

## KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Up-coming Dates:

11.9 – YR photo for Wiltshire Times  
26.9 – 9:00am Stay and Play for Spring, Summer and Autumn Class; Phonics Workshop for YR parents.  
1.10 – Y3 trip to Brokerswood  
2.10 – 1:30pm Harvest Festival  
3.10-5.10 – Y4 residential in Danywenallt  
18.10 – Autumn Sharing Worship  
19.10 – Pupil Progress Books go home  
22.10 – Individual school photos  
22.10 and 23.10 – Parents Evening  
24.10 – TD Day, school closed for children  
25.10 – start of half term holiday  
5.11 – first day of Term 2

### ***In our Good Learning Book this week:***

***Winter:*** Miss Ashdown and Mrs Brown are very pleased that the new children in Winter Class have settled in well.

***Spring:*** A big well done to Spring class for coming into the class so independently this week and being ready to learn straight away every day, what a great start.

***Summer:*** Elijah has entered year3 in a positive and enthusiastic way. He loves a challenge and is always smiling. Summer Class have made a good start to the year and are already starting to work well together.

***Autumn:*** Euan, Bonnie, Caleb, Amelia, Amber, Renn, April, Nancy and Georgia for brilliant work in art.

### Message from the Head

It is lovely to see you all back in school after the summer holidays. I hope that you had a fantastic break with your family, and you are feeling refreshed and rested, and ready for all the excitements that this year will bring.

There has been a hive of activity in the school building all summer. Hopefully you have spotted the great artificial grass in the playground and the new floor and re-decoration of the hall. These things really enhance the environment for the children, which improves their overall experience at school.

All members of staff have also been working very hard, to make sure that classrooms, resources, plans and ideas are all the very best that they can be so that all the children will have a happy, safe and learning-filled year. My thanks goes to all of them.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many new children and families into our community this week: all of our new YR children – Farleigh, Sahara, Isla G, Maison, Elijah, Hugo, Ethan, Leo, Barnaby, Edmund, Bertie, Matilda, Isla T, Ruby, Alexander and Oscar. As well as children in other year groups: Elsie and Lucy in Y1, and Oliver in Y3. We hope that you all have wonderful time learning and growing with us.

On the reverse you will find our school Mission Statement. Please take the time to read this, and remind yourself at the start of the year who, what and why we are as a school.

It just remains for me to say, that all of us in school are very much looking forward to this year. As ever, we will do our very best to ensure that each and every child can reach their full potential, in all areas of the curriculum and beyond. We know that in order to do this we need to work in partnership with you. So please, come and see us about anything that is worrying or concerning you, however big or small. Together we can make sure that all our wonderful children flourish.

### PE and Swimming

We are very pleased that our in-school sports provision is going to be taken over by Acorn's own PE team this year. This will ensure a consistency of personnel, expectations and delivery, which will only benefit the children's experience and learning. They will also be taking over the running of 2 of our after school sports clubs – football and hockey. PH Sport will be continuing to run 2 after-school clubs for us – Camp Games and Multi-Sports – as well as 2 lunch time active sessions in the playground. Please speak to Mrs Fish about details regarding booking places on any clubs.

We are also very appreciative of your understanding regarding our on-going struggles to organise swimming for this year. We have a glimmer of hope to report back to you. It is looking positive that we may be able to have a slot at Clarendon Pool for at least part of the year. When we have had confirmation of details we will be able to let you know how we will be organising and running swimming across the school this year. Thank you for your patience.

### New Home-School Agreement

We have been aware for a while that our Home-School Agreement is getting old and no longer really represents who and what we are as a school. So following work in our TD Day creating our 'Keevil Aspirations' – what we are aiming for a child's experience, journey and learning with us to be – we are going to look at and re-write the whole Home-School Agreement. We would like to share this with you as soon as possible, and we will start with a discussion session in school at **9am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. We hope to see as many as possible of you there.

# Keevil Church of England Academy

## Mission Statement



In the story of the Good Samaritan we come to understand how someone reached out and gave all he could to someone on whom he could have turned his back. As a pupil and member of staff at Keevil we are defined by this message, above all.

We are also defined by values of tolerance, courtesy, fairness, and respect for one other. These lead to motivation for service and commitment to society, both within and beyond our school. For this reason we have taken Jesus' summary as our principle of life in Keevil school:

**"Always treat others as you would like them to treat you"**

(Matthew 7:12)

We presume children to achieve their very best. Children will leave this school as the very best Readers, Mathematicians, and Writers that they can be, combined with an understanding of health and fitness in mind and body. This can only happen if a love of learning for learning's sake is fostered. This happens through great teachers and other school staff who are motivated, challenged and valued.

It is a failure if we are *only* producing children who are able academically. Parents who are the centre of a child's life, must be supported by the school in helping their child be confident, by providing something, be it a club or a subject, that enables their child to understand and feel success. We will enable children to reflect on their actions, good and bad and understand consequence and the importance of doing good. By going through this process children will also develop self awareness and an understanding of how they can always improve, and reach beyond perceived barriers. To achieve this level of self awareness children will develop skills that enable them to excel at behaving and communicating, by both listening and speaking, always, in a spirit of respect for others and themselves. It is vital, always that children are able to turn perceived weakness in to actual strength. All of this will lead to an inner confidence which, more than anything else will enable a child, in their future, to overcome and to flourish.

A child's future, after the pivotal role of the parent, is defined by the primary years of education. We are absolutely clear, at Keevil, how this should be done.