

New Close News

Friday 27th April, 2018

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

Despite a cold and wet end to the week we hope that some lovely summer weather is just around the corner. With this in mind please see the summer uniform expectations for both girls and boys.

Girls: Red and white school dress (checked or striped). Black\grey school trousers or shorts and white polo shirt (plain or with logo).

Boys: Black\grey school trousers or shorts. White polo shirt (plain or with school logo).

Footwear: In the summer, children can wear either their standard school shoes or sandals. If sandals are worn, they must have closed toes.

On Monday after school, 8 year 5 pupils took part in an orienteering festival at Kingdown School where they experienced a range of activities introducing them to this sport. The afternoon culminated with a race against local schools where their new found skills were put to the test. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the next event, which is a competition. This will be on Wednesday 9th May and will take place in Southleigh Woods. Well done to all of them and we look forward to hearing how they perform in the competition.

A reminder to year 6 parents that during SATs week a breakfast is available to year 6 pupils from 8.00am. This is not on Wisepay and so can you please return the permission slip if they want to take advantage of this.

Have a good weekend.

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 maths, Year 2 have been learning to reason about pictograms, and Year 1 have been comparing and ordering 2-digit numbers.

In English, we have been planning and writing character descriptions.



Star Reader: Oscar
Star Writer: Ava
Star Mathematician: Emily



RABBIT CLASS

English: Rabbits have been beginning to write letters about the dinosaurs we have been learning about. Ask us to see if we have a favourite dinosaur yet!

Maths: Rabbits have been helping Cinderella, the Three Little Pigs and other characters in need, to solve problems by organising, measuring and comparing different volumes and weights.



Star Reader: Melisha
Star Writer: Fleur
Star Mathematician: Ovi



SQUIRREL CLASS

In English this week we have imagined that we have been evacuated during WW2 and want to return to our homes. We have written an informal persuasive letter to our 'parents' to try to persuade them to agree to this.

In maths our topic is Measures and this week we have been converting different units of length and also calculating the perimeter of shapes.



Star Reader: Jacob
Star Writer: Layla
Star Mathematician: Zacc



OTTER CLASS

In English, we have been working on our reading comprehension skills and writing diary entries – travelling through time to Ancient Egypt.

In maths, we have been revisiting our multiplication and division skills to deal with larger numbers.



Star Reader: Saimo
Star Writer: Eve
Star Mathematician: Samridhi



FOX CLASS

This week in maths, we have had our Mock SATs week. We have spent time going through the papers that we have sat with all of the children taking turns to explain and demonstrate how to answer the questions and solve the problems using their knowledge, understanding and reasoning skills.

This week in English, we have also completed Mock SATs in Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Again, we have followed the same procedure of going through the papers with children offering answers and solutions.

Well done, Fox Class! You worked hard and tried your best. Keep this up now everyone!



Star Reader: Lewis
Star Writer: Chayse
Star Mathematician: Lottie



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Dylan

Hedgehog: Nischal

Squirrel: Meddy

Otter: Matthew W

Fox: Louise



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.