

# **KEEVIL COFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER**

Up-coming Dates:

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest Festival (2pm) 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Zoom Pencelli Information session – 5pm 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Flu Vaccinations 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 3 trip to Braeside (9am-3pm) 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Acorn Football Tournament – Y5/6 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents Evening (19<sup>th</sup> Oct tbc) 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of Term 1 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – TD Day (School Closed) 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Start of Term 2

#### In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Poppy and Max for super writing about what they are thankful for. Well done to Freddie T, Clara and Lottie for exceptional manners.

Spring: Well done to all of Spring Class for creating and sharing their amazing stories on 'Traction Man' using puppets. Alex, Jack, Matilda, Isla G, Eli and Sahara all impressed Mrs Brown with their story writing this week.

Summer: Well done to Seren for some lovely descriptive writing this week.

Autumn: Well done to all of the children who went to the John of Gaunt taster day last week. Mrs Stainer was very proud of them and the wonderful ambassadors they were for Keevil. Also, well done to the class for great counting in French this week.

#### Message from the Head

One of the wonderful things about the easing of covid restrictions this year, has been the return of the whole school being able to gather together for Worship on a daily basis. This happens at 9am every day.

On Mondays I lead the Worship and we have a focus on a different Christian Value each half term. This term's value is Thankfulness, and so far we have reflected on all the people we are thankful for in our lives and how we can show this to them, and how we can remain thankful and joyful when times are tough. Our Harvest Festival next week gives us another opportunity through which we can show our thankfulness, and share this by giving donations of food to those who need it through the Storehouse Food Bank in Trowbridge. For more information about this please see the letter on WisePay.

On Thursdays our wonderful team of Y6 Worship Leaders plan and lead Worship revisiting what we started to explore on Monday. I have been so proud of how these children have risen to the challenge and responsibility of this role so far this year. On Tuesdays in Worship, we explore one of the Keevil Characteristics – Teamwork, Learning, Resilience, Problem-Solving, Communication or Diligence. These are themes that run through our entire curriculum, and we believe that developing these in children will help them to be successful with us and in their future life. On Wednesdays we have been learning about our British Values of:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect
- Individual Liberty
- Tolerance of others with different faiths and beliefs

These are big words and concepts for smaller people, but are values that we sometimes take for granted and therefore need to be understood and upheld. On Fridays we have Celebration Worship, which is my favourite time of the week. It is an opportunity to share and celebrate some of the amazing things that have been going on across the school that week. Even within the first few weeks of the school year there is a whole wealth of learning and achievement already taking place in every classroom.

Worship is the only time in the school day when every member of the community joins together in the same activity. To be able to do that again after such a long time, and to feel like one community that belongs together and supports one another has reminded us all what a privilege this is and how much we have missed such opportunities.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
116	089	115	105

## Children in Need

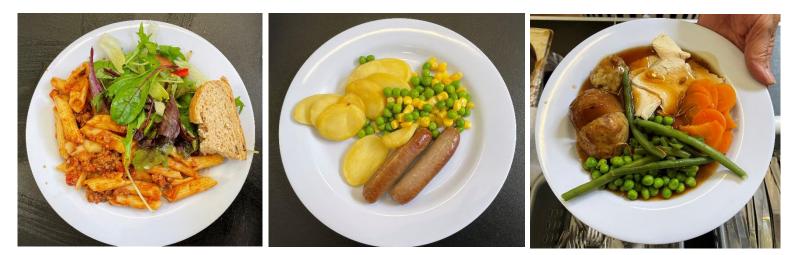
Children in Need is on Friday 12th November this year. Children will be able to come into school in their own clothes, and wear 'something spotty' if they wish, in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Year 6's will collect donations at the school gate.

#### **IRIS Parent Mail**

As a whole Trust, Acorn is moving to a different electronic payment system for parents. This means we will stop using WisePay and instead move to using IRIS Parent Mail. We are currently aiming to go live with the system on 7<sup>th</sup> October, but the set up and transfer of accounts will take place over the half term holiday. You will receive further information regarding this before the system goes live. As a parent myself who has gone through this transfer, it was a very straightforward process which required me to do very little. I also find IRIS Parent Mail an easier system to navigate and use, for example, siblings are automatically linked together into one account. So please don't worry about this up-coming change.

## School Dinners

We have been very impressed in school at the range and quality of the school dinners from our new provider Lataca. There are some pictures on the following page to show you some of the meals we have had in school this week. Meals can be ordered and paid for on WisePay if you would like to take advantage of this offer for your child.



A selection of Main Courses



Jacket Potato

Soup and Sandwiches





A selection of Vegetarian Options



School dinners this week!