

## KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Up-coming Dates:

25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school  
1<sup>st</sup> Mar Children having pancakes  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mrs Hermon visiting  
Newleaze bus stop  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Stay and Learn  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Spring Class Sharing  
Worship (9am)  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Key Stage 2 Coffee Morning

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

**Winter:** Martha for amazing weekend writing using conjunctions and cursive writing.

Bertie, Alex, Ruby, Isla T, Sahara and Oscar W for using their phonics and having a go at writing weekend news independently.

**Spring:** Arwen, Max, Charlie, Daphne, Io, Isaac & Sebastian for passing their 99 clubs. Charlie, Sebastian, Louie, Frankie, Maddie, Io, Shai, Molly, Isaac, Harry & Elliott for full marks in spellings. Handwriting awards go to Emily & Molly (Green Award) & Elliott (Amber Award).

**Summer:** Well done to all of Summer class for their amazing singing and recorder playing in our Sharing Worship. A true delight!

**Autumn:** Daryl, Chloe, Jasmine, Bonnie & Alex for passing their 99 clubs.

### Message from the Head

I hope that you have enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's many and varied achievements over the past week, through their Pupil Progress Book that came home and the Parents' Evening appointments. Every child has much to be proud of. There are always areas, as for all of us, that we find tricky or could do with expending a little more effort on. But this is still a time to celebrate all that has been achieved.

I wrote the last newsletter just before our annual Acorn Quality Assurance visit which was led by an Ofsted Inspector. We were very pleased with the feedback we received from her. She particularly commented on the strength of the relationships between staff and children across the school. This is of fundamental importance, as children who do not feel safe and happy will not learn. She was also very positive about our curriculum and the Steps assessment system. Those of you who follow such things will know that Ofsted is due to bring out a new Inspection Framework in September of this year. This is set to be radically different from the existing one, with far less emphasis placed on the results of tests. Instead the importance of a broad, rich and deep curriculum is being recognised, and also the development of the 'whole' child. This is music to the ears of many of us who work in education, and reflects what we have been aiming for at Keevil for a number of years – providing the breadth of curriculum and experiences beyond this that allows each child to feel success and flourish. The visit also gave us many helpful ideas on how we could further develop our overall curriculum. As well, and more importantly, how we can advance our teaching and learning in all classes to drive aspiration and the high outcomes we know our children are capable of. So we are at the start of an exciting time in school as we look to explore these new ideas.

Quite where this half term has disappeared to, I am not sure! But I hope you and your children get to enjoy a well-earned break over half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### Parking

Being situated in a small village means that traffic flow and parking at the beginning and end of the school day remains a perennial issue. We are very grateful to all of you who are mindful of our neighbours and respect the areas that the village has asked us to keep free of cars during the day. We have also been asked to ask you to turn off your engine if you are sitting in your car waiting for drop-off or pick-up time. A number of villagers are concerned about the impact on the quality of the air to have so many engines running. We are very appreciative of your understanding and support in this matter.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school, a very special birthday that we are looking forward to celebrating. We will be focusing our festivities around the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. We will be running an art workshop for the whole school to create a commemorative piece which is kindly being funded by FOKS. We are also looking to have a 'party' for the children, and a Victorian School Day during which we would love everyone to dress up as they would have done 150 years ago. We will also be running competitions for the children and other events that we will let you know about nearer the time.



Stay and Learn – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January