

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

15/11 Mrs Hermon at Newleaze bus stop
22/11 (2.30pm) Autumn Class Sharing
Worship
28/11 Stay and Play
29/11 Mrs Hermon at Steeple Ashton pub bus
stop
30/11 (9am) Key Stage 1 Coffee Morning
5/12 (4.30pm – 6pm) FOKS Winter Disco
6/12 Autumn Class Trip to Salisbury
Cathedral
7/12 FOKS Snow Ball
10/12 Acorn Netball Tournament

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Lily for hard work on her writing. Elsie, Martha, Harrison & Eli for super dinosaur descriptions.

Spring: Handwriting Awards for Louie, Sebastian, Isaac, Archie, Shai (Amber award), & Farrell (Green award). To Kestrels for winning the Reading Challenge for Term 1.

Summer: The whole class for making Mr Mynard welcome and working hard to keep everything running smoothly in Mrs O'Brien's absence.

Autumn: The whole class for a wonderful trip to the Harry Potter Studios in London.

Message from the Head

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a lovely break over the half term holiday and got to enjoy some time together as a family.

We spoke very openly with you last term about our battles as a school to improve our attendance rates, and the pressure this puts on us from outside agencies who judge and evaluate our effectiveness as a school. We have therefore started a new system of sending letters to any child who's attendance dips below 95% in a half term. I know that some of you will have received these letters over the holiday. We are very aware that for most children the reason that they missed sessions from school was due to the fact that they were ill, and were quite rightly kept off to get better. We know and understand this, and will never penalise a child or family for this. We know those children's attendance will improve because it is usually good. However, because our overall attendance figures require improvement, we need to be running a clear, transparent and fair system for monitoring and responding to attendance issues. This can make it a little 'blunt' in its execution. If this is not the case it becomes too easy for people to 'play' the system, making it pointless and unlikely to deliver the improvements we need. As ever, we are coming from the position of wanting the very best for all of our children, and good attendance is the bedrock for every child learning and achieving their best. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Another letter will be sent home with children today explaining a consultation process that we are starting regarding our admission arrangements for 2020-2021. We would appreciate you taking the time to read all of the information it contains, and responding if you feel you would like to make a contribution to the consultation.

Term 2 is always one of the most fun, busiest and most exhausting of the year - we are looking forward to sharing this with you all as we begin the race towards Christmas!

Nut Allergy

Please remember that we have two children in school who have serious, life-threatening nut allergies. We appreciate you making sure that you don't send any food containing nuts into school as part of packed lunches or snacks. Please be particularly careful about biscuits and cereal bars, and also chocolate spread, which can often contain nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

Bus Stop Visits

Mrs Hermon is very sorry, but she needs to move these this half term. So she will be at Newleaze on Thursday 15th November and at the Steeple Ashton pub on Thursday 29th November. She looks forward to seeing you then.

Swimming

We are very pleased to let you know that we have finally sorted all the details regarding swimming lessons in Clarendon Pool and these started again for Autumn Class this week. We will continue with our usual timetable over the course of the rest of the year, so all classes will get their turn. Look out for details on WisePay.

Acorn Sports Coach

We are sad to say that Emily will no longer be delivering our in-school PE lessons and after school clubs for us. Instead this term this will be done by Andrew Ayers. He has already made a great start with the children and he is very much looking forward to working with us. He has been told many lovely things about all the children at Keevil by the other staff at Acorn, which is great!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

A reminder that shoe boxes or items for the boxes are due in school by 14th November. Please leave them on the drawers in the corridor.

Hope for the
future



CAFÉ CHURCH FOR ADVENT

Sunday December 2nd 2018

11.00 at Holy Cross, Seend

All friends and families from the Wellsprings Benefice villages

(Bulkington, Marston, Potterne,
Poulshot, Seend and Worton)

are welcome