

KEEVIL COFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

22nd November – Road closure

23rd Nov – School Photos – Portraits

27th Nov – Nursery Stay and Play

Sessions (9.30am & 11am)

 29^{th} Nov -3^{rd} Dec - Y5/6 Residential

Trip to Pencelli

6th Dec – Year 3/4 Acorn Football Tournament

6th Dec – Start of Reverse Advent Calendar

13th Dec – Nativity Play 1:30pm in St Leonard's Church

14th Dec – Nativity Play 6pm in St Leonard's Church

15th Dec – Christmas Concert 6pm in St Leonard's Church

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Alfie for being Star of the Week. Well done to Poppy for always being kind and helpful to the other children.

Spring: Well done to Isla G, Lottie and Amelia for great Roman road plotting. **Summer:** Well done to all of Summer Class for their spectacular art work for their Christmas card designs.

Autumn: Well done to Toby B, Ela, Hugo and Farrell for excellent behavior and attitude this week.

Message from the Head

We are finding ourselves in school in that period when we can't help but acknowledge the fast approaching festive season. Christmas songs can be heard periodically across the school as different classes begin practicing for different performances, and plans for activities and treats are starting to be formed. It is of course, a hugely exciting time of year for everyone, children most especially. It is magical to see their utter joy and delight. And although it is a wonderful time of year for most of us, for some in our community both locally and more widely, the opposite is the case. Christmas is a time when we can really live our ethos as a school, to 'always treat others as we would like to be treated'. And there are a number of ways in which we will be doing this, this year:

- We will be running our Reverse Advent Calendar from Monday 6th December to collect donations for the Storehouse Foodbank in Trowbridge. Your child will receive their donation day from their class teacher, and on that day they can bring in any donation of food, toiletries or cleaning products that you would like to give to the foodbank. In previous years we have collected a wonderful selection of Christmas food and treats and it would be lovely to do this again this year.
- You will also be receiving a letter explaining about the Ruksak 45128 charity for which we are organising a collection of Christmas gifts this year. The charity is based in Trowbridge and provides anything that families in the area can't afford for their children (aged 5-18). For those families who struggle financially, Christmas is a very difficult time. Please refer to the letter as to how you can support.
- Summer Class will be performing a special showing of their Christmas
 Concert to the staff and residents of the Blenheim House Care Home in
 Melksham during the last week of term, to help spread a little festive
 cheer. The rest of the school are making cards and decorations for
 Summer Class to take with them and give to the residents, to show that
 we are thinking of them.
- All children are also making decorations for the Keevil Village Christmas Tree, to share some seasonal joy with our village neighbours.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
493	463	517	528

Throughout all of these activities, we remember the story of the Good Samaritan and how he reached out to someone to whom he could have turned his back. Through sharing our time, talents and gifts we hope the children will see the impact they can have, for the better, on others around them. And learn the joy that is gained from giving as well as receiving.

Christmas Card Design for Father Oliver

A reminder that designs for the Steeple Ashton Christians Together Christmas Card competition need to be handed in to school by Monday 22nd November. Father Oliver will be coming to collect them on that day for judging. There will be a small prize for the winner as well as seeing their picture turned into a 'proper' Christmas card.

Lost Property

We have a large number of un-named jumpers and cardigans in school. PLEASE don't send your child to school in uniform without their name clearly marked in it, we have no way of returning items to their rightful owner if they are not named.

Children In Need Competition

Miss Ashdown wants to say a huge well done to everyone who entered the competition. The standard was so high that it made judging very difficult! Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

Road Closure

Advanced notice that the road into Keevil will be closed between the A350 and the crossroads with Hinton Lane from Monday 22nd November for 2 days. If this is part of your usual route to school, please plan an alternative. The Steeple Ashton bus is aware of this and has made plans accordingly.







