

Keeping in Touch – 17th July 2020

Dear all,

We find ourselves at the end of what must be the strangest school year, at least in living memory if not ever. We have been precluded from taking part in most of the celebrations that we usually would hold at this time of year for all children, but most particularly for our Y6 leavers, which has been a real shame. But all of the children in school have enjoyed their last day with us this week taking part in different fun activities organised by their teachers. And we have managed a small Thanksgiving Service for our leavers with the support of Rev. Thomas, which we will share a recording of with parents, as well as a surprise lunch of pizza and cookies from Domino's!

Many thanks for your support with our non-uniform days which have been raising money for the Acorn Appeal. We have raised a grand total of £100, which is fantastic. If you would like to contribute further to this worthy cause, you can find more details on the home page of the school website (<https://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk/website>).

One of the events that we have had to miss this week is the celebration for the House who has earned the most housepoints. This competition has been running since January, due to the school having been closed. Well done to all of you who have kept earning points even when you have been at home, and the final totals are:

Harriers- 442

Ospreys- 535

Kestrels- 624

Buzzards- 475

So many many congratulations to the Kestrels – you can all feel very proud of yourselves!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend the most heartfelt of thanks to all the wonderful staff in school. Each and every one has gone above and beyond through the most difficult and challenging times recently to do their very best for all the children in the school. They make Keevil a truly special school and a wonderful place to be for us all. We are very lucky to have them. Also many, many thanks to you at home for your patience, understanding and support of the school as we have endeavoured to navigate uncharted territory and the maze that is Government guidance. Without that, we would not have been able to achieve all that we have for the children. And finally a huge thank you to all our amazing children who make this role such a privilege to have.

As we head into the summer holidays this year, it is not with quite the same feeling as we usually do. For most of us the plans we had and what we had hoped for will not be possible, as life continues to be very different to 'normal'. It is hard at times not to feel despondent. This quote was shared with me in the heart of the lockdown, and is very apt for where we find ourselves currently.

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.

"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship Of The Ring

So, we have been given six weeks of holiday, to share with our family and friends. In which we can explore the beauty of the area and country in which we live. In which children can be free to play and do as they choose. Secure in the knowledge that come September every child can return to school in safety, to resume their learning in the stimulating environment of their classroom, supported by their peers and our staff. Knowing that we have all stayed safe and well, and endured the toughest of times which will give us the strength to face whatever challenge life chooses to throw at us next.

To those of you who leaving us, many thanks for allowing us to share this part of your story with you. And the very best of luck for your next chapter. Please don't forget us, we would love to see you at some point in the future and find out all that you have been up to.

To those of you who will be returning to us in September, I look forward to sharing what will no doubt be another action-packed year of learning, adventure and fun!

I hope you all keep safe and well until we see you again.

Best wishes,

Lindsey Hermon



Class of 2020

Goodbye Year 6. It has been a privilege to be part of your journey during your time with us. We wish you all the very best for secondary school and beyond. We know you will make us proud.

From all of us at Keevil CofE Academy