

KEEVIL CoE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

11th Oct - Acorn Football Tournament – Y5/6
 18th, 19th & 20th Oct – Parents Evening (Years 1 to 6 only)
 20th Oct – Flu Vaccinations
 20th Oct – Last day of Term 1
 1st Nov – TD Day (School Closed)
 2nd Nov – Start of Term 2
 19th Nov – Children in Need Day
 23rd Nov – School Photos – Portraits
 29th Nov – 3rd Dec – Y5/6 Residential Trip to Pencelli

Message from the Head

As we draw close to the end of the first half term of the year, I can't help but stop for a moment and look back over everything we have done and achieved as a community over the past few weeks. It has been such a change, and at times a challenge, for us all to go back to 'normal', but we have not stopped at that. From the huge amount of food that was generously donated for The Storehouse Foodbank at our Harvest Festival, to the new Reception children being welcomed into our school family, I have been made hugely proud of everyone within the school who always reach out and think of others. There are other examples shared with you in this Newsletter – Martha Wright's great work for charity, our Football Team's efforts, a music award we have achieved – that add to this as well. And I hope over the next couple of weeks you will join with me in feeling proud and celebrating what your children have achieved, through their Pupil Progress Book which will come home to you next Friday and Parents Meetings with class teachers the following week. What a lovely way for us all to enter the half-term holiday.

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Theo and Harry for being Stars of the Week. Well done to Max for super maths work.

Spring: Well done to all of Year 3 for a great day at Braeside this week, where they had to challenge themselves by trying new activities and practise team building skills. Also well done to Alex, Jack, Matilda, Isla G, Eli and Sahara for great story writing.

Summer: Well done to Tyler, Seren, Alex, Rhys, Zach, Toby, Sonny-Bill and Eli for working really hard to improve their handwriting.

Autumn: Well done to all of Autumn class for working really hard during our assessment week.

Within the newsletter you will find information regarding some Stay and Play Sessions we are running in school on Saturday 27th November, to give nursery-aged children a taste of what life in big school is like. If you have children due to start school next September, please book a place for them (and you!) to come and have some fun with us. And please share this with family and friends with similar aged children who are starting to think about where might be the right setting for their child to go to school. There is more information and a link to the on-line booking form on the homepage of the school website: <https://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk/website>

Please remember that Monday 1st November is a training day for staff in school, so we look forward to seeing all children back at 8:45am on Tuesday 2nd November. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing break.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
223	187	223	225

ParentMail

We are getting closer to switching over from WisePay to Parent Mail. You should have received an invitation to register for Parent Mail this week. Please follow the instructions in the email to set up your Parent Mail account. We will inform you when Parent Mail is live and you are able to start booking wrap-around care, clubs, meals, etc. in Parent Mail. If you have not received the email, please get in touch with Tina or Jane in the school office.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will now take place in school on Wednesday 20th October. An email has been sent so you are able to give consent to your child receiving the vaccination.



A huge well done to our football team who are currently representing the school in the Trowbridge Schools Football League. Despite results to date not going in our favour, the team continue to do us proud with their great attitude and sportsmanship in all their games.



At the start of lockdown I started growing my hair for the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children whose hair has fallen out because they've had cancer treatment. Last week I had nearly 10 inches or 25 cm of my hair cut off. The charity needs hair and also money to make the wigs. Each wig costs £500 to make and I would really like it if people could help me raise some money and sponsor me for the Little Princess Trust through my JustGiving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martha-wright3>). Thank you, from Martha (Summer Class)



Many thanks to Mrs Fowler who has helped us to achieve this #DontDropMusic Award for ensuring that music has remained a key component of the curriculum offered to all our children throughout the Covid pandemic and associated restrictions. It is truly lovely that the whole school can join together and sing again now.



**Y3's Outward
Bound Day at
Braeside**



**Winter and
Spring
Classes
having fun in
the
playground!**





At Keevil CofE Academy, we believe passionately that we all have something that we can excel at. Our task is to ensure that every child feels success in something that they do in school, so that their self-esteem grows and they develop the confidence to flourish.

Our vision and ethos is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan which teaches us how someone reached out and gave all he could to someone to whom he could have turned his back. All we do in school is in this spirit of looking out for those around us. We are defined by "Always treat others as you would like to be treated" (Matthew 7:12).

In December 2019 Ofsted rated the school good in all areas, and said:

"Leaders and staff have created a nurturing school where pupils feel important and cherished. One pupil's view echoed the views of many others: 'If everyone knew about our school, all the other schools would be empty.'"

"pupils receive academic, social and emotional support that meets their individual needs"

"Staff and pupils described the school to inspectors as 'a family'."

"Pupils relish the many opportunities to learn about the world at Keevil."

If you are interested in finding out more about us, our headteacher, Lindsey Hermon, is happy to speak with you on the phone and/or show you round the school. Please contact us on 01380 870376 or at tfh@keevil.wilts.sch.uk to arrange either. You can also find further information about us including a virtual tour at www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk

We are holding Stay and Play sessions on Saturday 27th November so nursery-aged children and their families can come and explore our site and have a little taster of what life in big school is like! Places have to be booked in advance.

Please visit the school website

www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk to find the link to a simple on-line form to complete.



COVID-19 information from Sept 2021

A quick guide for parents/carers

Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a PCR test and to let us know the result or if your child has a positive LFD test result due to being at secondary school or college. LFD tests should not be used on primary or younger aged children. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been identified as a close contact of a case.**

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- a high temperature, or a new continuous cough, or a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.**
- This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).
- This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual).
- This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested.
Your child can attend school if fit to do so.

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Book a test for your child Child must self isolate. Members of the household only need to isolate if they are over 18 years and 6 months and not double vaccinated Inform school immediately about test result 	Your child can return to school if the PCR test is negative, they are well enough and have been free from a fever for 24 hours
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Only household contacts who are not double vaccinated and over the age of 18 years and 6 months must self isolate for 10 days 	They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/ taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone. If they still have a fever they need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication

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What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
Somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child must continue to attend school if they are symptom free Household member with symptoms must self isolate and book a test Only household members over 18 years and 6 months and not double vaccinated need to self isolate while waiting for test result 	If child does not have covid symptoms they must continue to attend school
Somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to send your child to school 	If your child does not have covid symptoms they must continue to attend school. NHS Test and Trace will recommend the household gets a PCR test but your child can continue to attend school while waiting for the result
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child will be advised to get a PCR test 	Your child should continue to attend school while waiting for the PCR test result.
Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad	Travel reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine and testing requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	Attend school as normal unless your child receives a positive result from the travel required PCR test

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