**Friday 22nd September**

**Message from the Deputy Head and Headteacher**

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| We are finding it hard to believe that we are already 3 weeks into this school year – time flies when you are having fun! It has been great to have all our new Reception children join us for the whole day this week, and we are all enjoying seeing them settle into life with us. We have also been pleased to see independence developing in our Key Stage 2 children, particularly around coming into school in the morning. It is important for children as they get older, to take responsibility for organising themselves and their things, they are all more than capable of this. So we would encourage parents to drop their older children at the school gate and leave them to get themselves sorted first thing.  Today we have been joined by Ian Hart, an Ofsted Inspector and independent Education Consultant. Acorn, our MAT, employ him to spend at least a day each year in all of their schools, to help the leadership team plan to improve and develop their school. We found his advice invaluable last year, as someone who visits schools the length and breadth of the country and gets to see the very best practice in action. And, as ever, we are proud to be able to show someone our wonderful children and all that they can do. |
| Harvest Festival  It is our Harvest Festival and Blessing of new children in St Leonard’s Church at **1:30pm** next **Tuesday, 26th September**. It would be lovely to see as many of you as are able to attend. The Church Wardens are also very kindly offering tea and coffee to visitors after the service.  Mrs Dalgleish very generously gave up her time earlier this week, to come in and talk to the children about the Storehouse food-bank in Trowbridge. This is where all our harvest gifts are donated to. They offer emergency 3 day parcels of food to people and families in great need in the local area, and give out more than 100 of these each month. If you feel able to, any donations that your child can bring in next Tuesday would be most gratefully received. They would like any ‘long-life’ items, such as packets and tins. Amongst the staples of pasta, rice, cereal, tins of vegetables and meat or fish, they would also be very grateful to receive tinned desserts, squash, tea, coffee and biscuits. We would love to be able to give as much as possible to this vital charity. |
| Bus Stop Visits  Mrs Hermon is very sorry, but she needs to move her visit to the Newleaze bus stop from Tuesday 10th October to **Tuesday 17th October**. Sorry for the disruption, but she will be accompanying Autumn Class on their trip to @bristol on the 10th, and they will be leaving school at 8:30am. |
| Forest School  Miss D is still seeking donations of old waterproofs and wellies ready for the start of Forest School after October half term. If you are having a clear out at home and come across any that are still in good condition but that you no longer need, please pass them on to Miss D. |
| Breakfast Club  Just a reminder that Breakfast Club is running every day in school from 7:45 – 8:45 am, led by Miss D. Children can have breakfast, and spend the time either doing homework, reading and spellings, or playing games, or doing creative activities. Miss D is happy to tailor activities to the children who attend. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, either on a regular basis or for a one-off, please speak to Mrs Fish in the office. |
| Sports Competitions  Many thanks to Mr McCaldon for organising for so many of our KS2 children to take part in the recent Cross Country Competition. Everyone who took part finished the course, which is a real achievement to be proud of. Special congratulations to Ivie Clifford, William Watson, Amelia Tanner and Niall Henry, who were the first Keevil children in each of their races.  Mr McCaldon is also ‘managing’ our school football team, who are taking part in the Trowbridge Small Schools League. Although the first match against Castle Mead did not end with a win for us, we are holding out hope for the next match against Staverton. |
| From FOKS  We held our AGM on 13th September and handed over the Co-Chair roles to Michelle Addai and Freya Merchant-Richardson. We also welcomed Zoe Sears as our new Secretary. Laura Clifford will continue her role as Treasurer. We are hoping to expand the committee so if you are interested in joining FOKS or finding out more about what we do, please contact any of the committee members who will be happy to give more information.  2018 Calendar Photo shoot A letter regarding the 2018 Calendar should have come home with children this week. The theme this year is ‘Countries of the World’ and the photo shoot will take place on Friday 13th October. We look forward to seeing the children’s costumes. Any queries please contact Jane Watson on 07981 816308.  Finally, we’d like to thank everyone who has been a part of FOKS and contributed to our fundraising events over the past two years. We’ve enjoyed Chairing FOKS and are proud of how FOKS has helped enhance our children’s school experience.  Best wishes, Jane Watson and Clive Winterbourne | |
| In Mr Burr’s Good Learning Book are:  **Winter Class:** Josiah Addai star of the week for his effort during phonics and Daphne Clifford star of the week for presentation of work. Shai De La Cruz, Daphne Clifford, Isaac Wade for their descriptive writing. 99 passes Charlie Merchant and Isaac Wade and to Molly Collins for excellent handwriting.  **Spring Class:** Toby Bowes and Masie Tanner for excellent work in maths.  **Summer Class:** Oscar Crosby, Henry Wade and William Watson for passing their 99 club, Oliver Petrie and Elle Streeter for excellent stone age paintings and to Ffion Shorto-Heard and Felicia Bishop for great work adding 3 numbers together. | |
| **Dates**  Dates for this term are:  September  26th Sept – 1.30pm Harvest Festival in the Church  27th Sept – 8.45am Stay and Play (Spring, Summer and Autumn)  27th Sept – 9am Phonics Workshop (Winter)  October  6th Oct – Summer Class Trip to Phoenix Live  10th Oct – Autumn Class Trip to @Bristol  11th Oct – School Photographs (Portraits)  13th Oct – FOKS 2018 Calendar Photo shoot  16th Oct – 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parent’s Evening  17th Oct – 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parent’s Evening  18th Oct – TD Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)  19th – 29th Oct – Half Term Break  30th Oct – Children return to school  November  9th Nov – Autumn Class Sharing Worship  15th Nov – 8.45am Stay and Play  December  4th and 5th Dec – Bikeability  8th Dec – School Disco  12th Dec – 1.30pm Nativity Play (Winter and Spring)  13th Dec – 6pm Nativity Play (Winter and Spring)  14th Dec – 6pm – Summer Class Concert  20th Dec – 1.30pm Christmas Service  21st Dec – 3rd January – Christmas Break | |