

New Close News

Friday 4th May, 2018

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

Thank you to the children and yourselves on Tuesday when we were without power for the whole day. All the children were very calm and staff adapted to not having their computers to ensure that teaching and learning could continue throughout the day.

We have been working on a new website behind the scenes and this goes live over the weekend. It has a different front page but you will find the same links to the information that you may be looking for. The advantage of the new website is the ability to upload information far quicker and more efficiently. Our aim is to have more write-ups and pictures of events that the children have been taking part in to keep parents informed of daily life in the school. We welcome any feedback on the new website and any additional information that would be useful to post on there.

Mr Tzen will be planting some wild flower seeds in our woodland area with the eco club soon and so we will watch carefully how they develop.

The weather is set to be lovely for the weekend so I hope you enjoy the extra day.

Mr Evans

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.



E-Newsletter

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, we are hoping to send as many newsletters by e-mail as possible. If you are able to receive your newsletter by e-mail, and haven't already done so, please contact the office. For those families who do not receive the newsletter by e-mail we will continue to send out paper copies.

Office Hours

Please be aware that the School Office is staffed between 8.45am and 3.15pm.

Learning Corner

HEDGEHOG CLASS

In English, we have been learning to plan, and write, a fantasy story. We have also been learning about past and present tense verbs.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning about 1 more/less than a 2-digit number, while Year 2 have been learning about movement and direction.



Star Reader: Riley
Star Writer: Olly
Star Mathematician: Hannah



RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Rabbit class have had a whole herd of dinosaurs to count, so we have been practising counting, learning one more and one less with numbers up to 20 (and to 100 for some!).

English: children have written letters and postcards to people from museums, hoping to find out more about dinosaurs.



Star Reader: Jack
Star Writer: Layton
Star Mathematician: Leo



SQUIRREL CLASS

In English, we have begun to look at the features and language of a recount as we will be writing a fictional diary entry about a night spent in an Anderson Shelter during the Blitz.

In maths our topic for the next few weeks will be 'Time'. So far, we have been reviewing our existing knowledge and groups will be working on different aspects of this topic.



Star Reader: Joseph
Star Writer: Riley
Star Mathematician: Ayden



OTTER CLASS

In English this week, we have been working on our speaking and listening skills and developing our questioning ability, when discussing a text.

In maths, we have been working on fractions, decimals and percentages and finding the equivalence between them.



Star Reader: Phoebe
Star Writer: Ryan
Star Mathematician: China



FOX CLASS

This week in maths we have been converting units of measure and then applying this knowledge to solve problems and demonstrate our reasoning skills.

This week in English we have been working hard to improve our original persuasive letters by using richer vocabulary and more of the expected features of such a letter.



Star Reader: Louise
Star Writer: Eddie
Star Mathematician: Frank



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Henry

Hedgehog: Darcie

Squirrel: Morgan

Otter: Alfie B

Fox: Leni



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 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.