

# KEEVIL CoFE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Up-coming Dates:

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Stay and Learn 0845-0930

5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Summer Class Visit to The Farm Cookery School

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Evening

9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last Day of Term/**Non-Uniform Day for Children’s Mental Health Week**

19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Start of Term 4

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Feb Book Fair

## Message from the Head

Your child will have brought home their Pupil Progress Book today and we hope you enjoy looking through their work with them and celebrating their many achievements. In school we are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents Evening meetings next week (Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February), as we very much see our role in school as a partnership – working with you to achieve the best that we can for your children. The dialogue we have with you during these meetings is vital in helping us to do this. We will also be sending out a parent/carer’s questionnaire next half term which we will be asking for you to complete, as another means by which we can monitor and evaluate how the school can best serve our community. In conjunction with this we will also be completing questionnaires with the children and as members of staff. The voices of all members of our community matter to us.

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

**Winter:** Congratulations to Both Emily’s for really positive attitudes towards their work and supporting their friends in the classroom.

**Spring:** A big warm welcome to Polly and William who we are thrilled to have join Year 2. Congratulations to Polly and George who have earned their pen licence with beautiful handwriting. Well done to Libby, Lillie and Harrie for excellent reading this week.

**Summer:** A huge well done to Summer Class for their hard work presenting their sharing worship.

**Autumn:** For being great advocates of the school reading to the residents of Goodson Lodge.

This half term has sped by, and we only have one week remaining until the half term break. We are already busy in school planning the learning and activities that will be taking place in Term 4. March is particularly busy, with World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March and Science Week 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Brown will be in touch with you regarding World Book Day activities, but we are very much looking forward to inviting an author into school to work with all the children. During Science Week we will be taking part in competitions across the Acorn Education Trust and are currently planning ways in which you can join in the fun at home! As ever in school, we are committed to ensuring a breadth and richness of learning and experiences for children as we know that these can be the sparks that ignite passion and aspiration within the children, and build their confidence in themselves.

House points			
Kestrels	Ospreys	Buzzards	Harriers
697	736	822	674

**Soft Toys**

FoKS are starting to collect soft toys and teddies for the very popular stall at the Scarecrow Trail. Please bring any donations you have into school and we will organize getting them to FoKS. Many thanks,

## After School Club Pick-Up

Please can we ask all parents to pick up promptly from after school clubs. All of the staff running these clubs are only paid until the end time of the club (5pm for the school’s after school wrap-around care) and have arrangements with their own families after this time. We will always support in emergency situations, but appreciate the norm being every child being picked up on time.

## FoKS Meeting

A reminder that there will be a FoKS Meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

## **House Point Hall of Fame – February 2024**

### **AUTUMN CLASS**

Top Year 6: *Gabriel Spaliviero-Shaw*

Top Year 5: *Sebastian Plumb*

Top 4: *Martha Wright, Ethan McAninch, Farleigh Collins, Lucas Banfield*

### **SUMMER CLASS**

Top Year 4: *Charlotte Morris*

Top Year 3: *Ellia Patton*

Top 4: *Aurelia Merchant, Jess Thornton, Lottie Thomas, Patrick Noonan*

### **SPRING CLASS**

Top Year 2: *Harry Bowring*

Top Year 1: *Harrie Freeman*

Top 4: *Polly Kay, Rosa Breach, Ellis McAninch, Freddie Mildenhall*

### **WINTER CLASS**

Top Year R: *Tommy Breach*

Top 4: *Emily Faltyn, Marley McCaldon, Emily Grubb-Jones, Alexander Noonan*

**A huge congratulations to these children as this represents a phenomenal effort on their part across the whole term – we are really proud of you all!**

**The top child will receive a small prize in Celebration Worship on 9<sup>th</sup> February in celebration of their achievements.**

# MY VOICE MATTERS

## TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

### Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say - and believe - "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week - to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

### LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

### Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health' - sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
  - 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
  - 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling - it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
  - 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
  - 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
  - 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying - I don't always need answers (or lectures)
  - 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me - I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
  - 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age - my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
  - 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.

### WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: [bit.ly/3PzC0i8](https://bit.ly/3PzC0i8)

For secondary children: [bit.ly/3LBDzWk](https://bit.ly/3LBDzWk)

# MY VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?



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Education Trust

## Measles update from Acorn Education Trust

Last week the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued a warning over the rising number of measles cases nationwide.

Measles is a highly infectious virus that can cause serious illness. It spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and can be a very unpleasant illness; some children can have a very serious reaction to the virus, leading to hospitalisation, and in very rare cases, it can cause death.

To help reduce the risk of measles cases, the UKHSA is advising that everyone is alerted to the signs and symptoms of measles and urges people to check that they and their families are fully vaccinated against the virus.

Measles symptoms include:

High fever	Aching and feeling generally unwell
Sore, red, watery eyes	A blotchy red/brown rash appear after a few days
Coughing	<i>This typically appears on the face and behind the ears, before spreading to the rest of the body. This can be harder to see on brown and black skin.</i>

Vaccines are our best line of defence against diseases like measles and help stop outbreaks in our communities. We therefore encourage everyone to check that they and their families have had two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. You can check your child's personal health record (PCHR), also known as the Red Book, or contact your GP practice to confirm.

The MMR vaccine is free to everyone, at any age, on the NHS. While it is better to have your vaccinations on time, you can still catch up on most, including the MMR vaccine, if you miss them. Please speak to your GP surgery if:

- You think you or your child has missed any vaccination
- You need to book or change a vaccine appointment
- At any age, you're not sure if you or your child has had two doses of the MMR vaccine.





Summer Class showing all their amazing learning during their Sharing Worship



Children from Autumn Class at Goodson Lodge Care Home with residents for National Read Aloud Day – 7.2.24



# February Half Term

12th - 14th FEBRUARY 2024  
JOHN OF GAUNT  
MON - WED

9AM - 3PM STANDARD DAY £19.80  
8AM - 4PM EXTENDED DAY £24.60



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KIT: TRAINERS, PACKED LUNCH,  
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# GIRLS FOOTBALL

THURSDAY 15th  
FEBRUARY 2024  
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM STANDARD DAY £19.80  
8AM - 4PM EXTENDED DAY £24.60



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# STUDLEY GREEN doorstep SPORT CLUB



**TOUCH  
RUGBY**



**STREET  
FOOTBALL**



**DANCE**



**BASKETBALL**

## EXCITING NEWS FOR STUDLEY GREEN!

Your Doorstep Sports Club is back with a new time

**Every Wednesday night 5.30pm - 7pm**

@ Studley Green Community Centre and Multi Use Games Area  
Get involved in a new street sport club right at your  
door and help decide the way **YOUR** new club works

Open to anyone 10+ years

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[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/streetgames](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/streetgames)



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# ACTIVE KIDS CAMP



**WEEK DAYS 12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL**

**STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £19.80 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £24.60**

**CHILD-CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS**

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