

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

- 14th Feb – Last day of term 3
- 24th Feb – Children return to school
- 26th Feb – Danywenallt Information Session for Year 4 parents and children (5.30pm)
- 28th Feb – Summer Class Sharing Worship
- 28th Feb – Eric Lepine making pancakes for all children
- 5th Mar – Mrs Hermon at Newleaze bus stop
- 13th Mar – Stay and Learn (8.45am)

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Leo for being Star of the Week for determination and pride in his work. Olive, Edmund, Charlotte, Jessica & Farleigh for particularly good effort when using a key to create a map. Also, to the whole class for being warm and welcoming to our visitor who shared her Hanukkah traditions with us.

Spring: Evelyn for gaining her Yellow Handwriting Award. Martha & Lucy for gaining their Pen Licences.

Summer: Harry R for a positive attitude to his learning. Toby B for being a fantastic role model and a good friend to the new children. Arwen for being really positive in all her work.

Autumn: Darcy, Ffion S-H, Will, Jess, Jack, Logan Banfield & Oscar for taking part in the Acorn Rugby Tournament and finishing third!!

Message from the Executive Head

I am delighted to have been given the role as Executive Head for Keevil. I am an experienced head myself and have been leading a large Primary School for 10 years. Wansdyke School is situated in Devizes and has 210 mainstream children and a complex needs resource base that has 20 places (soon to be increased to 28). I have led the school through 2 OFSTED inspections and I am proud of the education and standards that the team at Wansdyke deliver. The school is a happy, vibrant and inclusive community which I feel privileged to belong to.

It is an exciting time to start my involvement with Keevil. Following your successful OFSTED inspection, it is a chance to celebrate the strengths of the school; the staff team, the respectful nature of the children and the strong leadership. Part of my role will be to help Mrs Hermon to drive the school forwards, addressing the areas OFSTED highlighted. This will include the further development of plans to ensure the reading curriculum is consistent and progressive across the school, and is closely interweaved with the writing curriculum. I will also support the school to continue with re-structuring the curricula of the foundation subjects, to ensure that these are cumulative and sequential in all areas.

I will visit the school each week to undertake this important school improvement work alongside Mrs Hermon. Part of my time will include visiting classrooms, so hopefully I will get to know your children very well. I will also endeavour to come along to school events to meet as many parents as possible so you can put a face to a name!

Have a fabulous half term, Charlotte Robinson

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
255	285	198	259

Nut Warning

Please remember that we ask children to bring no nut-containing items as part of packed lunches as we have two children in school with life-threatening nut allergies. This covers all types of nuts. Thank you very much for working with us on this.

PE Kit

We understand that quite by accident items belonging to other children can end up in the wrong PE bag. To help ease the problems caused by this, could you please make sure that all items of PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. And if you find anything that belongs to another child, please just return it to us at school.

Article in the Wiltshire Times

There is a piece about our Ofsted Report in this week's Wiltshire Times – both on-line and in the actual paper. So please take the time to read and enjoy!

<https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/18224964.keevil-cofe-school-gets-good-ratings-across-board-ofsted/>

Restoration of St Leonard's Pew

You may have spotted that we are the beneficiaries of a pew from St Leonard's Church that has been removed as part of the re-ordering, and this is now in our entrance foyer. FOKS are kindly going to organise a commemorative plaque for it in celebration of our 150th anniversary. It is lovely to have this wonderful and historic piece of furniture in school, however it could do with a little TLC. If anyone has the time and expertise to breathe some new life into it, please let us know.

Parking

Many thanks for the extra care and effort you are all going to whilst parking is restricted in the village during the building work taking place in the Church. This is set to continue up until the Easter Holiday. We are currently investigating if it is possible for families to 'buy' tickets for the Steeple Ashton bus, which could mean that there is less traffic travelling into Keevil every day. We will let you know when we have more information regarding this. Initial contact with the council is sounding positive.



Many congratulations to everyone who took part as well as to the winners. In particular the Kestrels, who have earned a huge number of house points due to their participation and success in the competition. All the stories are on display in the corridor outside Spring Class so please feel free to pop in and have a look.

KS2 1st place: **Jessica Hargreaves**

KS2 2nd place: **Felix Woodland**

KS2 3rd place: **Oliver Greswell**

KS1 1st place: **Jessica Thornton**

KS1 2nd place: **Lucy Greswell**

KS1 3rd place: **Seren Berry**

Total points earnt:

Ospreys: 45 house points

Buzzards: 30 house points

Kestrels: 155 house points

Harriers: 10 house points



Inter-House Short Story Competition Winners