

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

- 12th Nov – Winter Class Pizza Express trip
- 14th Nov – Mrs Hermon at Steeple Ashton pub bus stop
- 14th Nov – Autumn Class Sharing Worship
- 15th Nov – Children in Need day
- 20th Nov – Stay & Learn
- 22nd Nov – Divali day
- 25th Nov – Children’s Flu Vaccinations
- 27th Nov – Read, Write, Inc. Spelling Information session for parents (Y2-Y6)

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Hester & Aurelia for being Stars of the Week. All of Year 1 for super precursive handwriting. Charlotte, Maison & Barney for their effort in Maths.

Spring: All of Spring Class for a great, mature start back to Term 2.

Summer: All of Summer Class for a positive start to Term 2 and for setting a good example across the school.

Autumn: Chloe, Logan Banfield, Will, George & Ffion B for passing their 99 clubs.

Message from the Head

I hope you had a lovely and restful half term with your family and stored up plenty of reserves of energy for the busy term we have ahead! It always becomes hectic as we head towards Christmas and enjoy the festive season, culminating in our performances (Spring and Winter Class Nativity: 1.30pm Mon 16th Dec and 6pm Tues 17th Dec; Summer Class Christmas Concert: 6pm Wed 18th Dec) and the Christmas Service (9.30am Thu 19th Dec). But before that we have other events to look forward to including Children in Need on Fri 15th November (see information below), and a whole school ‘Divali Day’ on Fri 22nd November when we will be welcoming a visitor to teach us all about the Hindu festival and faith.

Before the holidays all the staff took part in an Acorn Training Day. For the first time all the staff from the Acorn schools came together, over 400 people in total – admin staff, TAs, teachers and school leaders. Working together in this way meant that we were able to benefit from input from local and national leaders in their fields as well as share ideas and good practice with professionals from other schools. We have come away with interesting ideas about how we can develop the breadth of our curriculum, to help children immerse themselves in different subject areas more deeply, resulting in much better learning and outcomes for them. We will be working as a staff team to develop and trial ideas that we picked up from the day.

We thought it would be nice for you to know how the House Point Competition is progressing each term, so we have added the chart below as a regular feature on the newsletter so you can see how the tally for your child’s house is advancing. The competition runs each

House points			
Kestrals	Osprays	Buzzards	Harriers
664	656	597	639

term with the House Cup given out to the winning House at the Christmas Service, Easter Service and the Thanksgiving Service. This year there will also be a special reward for the winning House each term, as extra motivation to get the children trying, behaving and working hard to earn house points.

Parking and Traffic

Just a little reminder about driving carefully and parking considerately around the school. The village have asked us to keep the stretch of road in front of the school clear of parked cars, to allow a passing place for traffic. We are aware of a couple of families, who for reasons of disability, need to park as close as possible to the school entrance. We would ask everyone else to park slightly further away from the school, along Main Street or in School Close. Remembering to be respectful of our neighbours, and not blocking any driveways etc. We offer a ‘rolling drop’ in the mornings, when Mrs James will help your child out of your car in front of the school, meaning that you do not have to park anywhere or escort them into school. We are aware of how congested it can become around the beginning and end of the school day, so we appreciate your support in making these times as safe as possible for all our children.

Children In Need

On Friday November 15th it is Children In Need day. At Keevil School we are going to hold a cake sale and competition! The children are also welcome to come to school that day wearing "Anything Spotty". If they want to dress up please can they bring £1 to donate to the charity.

The cake competition is open to all and there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for KS1 and KS2 AND an overall prize for the best cake made by an adult. The cakes need to be brought to school on the day and taken straight to the hall. Please ensure they are labelled clearly with your child's name. Please can cake containers be collected promptly after the day, either from the classroom or the area outside the office.

Children will have the opportunity to buy a cupcake for snack time, a suggested donation is minimum of 10p. There will be a cake sale after school, the bus children will be allowed to visit the cake sale at 3pm to buy some cakes to take home. If you would prefer to meet your child at school and buy cakes together that is fine, but please make sure your child and their teacher know that you will be collecting them. Please can the bus children bring a Tupperware container so that they can transport their cakes home without disaster!

Inter-House Reading Competition

This term in school the children will have the opportunity to earn additional house points for their house by reading at home. Every signed entry in contact books will add to the school reading chart found in the corridor near the hall. I will work with a team of year 5 children each week to count the reading totals for each house. 100 points are up for grabs for the house that reads the most this term.

Find the top 50 recommended reads for your child's age group at www.booksfortopics.com

Miss Mortimer

Recycling

Please keep old pens for recycling, all brands and varieties! Give them in to the office or any class. Thank you.



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FUTURE**



CAFÉ CHURCH FOR ADVENT

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST 2019
11.00 AT HOLY CROSS, SEEND**

**ALL FRIENDS, PETS AND FAMILIES FROM THE WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE
VILLAGES ARE WELCOME**

**(BULKINGTON, MARSTON, POTTERNE, POULSHOT, SEEND AND
WORTON)**

End of Day Routines

Keeping our children safe is our top priority at all times. There are certain points of the school day that are more challenging for us to achieve this, and the end of the day is one such time. This is because we have the combination of some children being collected by parents, some going on the Bulkington Bus, some going on the Steeple Ashton Bus, some going to After School Club and some going to a sports club. We constantly revise our systems to make them as fool proof as possible, but we also need your help with this. So we ask you to please:

- Let us know by 12pm what arrangements are for your child that day.
We understand that emergencies do happen, so there may be the rare occasion when changes need to happen later in the day. But please, last minute changes need to be the exception not the rule.
- Any on the day changes need to be done by phone call
- All clubs (After School and Sports Clubs) need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance through Wise Pay. We are very reliant on the registers that Wise Pay creates for clubs out of school times, so it is vital that you ensure that booking is done accurately.

It is through having robust systems that we are able to ensure that all our children are kept safe at all times. Thank you very much for your support with this.