

# New Close News

Friday 23rd March, 2018

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

Dear Parents

As we near the end of the Spring Term it is nice to see the daffodils replacing the snow and I hope Easter brings some warmer weather. With that, the children's reports (years 1-6) will be with you today. Please can you make sure that you have booked an appointment with their class teacher for Monday's parents' evening to discuss the report, their progress and their next steps. Parents of children in the reception year group can also book an appointment to see Mr Tzen; they will receive their reports in term 6.

Reception have enjoyed their new sand and water play areas. The outdoor learning zone is now becoming well equipped and the role play hut will be in use after Easter. This will continue to develop their experiences outside the classroom and reinforce their learning.



Well done to the swimming team who took part in the Warminster Schools swimming gala on Wednesday. Unfortunately, they were unable to replicate their performance in the netball but they all gave it their full effort and gave full support to each other. Well done to all those who took part.

Mr Evans

## Year 6 Residential Trip

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the next payment instalment for the year 6 residential trip to Osmington is due by 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## DIARY DATES AND EVENTS NEXT WEEK

26th March:	Parents' Evening - all classes
28th March:	Easter fun day including The Great Egg Race starting at 9.00am and the Spring Hat Competition.
28th March:	Last day of Term 4 for pupils
29th March:	TD Day (school closed to pupils)
16th April:	Start of Term 5
20th April:	Swimming starts for Otter & Squirrel classes
20th April:	Celebration Assembly - Rabbit class
27th April:	Celebration Assembly - Hedgehog class
4th May:	Celebration Assembly - Squirrel class
7th May:	Bank Holiday (school closed)
11th May:	Celebration Assembly - Otter class
25th May:	Celebration Assembly - Fox class
25th May:	Last day of Term 5

# Learning Corner

## HEDGEHOG CLASS

In maths, we have been learning to subtract pairs of numbers by counting on from the smaller number to the larger number, and continuing number sequences by finding the difference.

In English, we have been learning about explanation texts and planning one about the life cycle of a butterfly.



**Star Reader:** Daniel  
**Star Writer:** Emily  
**Star Mathematician:** Tadeusz



## OTTER CLASS

This week in maths we have been measuring and drawing angles using a protractor.

In English we have been working on our reading comprehension skills and completing our woodland stories.



**Star Reader:** Matthew W  
**Star Writer:** Alfie W  
**Star Mathematician:** Lily-May



## RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Children have been sharing between their friends and the class wolves, finding halves and quarters of objects and amounts.

English: The children have got some new friends in the classroom... one of which escaped! See if they can tell you what the runaway trod in when they were in our corridors.



**Star Reader:** Ruby  
**Star Writer:** Robert  
**Star Mathematician:** Jack



## FOX CLASS

This week in maths we have been calculating missing angles in triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons and angles around a point.

This week in English we have continued to enjoy some short fantasy stories from Tales of Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan and looked at how he has used dialogue to convey character and move the story forward.



**Star Reader:** Eve  
**Star Writer:** Kieran  
**Star Mathematician:** Nieve



## SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths we have been continuing to work on different aspects of coordinates.

In English, following on from our work on World Book Day, we have been writing a letter to apply for the job of Prehistoric Monster Hunter!



**Star Reader:** Sanskar  
**Star Writer:** Jacob  
**Star Mathematician:** Samix



## GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit:	Amelia
Hedgehog:	Olly
Squirrel:	Amelia
Otter:	Snehaa
Fox:	Jared

### **Courses available at Braeside**

Wiltshire Council host a variety of Able, Gifted, Talented and Enrichment Courses to Years 2 – 6, at Braeside Education Centre in Devizes. There is a charge for participating in each course and this is variable.

If you are interested in your child attending any of these courses, please see the information which is available on <http://braeside-education.co.uk/agt-courses.html>

Parents will need to complete an application form which is also available and this will need to be signed by your child's teacher. Naturally, parents will need to transport their child to and from Braeside.

We hope this programme may be of interest to you.

Miss Brown

#### **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](http://www.coolmilk.com) or ask in the school office.

#### **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). Please visit the school website and follow the link to Wisepay where you will see the clubs we are offering for the summer term. Please be aware that some clubs have limited places available. If you have any problems using Wisepay, please contact the office staff who will be pleased 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 your child's place.