new parking arrangements that we have been asked to follow by the village. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

Playground Project

A quick up-date on the playground improvements that we are working on with a group from FOKS this year. We are currently waiting on some quotes which include: re-surfacing half of the playground with artificial grass; building bespoke storage along the front wall; and a retractable awning to help us create a quiet area/outside learning space. Once we have the costings of these, we can make a plan of how we could fund these, and what timescale we will need to work to. Thank you very much to the team from FOKS, particularly Verity Adams, who are working hard to move this exciting project forward. We will keep you up-dated with any new developments!

Acorn Trust Updates

Some updates on what we're doing as a Trust. A lot of the work we are doing is seeing what we as schools should do that is the same in terms of our teaching and learning and what remains at the 'school' level. The first element of that is a cross-Trust Writing policy and we are having a Trust Writing TD day at the end of term.

All schools are looking to utilize the sports expertise at Kingdown School and there are some exciting plans next year for PE teaching coming out of there for all schools especially around team sports.

Ongoing are the increased opportunities for teachers to gain experiences from other schools and for us to share our own as well as much improved support for the Admin Team. It's an exciting time and good for us to be in at the start of an organization as it forms itself.



Summer Class enjoying their trip to the Earth Sciences Centre and Whatley Quarry.