**Friday 6th October**

**Message from the Deputy Head and Headteacher**

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| As we write the football team are preparing for taking on Holt later, we applaud their recent success and a big thanks to Mr. McCaldon. Summer Class are off to the Bath Children’s Literature Festival tomorrow and Autumn Class to @Bristol next week.  We’re putting the finishing touches to our school improvement and development plans for this year which will go on to the website. The Improvement plan is focused very much on teaching and learning and our focus is about sustaining improvement in progress in the core subjects as well as increasing the pace of our lessons and really drilling down in to ensuring that each child is maximizing their progress in any single lesson. The Development Plan is about the wider school and the culture of the school. The Academy Council will go through and ratify them. We will let you know more once they’re completed.  Well, the wheels are really moving on the epic IT changes happening at the school. The 30 lap tops are piled high at Acorn HQ and the installation starts during half term and will go on through the subsequent two weeks; it will involve quite a few alterations. An enormous thank you to FoKS for their contribution of up to £3000. This will be focused on the areas that the wider school community can use such as a projector and screen that will come down from the ceiling of the hall. |
| Labelling Uniform  Please, please, please can you make sure that all items of your child’s uniform is clearly labelled with their name. Large amounts of time and energy are wasted in searching for lost items, and trying to find the owner of unlabelled things.  Also, some labelled items of clothing have gone missing and cannot be found at school. These have most likely been taken home in error, by another child. So please could you have a check at home, and return any items that are not yours, then we can find their proper owner. Thank you, your help with this is much appreciated. |
| Harvest Festival  Thank you so much for all your very generous gifts of food given at last week’s Harvest Festival. Mrs Dalgleish has taken these to the Storehouse in Trowbridge, where they were very gratefully received, and will now be used to support people and families in need in our local area. We also hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see some of the work the children had done in the preceding days based around our RE topic of Creation. |
| Message From FOKS  Only a week left until the calendar photo shoot on Friday 13th October! Hopefully you all have your costumes at the ready. If you are having any problems please do let us know and we will try and help. We look forward to an enjoyable morning.  Winter Disco date change  We had planned to hold the winter disco on Friday 8th December but are going to have to change this date as we have been unable to secure a venue. We are in the process of confirming all the details, so will communicate the new date as soon as we have everything in place.  Apologies for any inconvenience.  Moroccan Themed Evening Fundraiser  Eric Lepine, Dad to Io in year one, has very kindly offered to run a Moroccan themed evening to raise money for FOKS. The event will take place on Saturday 11th November from 7 - 10.30pm in Steeple Ashton Village Hall. Tickets cost £27.50 and include a mint mojito and mezze on arrival, followed by a Moroccan meal and dessert. Please see the attached poster with the full menu and information about the evening.  Tickets can be bought through Eric (info on the poster) or Jane Watson via the school office. Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of Keevil School'. All dietary requirements can be accommodated; please let us know when booking so Eric can ensure your requirements are met. Any other questions about the evening, please see Eric or Jane. |
| We are always appreciative that all parents and visitors to the school site recognise and respect that we have a no smoking policy.  Obviously we cannot make demands on people away from the school buildings, but we would encourage everyone to consider whether smoking in front of children in places associated with the school, such as bus stops, is the most appropriate course of action.  We would appreciate your consideration of this matter. |
| In Mr Burr’s Good Learning Book are:  Winter: Star of the week – Elliott for working so hard in all subjects and Iris for being independent in her learning, Charlie, Isaac, Molly and Daphne for passing their 99 club and to Iris for her presentation in her work (particularly in handwriting).  Summer: Freya and Ivie for their handwriting, Henry Steel for fantastic knowledge of the Stoneage, Toby, Amber, Jack for achieving their level in handwriting and Ivie, Henry Wade and Emily for achieving their green level in handwriting – only 1 more level before their pen licence).  Autumn: Niall, Bliss, Edmund, Hadley, Monty, Euan, William Cottle, Mason, Alex, Amelia and Joshua for achieving the next level in the times table challenge. |
| Dates for your Diary  October  6th Oct – Summer Class Trip to Phoenix Live  10th Oct – Autumn Class Trip to @Bristol  11th Oct – School Photographs (Portraits)  13th Oct – FOKS 2018 Calendar Photo shoot  16th Oct – 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parent’s Evening  17th Oct – 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parent’s Evening  18th Oct – TD Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)  19th – 29th Oct – Half Term Break  30th Oct – Children return to school  November  9th Nov – Autumn Class Sharing Worship  15th Nov – 8.45am Stay and Play  December  4th and 5th Dec – Bikeability  12th Dec – 1.30pm Nativity Play (Winter and Spring)  13th Dec – 6pm Nativity Play (Winter and Spring)  14th Dec – 6pm – Summer Class Concert  20th Dec – 1.30pm Christmas Service  21st Dec – 3rd January – Christmas Break |