

2nd December 2022



KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

5th Dec – Acorn Football Tournament – Y 3/4
7th Dec – Parents Evening – Reception children
9th Dec – Coffee afternoon (2.30pm)
12th Dec – Nativity (KS1) 1.30pm
13th Dec – Nativity (KS1) 6pm
14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec – Summer Class to Blenheim House
14th Dec – Children's Christmas Lunch
14th Dec – 'The Snowman' performance
14th Dec – Summer Class Christmas Concert (6pm)
15th Dec – Spring Class trip to 'The Egg Theatre'
16th Dec – Christmas Service (9.15am)
16th Dec – Last Day of Term 2

Message from the Head

I always try to hold off from Christmas until we reach December, but visiting St James' Church earlier this week to set up the school's tree for their Christmas Tree Festival (see picture and information on a subsequent page) has made that quite impossible this year. The Church is filled with dozens of trees decorated in creative and colourful ways by all manner of local groups, and I couldn't help leaving full of festive cheer. A number of people commented on the beautiful decorations that our children had made as I was decorating the tree, and I certainly feel that ours is by far and away the best tree there! We have also made decorations for the Keevil Village Christmas Tree, and there are details below about the 'switching on of lights' celebration on the 10th December to which all families are warmly invited.

As well as making decorations, school is full of other Christmas activities as well – with rehearsals for the Nativity play and Christmas Concert well underway. We hope that you are able to join us to enjoy watching your child(ren) performing during the last week of term.

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Rosa and Cayla for being our Stars of the Week. Rosa for independent writing and excellent effort in phonics. Cayla for excellent reading and phonics.

Spring: Well done to Skylan for earning his yellow handwriting award. Well done to all the children for their hard work and dedication to practicing for their Nativity.

Summer: Well done to all of Summer Class who are working hard to learn all of the Christmas songs for our performances at the end of term. We are looking forward to watching you and getting in the Christmas spirit!

Autumn: Well done to Maksym, Lily, Zac S, Charlie and Harrison for writing super Harry Potter stories this week.

It is important to us in school that we think about giving as well as receiving at Christmas time, and we are hugely appreciative of your support at home with this. We have a wonderful collection of donations of gifts to take to RUKSAK45218. We have also started our Reverse Advent Calendar this week, and are already seeing a growing collection of staples and treats amassing in each class. Many thanks for all you have given to help local families enjoy what could otherwise be a very sparse Christmas.



Donations for RUKSAK45218

No Christmas Cards for 2022

As part of our Go Green Pledge that is enabling us to work towards the Platinum Green Tree Award in school, we are asking children and staff **not** to send Christmas Cards to one another this year. We are working hard as a school to be environmentally aware and to operate in a more sustainable manner. We feel that the sending of hundreds of cards does not support this ethos. Currently our School Council is working on energy saving initiatives, and we will be sharing more details about these with you next term.

| House points | | | |
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| Kestrels | Ospreys | Buzzards | Harriers |
| 881 | 1028 | 1087 | 1174 |

Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to all of you who have completed this so far, we are very appreciative of your input. If you have yet to do this, please follow the link below to fill it in. We would like to have all responses back by the end of term:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iC8pSSNzXUy-ony9UUbbMa_wp9T53H9KrUTkoc20A_xUMlhHTTBZWk1ISk9MS1dWU1FMRFVLS0pTUS4u

Inter-House Challenge Winners

Many thanks to everyone who submitted entries to this term's competition and have earned house points for their houses. The competition was organised and judged by our Sports Leaders, Evie Taylor and Isaac Wade, and the winners are:

KS1

- 1st- Clara (Harriers)
- 2nd- George (Kestrels)
- 3rd- Olivia (Buzzards)

KS2

- 1st - Kalen (Harriers)
- 2nd- William Thomas (Kestrels)
- 3rd – Aurelia (Harriers)

Total house points earned:

