

# KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## Up-coming Dates:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Stay and Learn (8.45am)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mrs Hermon at Steeple Ashton Pub bus stop
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sports Relief
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Key Stage 2 Coffee Morning (9am)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Acorn Athletics Tournament (Years 3-6)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Spring Class Sharing Worship
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Easter Service (9.30am)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Last day of term 4
- 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – Children return to school

## In our Good Learning Book this week:

**Winter:** Eloise & Lottie for being Stars of the Week. Maison, Leo, Barney, Eli, Farleigh & Hugo for excellent writing about the lost rubber ducks.

**Spring:** Oskar J & Elsie for gaining their Pen Licence. William & Harry for gaining their Green Handwriting Award.

**Summer:** Zac for settling in so well to his new class. Frankie for showing a positive attitude in Maths.

**Autumn:** Isobel, Ffion S-H, Jack & Harry for setting a great example as our new prefects.

## Message from the Head

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day in school. Hopefully your child had a wonderful time, both dressing up as a character from a favourite story, and being able to work with a published author, Emma Read. She entertained the whole school in assembly about her book ‘Milton the Mighty’ and how she wanted to write a book about spiders as she felt they were given a bad press! She then spent time in every class working with all the children, and inspiring them to write. Many thanks to Mrs Brown for all her hard work in organising such a fun day for us all.

Reading is arguably the key skill we teach in primary school, all other disciplines rely on an ability to read. This starts with children learning phonics and the mechanics of decoding the words on the page, and progresses through basic recall and comprehension skills, to developing understanding of context and implied meaning. We work hard to ensure that we inspire children during this journey, through the choice of texts and activities we do. But nothing has quite the impact of them working with a visitor in school, particularly an exciting one! We know that a love of reading is a lifelong gift that we can give children, that will open worlds for them into which they can escape and explore. As Dr Seuss says:

*“You can find magic wherever you look.*

*Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.”*

In our fast paced world of technology and screens, it can be easy to forget the wonder of the printed page. You will be doing your child an immeasurable service if you can encourage them to find joy in reading – through reading to them and with them; allowing them to explore a range of books and find the genres they love, making use of the local library and resources we have in school to help you do this; and instilling an enthusiasm for and a passion about books.

## House points

Kestrals	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
614	473	339	442

## Pancake Afternoon

Many thanks to Eric Lepine, Sera Gay and FOKS for putting on an afternoon of delicious pancakes for the whole school to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. They were very much enjoyed by all!

## Sports Relief

We will be celebrating Sports Relief on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March with a ‘Do-anything-athon’ run by Autumn Class. We ask every child to bring in a donation of at least £1 to take part. They will have 15 minutes to keep moving for as long as possible by running on the spot, skipping, hopping, jumping Jacks or hoola hooping. Autumn Class will be keeping a tally and will convert how long children keep moving for/how many repetitions they achieve into house points, which will be added to the house point totals at the end of the day.

## Inter-House Competition

This term's Inter-House Competition is a times table challenge for KS2.

Term 4 Times Table Inter-House Competition (KS2 only)	
Round 1	
Written times table competition in each class.	Top 3 from each class go through.
Round 2	
Quick fire times table quiz.	Top 3 go through
Round 3	
Buzz in round	Winner is whoever answers most answers correctly

This is well under way in school now, with round 1 having been completed by all children in key stage 2.

The 3 children with the highest scores in Summer and Autumn class have gone through to round 2.

Congratulations to:

Charlie Merchant, Thomas Watson and Frankie-Raine Bliha

Logan Bittner, Oscar Crosby and Elle Streeter



**Pancake fun!**