

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:
 20th Dec – Christmas Service (9.15am)
 20th Dec – Last day of Term
 4th Jan – TD Day (School Closed)
 5th Jan – TD Day (School Closed)
 8th Jan – Start of Term 3
 31st Jan – Summer Class Sharing Worship

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to all of Winter class for brilliant Nativity rehearsals in the church.

Spring: Well done to Lottie on reaching her full pen licence, she has worked extremely hard on her presentation to reach the standard needed for a pen. A big well done to Reggie and George who are 'en route' to a pen licence and have earned their yellow award as well as Freddie M and Mia who have earned their green award. Well done to Libby for some fantastic writing work.

Summer: Well done to Dexter and Lottie for super reading at home and earning reading awards. All of Summer Class for fantastic singing and kindness to residents at the care home.

Autumn: Well done to all of Autumn Class for working hard on their newspaper reports in English this week.

Message from the Head

It feels like Christmas has really got going in school this week! We are particularly pleased this year with all the things we are managing to do that reach out to the local community and share some festive spirit with others. On the following pages you can see the beautiful Christmas trees covered in decorations made by all our children in Keevil village and St James's Church in Trowbridge. Also all the wonderful donations that were given for the RUKSAC 45218 Christmas appeal, which will be given to children in the local area who will otherwise receive no gifts this year. The hampers in each class of items brought in for the reverse Advent Calendar are getting fuller and fuller each day, and we know that when we take these to The Store House Foodbank next week they will be incredibly grateful for all the supplies. Summer Class also travelled to the Goodson Lodge Care Home this week to perform their Christmas Concert to the residents and share cards with them that had been made by our children. This was a great success and enjoyed by the children and residents alike. Christmas is of course about the fun that we all have, and we are looking forward next week to our Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day, and the performances of the Nativity Play and Christmas Concert for families. But we do feel it is important to remember others at this time of year, so that we are truly living out our mission to be Good Samaritans and "Always treat others as we would like to be treated". We are very grateful for your support to help us achieve this as we could not do all we do without your help.

We are sorry to let you know that Mrs Watson will be leaving her position as our Admin Assistant at the end of the year. This is very sad for us, as we will miss her in the school office. But it is an exciting time for her, as she is leaving us in order to take up a new position as a Health Centre Assistant at Prior Park College, which is a great opportunity for her. I am sure you will join us all in school in wishing her all the best for her new chapter, and saying a huge thank you to all she has done to keep the school working smoothly and efficiently. But I am pleased to say that Mrs Watson will not be leaving us completely, as she will remain as our French Teacher and will be in school every Monday still.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
2330	1856	1906	1948

End of Day Pick Up
 Please can we remind you that it is vital for you to let the school office know if your child is going to be picked up by another parent at the end of the school day. It is a busy time of the day, and we **have** to be confident that children will be safe when we discharge them from our care. Many thanks for your support with this.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on our children looking smart, and it is often commented on by visitors to the school as to how nice it is to see the children wearing their uniform with pleasure and honour. However, we have noticed recently that some children are deviating from our policy and would like to remind you that:

- trousers, skirts and pinafores should be grey (not black), and leggings should not be worn on their own instead of trousers.
- PE hoodies should be worn as part of PE kit and not instead of a school jumper/cardigan.
- school shoes should be sensible, practical and black; trainers should only be worn as part of PE kit.

For full details please see the [uniform page](#) on the school website. We appreciate you following the policy when you need to buy replacements for your child(ren). There is plenty of secondhand uniform available, please contact the school office if you are interested in any items from this.



KEEVIL CHRISTMAS TREE



On **SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER** at **4.30pm** the tree lights will be switched on outside the Village Hall by **Father Christmas, who will arrive on a horse-drawn sleigh!**



Come and join us on this festive occasion, when we will be singing carols and enjoying a glass of mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall afterwards.

We've made it early so that the children can also come along and see their works of art on the tree.

Donations for refreshments will be given to Wiltshire Air Ambulance

**St James' Church
Christmas Tree Festival
Tue 05 Dec to Sat 09 Dec 2023
Open daily 1000 – 1700
(16:00 on Saturday)**



**All welcome
Free admission
Refreshments available**



Community Christmas Trees decorated with decorations made by our children



The Keevil Council sorting all the amazing donations given for the RUKSAC 45218 Christmas appeal. Many thanks for your generosity.





**Summer Class
performing their
Christmas Concert at
Goodson Lodge Care
Home**