

## KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

### Up-coming Dates:

9/10 – 7pm FOKS Committee Meeting  
11/10 – Mrs Hermon visit to Bulkington bus stop  
15/10, 17/10 & 18/10 – Y6 Bikeability course (Group 1)  
17/11 – Parents Evening (Winter class)  
18/10 – Autumn Class Sharing Worship  
19/10 – Key Stage 2 Coffee Morning  
22/10 – School photographs – portraits  
22/10 & 23/10 – Parents Evening (all classes)  
23/10 – Flu immunisations  
24/10 – TD Day (School closed)  
5/11 – Children return to school

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

**Winter:** Matilda, Oscar W, Ruby, Bertie & Sahara for working hard in phonics.

Bertie, Eli L, Eli B-S & Oskar J for being kind to others. William for super independent writing.

**Spring:** Elliott, Farrell, Ela, Louie, Isaac, Charlie, Harry, Max & Io for passing their 99 clubs. Harry & Ela for super reading.

**Summer:** Emily, Hallie, Oliver & George for passing their 99 clubs.

**Autumn:** Bonnie, April, Oscar & Chloe for their super setting descriptions.

### Message from Mrs. O'Brien

As Mrs. Hermon is leading the residential visit to Danywenallt it has fallen to me to write a brief message for this newsletter. As we entered this academic year we were all faced with a variety of changes. The most important of these was Mrs. Hermon taking up the baton of Head Teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud her for the amazing job she is doing for the school and all of us within the Keevil family.

There are so many things happening throughout the school at this time. This has certainly been a very hectic few days for Spring and Summer Class. Last Friday both classes went to 'We are Curious' (formerly known as @Bristol). They were able to explore the world of science via the wide range of activities available.

The following Monday the Year 3 children went for a long day at Brokerswood. They experienced the delights of kayaking, archery, team building, fire lighting and of course the most important thing of all, a packed lunch!

Finally as I write this the Year 4 children are on their way to Danywenallt where I'm sure they will have a brilliant time and I look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

### Harvest Festival

On Tuesday the school took part in a Harvest Festival celebration at St Leonard's church. Thank you all so much for your generous donations which have been forwarded to the Trowbridge Food Bank.

### Use of the Toilets

We completely understand that sometimes parents and pre-school children might need to use the facilities within the school. Due to safeguarding issues we would appreciate it if you use the STAFF toilets rather than the children's toilets. Thank you for your understanding.

### Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

It has come to our attention that some children who could receive pupil premium via free school meals are not claiming what they are entitled to. In past years free school meals were available to children whose families are eligible to claim certain benefits. Of course at present all infants receive a universal free school meal. If your child would have been entitled to free school meals under the old system, because you are receiving qualifying benefits, the government will give your school a Pupil Premium of £1,320 for primary-aged pupils. This fund could then be used to help with additional costs such as school trips, residential visits etc.

For the school and your child to benefit from this money you need to make a claim through Wiltshire Council

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions about this Mrs. Fish would be happy to advise you on the process.

### Absence from School Trips

Please can we remind parents that it is really important to notify the school if your child is going to be absent from a school trip. A message can be left on the school answering machine at any time and will be picked up as soon as staff are in school, allowing the class teacher to be notified.

### Forest School Request

If anyone has any spare plastic milk crates, Miss D and Ms. Ritchens would be very grateful of them for Forest School.

## Communication via the School Website and Teachers2Parents

The calendar on the school website has been updated with all the key events in the forthcoming school year. All new trips and events will be added as soon as they are confirmed, so this is a great resource for parents to use. To access the calendar, go to [www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk) and click on the Calendar heading.

We also know that Teachers2Parents, the text message system we use for communicating key messages to parents, is a useful reminder. Teachers2Parents also have an app available to download. It enables all text messages to be viewed within the app. If using the app, make sure your notifications are turned on in Settings so you can see when new messages are received.

## Flu Immunisations

The school nurse will be coming to school on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** to administer flu immunisations for children in years Reception to Year 5 (inclusive). An email will be sent out shortly with a link requesting your consent to the vaccination. If you have any questions, regarding this please contact the school office.

So many different activities to do at Brokerswood including enjoying the packed lunch!

