29th April 2022



KEEVIL COFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

2nd May – Bank Holiday (School Closed) 6th May – Non-uniform day for Scarecrow Trail (toys and teddies) 9th – 12th May – SATS week (Y6) 17th May – Winter class trip to Pizza Express

19th May – Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service visit 20th May – Stay and Learn

23rd May– Acorn Athletics Event – Year 3

23rd – 25th May – Year 4 Residential trip to Danywenallt

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Olivia for being our Stars of the Week. Well done to all of Winter class for doing some super planting. Also, well done to Lottie, Clara, Cataleya and Theo for their hard work in phonics.

Spring: Well done to Ruby who has shown real resilience in her Maths work this week.

Summer: Well done to Lily and Zac for settling so well into Summer class and have a great first week at Keevil.

Autumn: Well done to our new Prefects for this term; William, Toby, Emily and Maisie.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
66	61	59	63

Message from the Head

I hope that you all had a happy holiday and were able to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends, and the sunshine! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week.

For the first time in 2 years we are starting a term knowing that we can plan all the events that we would like and want to be able to do, without worrying that these might not be possible or have to be changed or cancelled at the last minute. I cannot express what a wonderful feeling that is. I wanted to share and explain with you everything that we planning, so you can put dates in your diaries and be able to look forward to events as we are:

- Stay and Learn we are going to run two Stay and Learn sessions on Friday 20th May and Friday 24th June. We invite parents and carers to join their children in their classrooms between 8:45 and 9:30am on these days to work with them on a learning-based activity. If you have children in different classes you are welcome to split your time during the sessions between the different rooms.
- Coffee Morning on Friday 27th May and Friday 15th July parents/carers are welcome to join me for a drink (and biscuit, if you are lucky!) and an informal chat in the hall from 9:00 to 9:30am, as an opportunity to find out a little more about what is going on in school and ask any questions that you may have.
- Open Classroom on Wednesday 6th July all classrooms across the school will be open from 3:15 to 4:30pm for parents/carers to visit with their child as an opportunity to look through and share their work with them.
- Meet The Teacher on Wednesday 22nd June between 3:15 and 4:30pm you are welcome to visit the classroom that your child will be moving into in September and meet the staff team who will be teaching and working with your child next year, and find out about the routines, expectations and curriculum they will be experiencing.
- Sports Day this will take place on the village field between 9:15 and 11:30am on Wednesday 6th July.

For some of you with older children you may be able to cast your minds back and remember that these were things that used to be a normal part of our life and routine in school. All staff are really looking forward to being able to start these things again. Their absence over the past two years has shown how important

> they are for building relationships between home and school, helping us all to work together in partnership for the best outcomes for the children, and enabling children to feel real pride in being able to share what they have done and achieved. It is truly wonderful that we can re-start all of these things, and do hope that you are able to join us for at least one or two and you find them as positive and enjoyable as we will.

Inter-House Challenge

Find details about this term's Inter-House Challenge on the following page. The Green Trees Schools Award has been discussed with all the children in Worship this week, and hopefully they will be able to share some of the details about this award with you and how this term's challenge will contribute towards us achieving the Gold Award as a school.

Scarecrow Trail

With the Scarecrow Trail now just two weeks away, you should have received a Volunteer Letter this week. We need lots of volunteers over the course of the weekend (14th and 15th May) to make the event a success. Please complete and the return the form to the school office to let us know if you are able to help. We will then create and distribute a rota to everyone who has offered to help. Please do help if you can, even if it's just for a couple of hours. Thank you in advance.



A Bird's Eye View – a photo of things from above

An Insect View – Use a macro button to get a close up of lichens, moss a flower or leaf.

A View From Below – looking at trees, leaves & flowers from below gives you a different perspective.

Framing your picture – Use the woodland to frame a view.







This term's Interhouse Challenge will help us earn some points towards our Gold Green Trees Award. We are encouraging you to get out and explore nature from different viewpoints and practise your photography skills to take a photo from a different viewpoint. Some ideas are given above! Get snapping !

Please bring in photographs or pictures, printed ideally on photo paper by Friday 20th May.

Or they can be sent to Miss Ashdown: ja@keevil.wilts.sch.uk (please note these entries will be printed on normal paper rather than photo paper). We can't wait to see what you all come up with!

All entries will earn 3 housepoints for their house, and we will be choosing the best pictures from all submitted to award extra housepoints to as well.



Rockery

Many thanks to Ms Ritchens and Mrs Wright for all their hard work in creating a beautiful rockery on the corner of the school. It is lovely to see this area bursting back into life.

Inter-Class Sunflower Competition

Sunflowers are the symbol of a hidden disability, and the school have been asked by Goodson Lodge Care Centre - a Dementia Care Home in Hilperton- to plant Sunflowers to show our support. They have donated enough seeds for each child to grow their own plant, and for us to run a competition to see which class can grow the tallest sunflower!

Over the next few weeks, each class will sow their seeds into larger pots which will then be placed at the front of the school for us all to watch – and measure. The children will be responsible for looking after their pot and hopefully, will enjoy watching them grow! We are all excited to see which class has the greenest fingers, and which will be the winner!

If you would like to show your support for the Trust, you can take a photograph of your plant in flower at home, and post on the Goodson Lodge Facebook site or #GrowingTogether.

