

30th April 2021



KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

3rd May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
28th May – Last day of Term 5
7th June – TD Day (School Closed)
8th June – Start of Term 6
22nd June – Induction meeting for new Reception parents (6pm)
29th June & 7th July – Transition mornings
30th June – Meet the Teacher (3.15 – 4.30pm)
w/c 12th July – Autumn Class production
13th July – Sports Day
21st July – Year 6 Graduation Evening (6pm)
23rd July – Last day of Term 6

Message from the Head

I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter holidays, although it most likely feels like the dim and distant past now! It has been wonderful to return to school in the sunshine. Combined with the fact that some covid restrictions are starting to be eased nationally, it is beginning to feel like the world is a brighter place.

Given that the country is currently making good progress on the journey of unlocking, and covid numbers are remaining low, we are tentatively making plans to resume some of our 'usual' events and activities. You will find proposed dates within the Up-coming Dates section opposite. Everything is planned for after June 21st, which has been given as the possible date for the end of social distancing and other restrictions across the country. However, it remains to be seen if this will happen, and if all restrictions are removed at this point. Therefore, we ask for your understanding that these dates are yet to be confirmed, as are the ways in which we will be able to manage events. We will let you know all details nearer the time. But we are keeping everything crossed that they can all go ahead, and in the manner that we are all used to.

In the meantime however, despite the easing of a number of restrictions nationally, nothing has been changed in the way that schools are being asked to operate. We are still having to follow all the regulations and requirements that we have for the past year, with no indication of when these might be eased. Therefore I ask for your patience and understanding if we seem to be being very strict in asking for your compliance in certain matters. And I would like to remind you about a couple of things:

- It is still not possible for any child who does not regularly travel on either the Steeple Ashton or Bulkington/Great Hinton bus to use this as a one off. Only those eligible and who have confirmed with school are allowed to travel on them.
- Lateral Flow Covid Tests (self-administered kits used at home) CANNOT be used as proof that someone is free of covid and therefore does not need to follow isolation guidance. Firstly, the kits have not been licenced for use on children below secondary age. But more importantly, the Government is very clear, any person of any age has to isolate and get a PCR test through a testing centre if they or someone in their household develops covid symptoms. Therefore we will send children (and their siblings) home or ask households not to come into school if anyone is presenting with possible

covid symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A continuous cough
- A loss or change to their sense of taste or smell

Please remember (and enjoy!) the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 4th.

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Jess for being Star of the Week. Amelia, Jess, Lottie, Jack, Charlotte, Hester, Aurelia, Dexter and Eloise for working hard on their writing about Goldilocks!

Spring: Well done to Elsie, Gabriel, Matilda and Eli L for great fraction work in maths.

Summer: Well done to Farrell for showing such a positive attitude to her school work and for fantastic maths work. Also, to Athalia and Evie for settling into the class so well.

Autumn: Well done to all the Year 6 children who have completed their Bikeability course.

House points

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Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
737	798	794	731

Second-Hand Uniform

Many thanks to Katy Tovey-Bowes who has worked tirelessly for a long time now running a second hand uniform shop that raises money for FOKS. Nicky Corke has now very kindly stepped up to help ease the burden of this. The system is moving over to a Facebook group to remove the need for anyone to store uniform in their house. The link for the group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/158204172861110/?ref=share> so please follow this to find out more information and to join.

End of Day Pick-Up

We would like to remind you about a couple of things that we ask of you when you come to collect your child from school at the end of the day. Firstly, please remember to wear a face mask when you approach school or enter our site. Also please do not stand on the opposite side of the road to the school, we do not feel it is safe to send children out to cross the road unaccompanied. It is a very busy time with cars pulling in and out, vehicles turning around and buses obscuring the view. We would hate for there to be an accident. Many thanks for your support with this.

TERM 5

Inter-house Challenge

This term's competition is to design next term's Inter-house Challenge!

What would you like to do which we haven't done already this year? What do you think your house would be good at doing? So get thinking!



Give your entries to Miss Mortimer, or send them to em@keevil.wilts.sch.uk by Friday 21st May.

All entries earn 5 housepoints. The winning entry earns 30 housepoints as well as getting to be our next competition!

GOOD LUCK!