

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Up-coming Dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – FOKS meeting 7pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Stay and Learn  
4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Acorn Tag Rugby Tournament  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mrs Hermon at Bulkington bus stop  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Summer sharing worship  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Spring & Summer class trip  
8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Key Stage 1 coffee morning  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents evening  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last day of term 3  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school

### ***In our Good Learning Book this week:***

**Winter:** William & Gabriel for their letter writing. Lily, Eli, Josiah, Gabriel, Martha, Tyler, Rhys, Harrison, Lucy & Elsie for passing their number bonds. Elsie for being star of the week last week!

**Spring:** Archie & Io for passing their 99 clubs. Arwen & Farrell for getting their pen licence. Max & Archie for getting their green handwriting award.

**Summer:** Amy & Henry W for great writing. Logan, Logan & Toby for fantastic group problem solving in maths. Maisie, Logan Bittner & Toby for reading lots in the holiday. Henry W, Felix, Isaac & Thomas for consistently reading. Emily, Isaac, Maisie, Felix, Fred, Thomas, William, Oliver G & Olivia for passing their 99 clubs.

**Autumn:** Jack, Nancy, Ethan, Jasmine, Chloe, Ffion, April, Amelia & Alex for passing their 99 clubs.

### Message from the Head

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful break over Christmas.

Term always starts apace. At this time of year particularly, as the Spring Term is one of the key learning times in the school year. Teachers are very focused on what individual children need to achieve in their personal learning journey. And as a school we are prioritising those areas that our recently published data showed to be in need of improvement: writing and maths. We were already aware of this, and had implemented new curriculums in these subjects in September. But we continue to keep our focus on adapting and improving these through time spent in TD Days and Staff Meetings. We trialed using some different tests from Y2 upwards in December, as part of an initiative coming out of Acorn, and were very pleased with how the children performed across the school. This indicates that our changes are leading to the improvements we are aiming for. The tests did however, show that spelling is another area of concern across the school. So we are starting to look at how we can facilitate better outcomes in this area as well.

Our theme in Worship this term is Courage. So far we have been thinking about the importance of stepping outside our comfort zone, and how this is particularly key for learning. Also we have considered how the right thing to do is often not the easy thing to do. This is an incredibly important, and hard, lesson for children to learn, and is a fundamental part of our school ethos of always treating others as we would like to be treated. So we will be re-visiting this message across the term.

### Privilege Time

In an effort to encourage the best learning behaviours in Summer and Autumn Classes, Golden Time on Friday afternoons is being replaced with Privilege Time. Children have to earn the right to take part in this by showing the expected attitude in lesson time across the week and earning points. Children who do not earn enough points will spend the time finishing off their work instead. We feel that this is a way to reward those children who always do and try their best, and sometimes do not achieve enough recognition for this.

### Dates for your Diaries

Please do keep an eye on the Dates section in every Newsletter and the school calendar on our website. But, a few up-coming dates for you to put in your diaries for this term:

Stay and Learn (previously known as Stay and Play!) will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Coffee Mornings with Mrs Hermon and Mr Burr will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February for KS1 and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March for KS2.

Bus Stop Visits by Mrs Hermon: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Bulkington; Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Steeple Ashton, Newleaze;

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Steeple Ashton, Pub.

### Recycling Crisp Packets

Many thanks to Isaac Wright in Y3 who is encouraging us to recycle crisp packets. Not only is this good for the environment, but it is also raising money for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We have talked about this with the whole school, and we now have a bag in the hall at lunchtime where we are encouraging children to put any empty crisp packets after eating their packed lunch.



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## CAFÉ CHURCH FOR CANDLEMAS

Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019  
11.00 at Holy Cross, Seend

All friends and families from the Wellsprings Benefice  
Villages are welcome  
(Bulkington, Marston, Potterne,  
Poulshot, Seend and Worton)

**Bring your Baptism Candle if you have one!**