

KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

29th Nov – Autumn Class Sharing
Worship (9am)

6th Dec – Summer Class Concert at local
care home

6th Dec – Open Classroom (3.15pm)

8th Dec – Parents Coffee Session
(2.30pm)

11th Dec – Nativity Play (1.30pm)

In our Good Learning Book this week:

Winter: Well done to Austen and Marley for excellent effort in their phonics and name writing.

Spring: Well done to the children who have gained handwriting awards in Spring Class.
Red award: George & Georgia.
Yellow award: Freddie T, Lottie, Olivia & Theo.
Green award: Harry B, Alfie & Mia.

Summer: Well done to Eloise, Daisy, Dottie, Amelia, Aurelia, Lottie, Owen, Remy & Reuben for brilliant reading at home. Well done to Jack, Skyland, Charlotte & Dexter for fantastic setting descriptions. Well done to our Fantastic Four: Scarlet, Eloise, Jess & Jack.

Autumn: Well done to all of Autumn Class for working hard during their assessment week..

Message from the Head

I attended the Friends of Keevil School (FoKS) AGM this week, and I was bowled over by the enthusiasm and commitment that so many family members show to the school and the difference that this makes for all of the children here. For those of you who are newer to our community, in the past year alone FoKS has funded: a new kitchen in the staffroom so that children can do cooking in school; a number of trips including to the theatre, Langford Lakes and Butterfly World; playground equipment; workshops from artists, musicians and authors; hoodies, year books and treats for our Y6 Leavers; amongst many other things and experiences. During the meeting we discussed what FoKS could support this year and trips and visitors to the school are high up the list, but also it was agreed that they would get new cooking equipment, new books for Summer Class, new outdoor toys and play equipment for Winter Class, and toys and decoration for the new school wall once this is complete. All of these things mean that the children get to experience a depth and breadth of curriculum that goes beyond that which is prescribed by the Government through the National Curriculum. Some of this learning is related to specific subjects or topics within the academic curriculum, but much is about the children being enabled to grow and develop as individuals through a richness of experiences and opportunities. As we discussed at the meeting, these are the memories that stay with the children and mean the most to them as they grow up and move on in their lives. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to offer your time and talents (however great or small these may be!) to FoKS, if you come and let us know in the school office then we can pass your details on to the FoKS Committee. On behalf of myself, the other staff and all the children, many thanks for all your hard work in helping to make our school even better.

| House points | | | |
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| Kestrels | Ospreys | Buzzards | Harriers |
| 1820 | 1446 | 1472 | 1507 |

Autumn Class Sharing Worship
Family members are welcome to attend the Autumn Class Sharing Worship in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday 29th November

Music Mark

We are proud to announce that we have been invited to become a Music Mark school for the second year running. This is in recognition of our continuing commitment to high quality music education. As well as daily singing in worship, all children at Keevil have a weekly music lesson with a specialist music teacher. This year we have started a band (invitation only depending on ability) and a choir which is open to all children from year 1-6. Both these ensembles will be performing at the Christmas carol service. Rehearsals have also been happening for the Reception and KS1 Nativity, and the Summer class Christmas concert. We can't wait to show you all our hard work.



**PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL**

2023 - 2024

Piece of the Term – Troika by Prokofiev (1934)

Lieutenant Kije was Prokofiev's first attempt at writing film music. After the film's successful release, the music was adapted into a 5 movement 'Kije' suite. It became one of Prokofiev's best-known works. The film score comprises of 16 short fragments which are repeated through the film at appropriate times. Adapting the music for the orchestral suite was hard as these musical ideas needed to be shaped into a suitable structure for a concert piece. Troika is the 4th Movement from the suite. The melody begins slowly but soon picks up the pace to give the impression of a rapid journey by means of a troika – a traditional Russian 3-horse sled. This tune is often played around Christmas time and was famously used in 'I believe in Father Christmas' by Greg Lake in 1974.

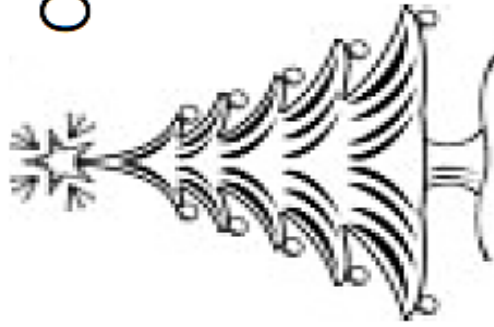
[Prokofiev "Troika" \('Lieutenant Kije'\) - Fistoulari conducts - YouTube](#)

[Greg Lake - I Believe In Father Christmas \(Official 4K Video\) - YouTube](#)



Children In Need

Many thanks to everyone for making our Children In Need fundraising day such a success. We raised an amazing £369.22 through donations and the cake sale! The cake competition was judged by Mrs Meatyard, one of our Church Wardens, and Mrs Fish. They had a very difficult job as there were so many wonderful entries, but the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 winners can be seen above. A big thank you to Mrs Brown and the Keevil Council for their hard work in organising everything before and on the day.



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

mm The Trowbridge Players mm

Sleeping Beauty

by

Angela Giddings

Civic Centre, Trowbridge

Friday 12th January 2024 7.30pm

Saturday 13th January 2024

2.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 14th January 2024 2.30pm

Tickets from www.thecivictrowbridge.co.uk

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