

New Close News

Friday 20th April, 2018

Executive Head - Mr James Evans
Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and the children had a well-earned rest. Congratulations to Ruby House who won the House Point Cup for term 4. As always, we start back at zero house points and so every house has the chance to win in term 5.

Term 5 is going to be particularly busy for years 2 and 6 who will have their end of key stage tests. We wish all the children good luck for these and I have been particularly impressed this week with their positive attitude towards them. As a parent I know how stressful these can be for children and if you have any concerns then please speak to Mrs Walker or Mrs Parkinson.

Unfortunately, Mr Tzen will be leaving us at the end of term 6 to travel and work his way around New Zealand. We wish him all the best on his adventure and I am sure there are many of you, like the staff, who are jealous of what lies ahead for him. Rabbits will be taught next year by Miss Brown and Mrs Turner who are both very excited about teaching lower down in the school.

We have been very lucky with the weather latterly this week and it has reminded me ask you to ensure that the children have sun cream on themselves from the start of the day, bring a sun hat and that they keep hydrated during the day.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans



Books for sale - 10p each

We have been reviewing our own reading scheme in school and still have some fiction books in reception that can be purchased for 10p. These are particularly good as they have questions about the book at the end and can be used to see if the children have understood and retained the information within it.



Fruit bowl

When available we will keep a fruit bowl for the KS2 children to choose from, if they want it. This is a great way to encourage healthy choices and helps to top up energy levels during the day – as we already see in the younger children, who have free fruit or vegetables every day in school.

(Please let us know if you do not want us to offer fruit to your child).

FREE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS - PLEASE USE WISEPAY TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE

We are now using Wisepay for all after-school club bookings (there is no charge for any of the clubs however some clubs have limited places available). Please visit the school website and follow the link to Wisepay where you will see the clubs we are offering this term.

If you have any problems using Wisepay, the office staff will be happy to help you.

KS1 MULTI SPORTS LUNCHTIME CLUB

For KS1 children (years 1 and 2), Mr Murphy continues to run the multi sports club every Monday lunchtime. If you would like your child to participate please visit Wisepay to book their place.

Learning Corner

HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in maths, we have been learning to construct tally charts and pictograms (Year 2) and about the value of each digit in a 2-digit number (Year 1).

In English, we have been learning about the features of a fantasy story and some drama linked to the story.



Star Reader: Tommy
Star Writer: David
Star Mathematician: Oly



RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Rabbits have been using their maths and their reasoning skills to compare different objects and the amount they **weigh** and the amount of things (or water) they can hold.

English: Rabbits had a surprise letter from the New Close Gardeners, asking them to investigate something they found when digging in the field... We are now on the hunt to find out what kind of dinosaur the bones we found are from, and how they got there!



Star Reader: Isla
Star Writer: Layla
Star Mathematician: Neo



SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths we are beginning a topic on Measures; this week we have been learning about length.

In English our current focus is on informal writing. We will be writing an informal letter to persuade our parents to bring us home from evacuation. This links with our topic on Children in WW2.



Star Reader: Zacc
Star Writer: Fae
Star Mathematician: Andrew



FOX CLASS

This week in maths we have been learning about ratio and proportion and applying our knowledge to solve problems.

This week in English we have been looking at the features of persuasive letters. The children were asked to write a letter to their parents to persuade them to let them have/do something that they really want. Be prepared...some of these letters may be coming home!



Star Reader: Finlay
Star Writer: Imogin
Star Mathematician: Harry



OTTER CLASS

In English, we have been writing instructions on "How to Mummify a Banana".

In maths, we have been investigating place value using Egyptian numbers.



Star Reader: Matthew J
Star Writer: Saimo
Star Mathematician: Matthew W



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Tyler
Hedgehog: Rubie
Squirrel: Jamie
Otter: Eve
Fox: Mia

FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost. For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school office.