

19th July 2019



KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

22nd July – Year 6 Laser Storm trip
23rd July – Year 5 & 6 Acorn Sports Festival day
23rd July – Year 6 Graduation (6pm)
24th July - Thanksgiving Service (9.30am)
25th July – Last day of term (half day – 12pm finish)
2nd September – TD Day
3rd September – Term starts

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Eli L for being Star of the Week.

Gabriel, Lily & Martha for working hard on their writing. Tyler, Maison, Isla I & Evelyn for their effort in Maths. All of Winter Class for their behaviour in assembly.

Spring: Farrell, Frankie, Louie, Max, Io, Alex & Seb for passing their 99 clubs. Molly, Farrell, Isaac, Seb, Charlie & Daphne for full marks in spellings.

Summer: All the Year 4's who sang so well at the music festival.

Autumn: All of Autumn Class for their wonderful performance last week.

Message from the Head

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for this academic year. Quite where all the time has gone I'm not sure! As I look back over my first year as Head, I am filled with a huge sense of privilege: that I am able to add something to the lives of all your amazing children; that I am able to work with a group of talented, passionate people who give so much of themselves for the school; that I have received such support from you all. So thank you all, very much. I hope you have reached the end of the year feeling pleased and proud of all that your child has achieved, and how much they have grown. And please rest assured, that we are already full of ideas of how we want things to improve and evolve next year. We do not stand still!

The holidays are an important opportunity for you and your children to relax, rest and recharge your batteries. However, there is much evidence that children keeping a few key skills ticking over during the long summer holiday has a huge impact on their outcomes the following school year. So if you would like to keep your child's brain working, here are a few ideas:

Talk – speak with your child about anything and everything! This improves their vocabulary, their sentence structure, their formulation of ideas amongst many other things. Talk is the basis of all writing.

Read – encourage your child to read as much as possible, whatever books they enjoy and interest them. Your child recently brought home information about the Summer Reading Challenge that operates in all local libraries, this is a great way to incentivise them to pick up a book or two.

Writing – any writing you can encourage your child to do would be hugely beneficial. To help motivate them, give this a purpose. Find a friend or family member who will exchange letters or postcards with them. Encourage them to keep a diary of their holiday with a short entry for each day, include pictures and/or souvenirs to make it more fun. There will be a prize for any child who brings a holiday diary they have written to show me in September.

Maths – for children in KS1 rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts is key, whereas in KS2 the emphasis shifts to times table knowledge. You can make simple quizzes and games to practice these. There are songs available to download to help you learn these. There are also any number of free on-line games and activities you can find with a simple google search.

But most importantly, I hope you have a wonderful break whatever you are doing. I look forward to seeing those of you who will be staying with us, back in school on **Tuesday 3rd September**. For those of you who are moving on to a different school, I wish you all the very best. Don't forget what you have learnt at Keevil - go and spread your wings and fly.

Message from Mrs Brown

I just wanted to take a moment to say a big thank you to my Keevil family. I know that Luke, Joshua and I are in many of your thoughts and I cannot begin to express what that means to me. We are still in shock about what has happened and it's going to take us a long time to adjust to our "new life". We are constantly surrounded by love, family and friendship which is wonderful. I know some people have asked about ways in which they can support us. We will be asking for charity donations at Mark's funeral in the place of flowers, and we have chosen to give these to Cruse Bereavement Care. Please don't feel you have to donate, but if you would like to you can do this via the following link: https://www.justgiving.com/Louisa-Brown6?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Louisa-Brown6&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=gBPN2wkq9. I will try to make it into school before the end of term, if nothing else I need to say goodbye to my "little angels" in Winter Class!! But for now I am taking it one day at a time, sometimes one hour at a time, and focusing on my lovely boys. They are distracted by school (and a little bit of Fortnite!) and are doing well under the circumstances. We have my sister in law and her husband staying with us from New Zealand which is a great comfort to us all. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart, Louisa Brown.

Lost Property

Please please please come and look through our overflowing lost property box before the end of term. All unclaimed items will be disposed of over the holidays.

Leavers Hoodies

Y6 children are welcome to wear their Leavers Hoodies instead of school jumpers from Monday 22nd July.

Swimming

Just to let you know that due to circumstances outside of our control, our swimming slot has been changed at Clarendon Pool for next year. We will be going swimming on Friday afternoons (following the same rota) rather than Tuesday afternoons.

Music Performances

Mrs Fowler's individual students will be performing in the Church between 9 and 9:30am on Wednesday 24th July before the Thanksgiving Service. Our keyboard children have performed to the rest of the school today. We are organising for the children who do guitar lessons to perform to the school and parents in September.

End of Term

Please remember that school finishes at 12pm next Thursday, 25th July. Thank you very much for your understanding over this.

Dates for your Diary 2019-20

TERM 1

02/09/19	TD Day
03/09/19	TERM STARTS
24/09/19	Brokerswood Trip (year 3)
01/10/19	Harvest Festival
07/10/19 – 11/10/19	Pencelli Residential Trip (years 5/6)
14/10/19	Acorn Football Competition (Years 3/4/5/6)
16/10/19	Autumn Sharing Worship
21/10/19	Parents Evening
22/10/19	Parents Evening
22/10/19	TERM ENDS
23/10/19	Acorn TD Day

TERM 2

04/11/19	TERM STARTS
09/12/19	Acorn Hi 5 Netball Competition (Years 5/6)
w/c 16/12/19	Nativity Play and Christmas Concert
19/12/19	Christmas Service
20/12/19	TERM ENDS AT 12PM

TERM 3

06/01/20	TD Day
07/01/20	TERM STARTS
03/02/20	Acorn Tag Rugby Competition (Years 4/5/6)
11/02/20	Parents Evening
12/02/20	Parents Evening
12/02/20	Summer Sharing Worship
14/02/20	TERM ENDS

TERM 4

24/02/20	TERM STARTS
23/03/20	Acorn Athletics Competition (Years 3/4/5/6)
01/04/20	Easter Service
01/04/20	Spring Sharing Worship
03/04/20	TERM ENDS

TERM 5

20/04/20	TERM STARTS
08/05/20	Bank Holiday (now the Friday)
w/c 11/05/20	KS2 SATS Week
19/05/20	Acorn Multi Skills (Key Stage 1)
19/05/20	Winter Sharing Worship
20/05/20 – 21/05/20	Danywenallt Residential Trip (Year 4)
22/05/20	TERM ENDS

TERM 6

01/06/20	TD Day
02/06/20	TERM STARTS
w/c 08/06/20	Year 1 Phonics Screening
17/06/20	Sports Day
25/06/20	West Wilts Dance Festival KS1
03/07/20	Transition Week and Reports
w/c 06/07/20	Autumn Class production
w/c 13/07/20	Leavers Trip, Graduation Evening and Thanksgiving
20/07/20	Acorn Sports Day Festival (Years 5/6)
21/07/19	TERM ENDS AT 12PM
22/07/20	TD Day