

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

28/11 Stay and Play (9am)
29/11 Mrs Hermon visiting SA pub bus stop
30/11 Key Stage 1 Coffee Morning (9am)
5/12 FOKS Winter Disco (4.30 – 6pm)
6/12 Autumn Class trip to Salisbury Cathedral
7/12 FOKS Snow Ball
10/12 Acorn High Five Netball Tournament
14/12 Key Stage 2 Coffee Morning (9am)
17/12 Nativity play (1.30pm)
18/12 Nativity play (6pm)
19/12 Y3/4 Carol Concert (6pm)

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: The Year 1 children have really impressed the grown-ups this week! They are showing us they are ready to learn – well done!

Spring: Congratulations to Daphne, Emily B-S, Molly & Thomas Q on achieving their Amber Handwriting award. Well done to Io, Arwen, Harry, Daphne, Frankie & Emily B-S for passing their 99 clubs.

Summer: Oliver G for great punctuation of speech. All of Year 4 for being good role models in the playground.

Autumn: Well done to the whole of Autumn class for brilliant Art and DT work, creating their wonderful Harry Potter wands.

Message from the Head

Our school ethos comes from the story of the Good Samaritan and the quote: 'Always treat others as you would like to be treated'. We live this in school on a daily basis, but it has been particularly evident recently. Our children (and you) have been working hard to support and give to others through our Children In Need events where we raised a brilliant £291.18, and donating shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. And we are the beneficiaries, through all the hard work of the FOKS team who are in the midst of creating the school's 2019 calendar ready to sell and raise money for us. It is so powerful for all our children to see that message being lived out so visibly. And we are hugely appreciative of all your hard work and support of these things, thank you very much.

Given that this principle is at the heart of us as a school, we have been disappointed that we have been approached by a number of villagers, both neighbours of the school and representatives of the Parish Council, with a number of complaints recently. These are mostly around the beginning and end of the school day. They appreciate that these times will bring people and vehicles into the village, but they have asked me to remind you of a few things:

- Please do not park on the road in front of school where we put out the cones. This leaves a valuable passing place for those traveling through the village.
- Please park carefully so that residents' gates and driveways are not obstructed.
- Please be careful opening car doors out into the road when letting children out of cars.
- Please make use of the 'rolling drop' we operate in the mornings, so that you do not have to find a parking space.
- Please make use of the school buses if you are entitled to a place to reduce traffic coming into the village.
- Please make sure you treat the village with respect – don't drop litter, don't use people's driveways for turning around in, respect people's property and vehicles.

We understand that the village is not designed for modern traffic and the logistics of school drop off and pick up, and this can make what is a hectic time of day even more tricky for you. But we would greatly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter, to help us work with the village to find a place where everybody is happy.

Christmas Tree Festival

Please see the information about the Steeple Ashton Christmas Tree Festival which has been sent home with children today. All the children across the school have been working hard to create a decoration to be displayed on our school tree which we are contributing to the festival. This is running in St Mary's Church in Steeple Ashton on 30th November – 2nd December. It would be lovely if you could go and see our tree with your children during the festival. Following this we will bring the tree back to school where we can all enjoy it for the rest of the festive period.

School Buses

Please could you support our efforts to tighten up on safeguarding procedures around the school buses, where we are now operating a register system. We need you to let us know when your child will and won't be using the bus. We appreciate that there is always some confusion around the introduction of a new system, but please remember it is vital that you let school know about going home arrangements as well as your child.

Discover Christmas

A flyer has been sent home with children today giving information about the Discover Christmas activity morning that Mrs Thomas is running in school on Saturday 8th December. All the details are on the flyer, but it would be lovely for this to be well attended. Those children who go always have a great time.

Stay and Play

Please remember that this is taking place next Wednesday (28.11.18) in all classes from 8:45 – 9:30am. Please come and join your child in a fun learning activity if you are able to.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Please look out for the letter which is coming home explaining the Reverse Advent Calendar that we are organizing in school this year. It is an opportunity for us to stop and think about and give to others at what is a very exciting time of year. We are going to use the Reverse Advent Calendar to create Christmas Hampers for the Storehouse Food Bank in Trowbridge. We appreciate your support in making this a success.



Autumn Class enjoying their trip to the Harry Potter Studios