

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



## KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Head

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you had a lovely holiday and enjoyed precious time with your family and friends, but I also hope it is nice to be back in the routine of term time. In particular I would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined the school, and I hope you already feel part of our community. In Winter Class we have welcomed: Lottie, Aurelia, Edward, Amelia, Hester, Jessica, Dexter, Owen, Scarlet, Eloise, Jack, Olive, Remy, Charlotte. And in Spring Class we have welcomed: Seren.

I spoke with the children in Worship on our first day of term about the exciting possibilities that the start of a new year bring, allowing us to start afresh and set ourselves new goals. We talked about what being aspirational means, and thought about how Greta Thunberg and Ben Stokes exemplified this over the summer. I encouraged the children to think about aspirations they might have, and the importance of aiming high. As a school we are very aspirational for our whole community. We want staff to grow and develop, we want our children to flourish in all aspects of their lives. As a staff during the TD Day on Monday we discussed our drive this year to ensure that our curriculum offer, extending across all the academic subjects and beyond, provides the greatest opportunities for children to learn and develop. We talked about what we will be doing to ensure that all our children are motivated and independent learners. We shared what we will be doing as a staff team to broaden our knowledge and experience this year. We are all excited about the plans and initiatives that we will be working on, and are confident that these will mean what we provide to all our children will just get better. We are looking forward to the journey that 2019-20 will be, and hope you are too.

### Up-coming Dates:

24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 3 Trip to Brokerswood

25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Stay & Learn (Spring, Summer & Autumn Classes)

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Mrs Hermon at Bulkington Bus Stop

1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Autumn Class Residential Trip to Pencelli

14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Acorn Football Competition (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Autumn Class Sharing Worship

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mrs Hermon at Newleaze Bus Stop

18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Coffee Morning – Key Stage 1

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Parent's Evening

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – TD Day (School Closed)

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Half Term Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children return to school

### More Dates For Your Diary

Here are some further dates for your diary that have been organised since the date sheet was sent out to you at the end of last year:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 8:45-9:30am Stay and Learn for Spring, Summer and Autumn Classes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9:00-9:30am Coffee Morning with Mrs Hermon for KS1 (Winter and Spring Class parents)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – 8:45-9:30am Stay and Learn for all classes

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 9:00-9:30am Coffee Morning with Mrs Hermon for KS2 (Summer and Autumn Class parents)

### Bus Stop Visits

Mrs Hermon will be visiting the following bus stops this term:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Bulkington

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Newleaze

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Steeple Ashton Pub

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – St Mary's

## Supporting Your Child's Learning At Home

In the parent coffee morning held before the holidays a number of people requested that we give you more direction and support in how you can support your child's learning at home. To this end we are doing the following things this year:

- You will find a new box on your child's Curriculum Overview Grid each term, which gives suggestions of activities that you can do which will re-inforce and broaden the learning that is taking place in the classroom during that time.
- We will be running an inter-House competition each term with a different learning based theme. These will be based around tasks and activities that you can do at home with your child.
- We will be holding a parent information session on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November about the new spelling scheme we are launching in school this year, and how you can support this learning at home.
- We will be sending out a letter explaining the importance of children knowing number facts off by heart. It will detail which facts should be learned and mastered by which age, how we develop this knowledge and understanding in school, and activities you can use to help your child practice at home.

As ever, if you have any questions about your child's learning, their class teacher is the best person for you to approach. No question or concern is ever too large or small!



Week One of 2019-20  
In Keevil CofE Academy