

KEEVIL COFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

22/10 – School photographs – portraits

22/10 & 23/10 - Parents Evening

23/10 - Flu immunisations

24/10 - TD Day (School closed)

5/11 - Children return to school

7/11 – Autumn Class trip

8/11 - Mrs Hermon at Newleaze bus stor

8/11 & 9/11 – Y6 Bikeability (Group 2)

9/11 - FOKS Calendar photo shoot

22/11 – Mrs. Hermon visiting Steeple Ashton pub bus stop

22/11 2.30pm – Autumn Class Sharing Worshin

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Martha, Evelyn & Toby for great story writing. Leo, Edmund, Bertie & Alex for working hard in phonics.

Spring: Molly, Io, Maddie, Max & Arwen for passing their 99 clubs. Handwriting Awards for Arwen (Green award), Io (Red award) & Harry (Yellow award).

Summer: Emily & Amy for their

Handwriting and Presentation award.

Logan Bittner & Ivie for good newspaper report writing.

Autumn: Charlie & Josh for resilience in

Maths.

Message from the Head

Although we are still at the beginning of the school year, this past week has been a time of reflection in school as all staff have taken part in Pupil Progress Meetings. During these we look at the learning, progress and overall wellbeing of every child in the school, and plan how we can maximise these as we look towards Term 2. There is so much to celebrate across the school. Every child has things that they can be very proud of being or achieving. We look forward to sharing these with you as part of our Parents Evening meetings next week.

I would particularly like to say how proud I am of a number of children across the school:

- All our YR children, and others who have joined us across the school this
 year. They have made the big leap of becoming part of the Keevil family,
 which particularly for the little ones is a huge step in their life. But they
 have all been brilliant, and it now feels like they have been with us for
 ages, much to their credit.
- Y4 for being so magnificent in Danywenallt. They were all incredibly mature, resilient and well-behaved, and made us all so proud. The staff we worked with there all commented on what a polite group they were.
- Our football teams who have maintained great team spirit in the face of both victory and defeat. Our Y3/4 team won 1 match and lost 2 at the Acorn Tournament earlier this week. Whilst our Y5/6 team came third in their group after winning 3 of their 4 matches. Our older children have also been competing in the Trowbridge Small Schools Tournament, where they are currently sitting 4th in the table, following 1 win, 2 draws and 2 losses. The last match of the competition is tonight (18.10.18). Well done to all our players.

It just leaves me to wish you and your family a fantastic break over half term. We look forward to seeing everyone relaxed and refreshed back in school on Monday 5th November.

Acorn Holiday Camps

A flyer was sent home last week detailing the Holiday Camps the Acorn Sports Team will be putting on this year. These will be run by the sports coaches that are delivering PE and after school clubs across the Acorn primary schools, including Emily who works with us two afternoons a week. We are therefore confident that the Camps will provide high quality input and experiences for children. If you are interested in your child attending, all relevant information is on the flyer.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Booking and payment for these clubs must be done on WisePay in advance of the sessions. We only run the clubs when we know that there will be children attending, so there are days when they do not take place. If you have not let us know that you are planning to send your child you may be left with no-one available to look after them. If you have any problems with the system please speak to Mrs Fish or Mrs Watson in the office.

Supporting Your Child At Home

Following feedback from the KS1 Coffee Morning we have added a page in the 'Parents' area of the school website, called 'Supporting Your Child At Home'. This gives general ideas of things you can do at home to support your child's learning in school. You may find it useful on a wet weekend or holiday day, or if your child is off school unwell but is starting to recover. We were also asked to put up more information about our maths curriculum, how the mastery approach works in practice and how this can be supported at home. We are currently working on this and will let you know when it goes 'live'.

Children in Need

Children in Need day is on Friday 16th November. A letter with further information will go out nearer the time. The children are welcome to come to school that day wearing something spotty or stripy, we thought you would appreciate plenty of notice so you can get organised! We will also be holding our cake competition/bake sale, get your thinking caps on!

Lost Uniform

Please please can you make sure that all your child's school uniform is clearly and permanently labelled with their name, particularly jumpers and cardigans. We are having real problems at the moment with children saying they have lost jumpers and large piles of un-named items that we do not know what to do with. We are also aware that sometimes children take home the wrong jumper by accident. If you spot that you have something at home that belongs to another child, please just bring it back into school and we can get it back to its rightful owner. We really appreciate your support with this.

Plastic Bottles

We are hoping to make poppies to mark Remembrance Day, as we did last year. If you have any empty, large, plastic bottles (2I) please bring them into school so Mrs Draper can work her magic on them! Thank you very much.

Long Hair

Any child who has hair that is shoulder length or longer (girl or boy) needs this to be tied up at school. This is both for health and safety reasons, and also to ensure that their hair is not getting in the way when they are focusing on their work. For this reason we also ask for long fringes to be clipped back. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.



Year 4 at the top of Tor Y Foel during their residential in Danywenallt