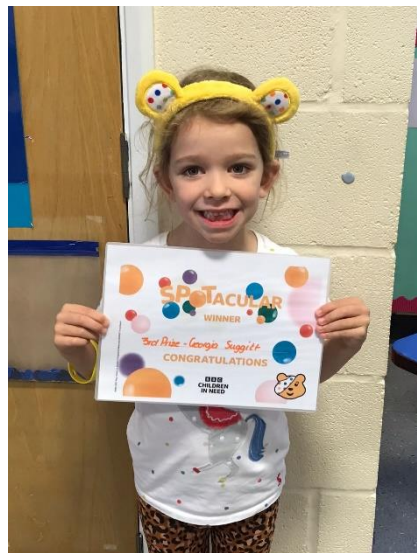
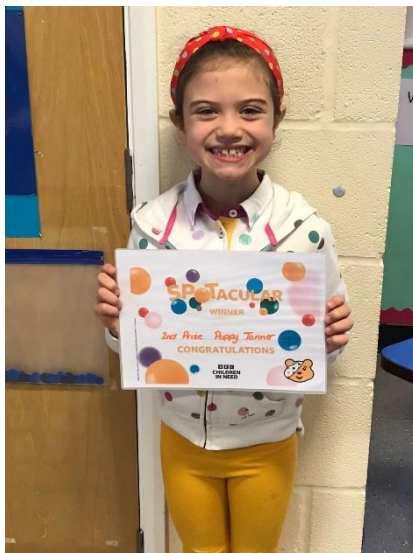
Kestrels- 55

Harriers- 65

Buzzards- 10

Ospreys- 5

Congratulations to all our winners!

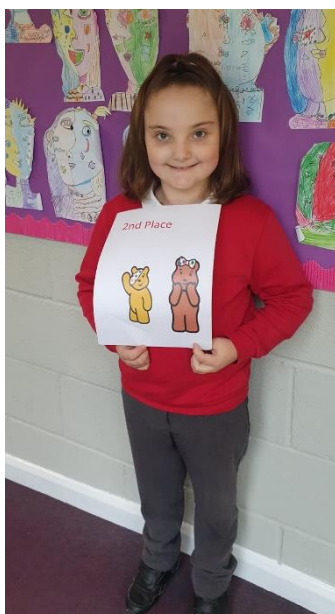


KS1 Winners

We raised an amazing £277.53 for Children In Need!

Many thanks to you all for your donations, delicious cakes and wearing spotty clothes.

A huge thank you to Mrs Brown and all the other members of staff and FOKS who helped make the day such a success.



KS2 Winners

New Picture of the Term for Christmas



Mystic Nativity by Sandro Botticelli

[Sandro Botticelli | 'Mystic Nativity' | NG1034 | National Gallery, London](#)



From Acorn Education Trust:

The Acorn Appeal

The Acorn Appeal is Acorn Education Trust's charitable arm, providing support in purchasing uniform and school supplies for pupils in need of help.

The Trust has always been committed to the wellbeing and support of all of our pupils and their families. During the Covid-19 pandemic, there were a lot of changes which continue to have huge and long-lasting effects on our local communities, creating unprecedented challenges.

Although the Acorn Appeal was initially set up to provide support during a period of national uncertainty, it has now evolved into a Trust wide network, with each setting holding fundraising events throughout the academic year, including non-school uniform days, in addition to supporting Trust-wide drives, including:

Food Bank Drive

In April, settings across Acorn Education Trust held a Food Bank Drive to support our local communities during the Easter Holiday. The Appeal collected donations of food and toiletries which were donated to the Warminster Food Bank, Crosspoint Westbury, Storehouse Trowbridge, Devizes Food Bank (Trussell Trust) and Salisbury Food Bank (Trussell Trust).

Tour D'Acorn

Seven current and former members of Acorn Education Trust staff took part in a one-day cycle ride to each of the 17 Acorn Education Trust settings. On one of the hottest days of 2022, the team covered a total of 126km, the equivalent of cycling from Trowbridge to Birmingham, raising over £2,000 in the process.

Each setting within Acorn Education Trust contributes to The Appeal and has access to it. To date, The Acorn Appeal has raised over £10,000, supporting pupils and their families with the purchasing of school uniform and school supplies and paid for pupils to attend school trips or after school activities.

As a Trust, we are keenly aware of the challenges that many within our communities are facing today. We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Acorn Appeal and helped us support those in need so they can attend school feeling valued and more importantly, that they belong.

On **SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER**
the **Keevil Christmas Tree** lights
will be switched on outside the Village Hall
at **5.30 pm**



Come and join us on this festive occasion
when we will be singing carols and enjoying a
glass
of mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall afterwards.

**We've made it early so that the children can also
come along and see their works of art on the tree.**

Donations for refreshments will be given to
Air Ambulance

St James' Church
Christmas Tree Festival
Tue 29 Nov to Sat 03 Dec 2022
Open daily 1000 – 1700
(16:00 on Saturday)



All welcome
Free admission
Refreshments available



If you have the chance to visit the Christmas Tree Festival in St James' Church in Trowbridge before it ends on Saturday 3rd December, you will be able to see our school tree resplendent with beautiful decorations made by the children. The church is full of beautiful trees, so it is well worth the trip.

Kids Inflatables Christmas Party

14 DEC 2022

5:00PM - 7:00PM

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TICKETS £8.50

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