



**New Close Primary School**

*An Acorn Education Trust School*

**Welcome to New Close School**

**Squirrel Class – Years 1 & 2**



**It is hard to show you around at the moment due to COVID19, so we wanted to provide you with this guide to help you see what we have on offer at our New Close Primary School.**

**This is the main entrance to our school building where all visitors arrive.**

## Coming into School



Each morning at New Close, you would bring your child to the grey gates to the left of the building where a staff member will direct your child onto the playground. I will then meet your child in the playground and show them to their classroom. My name is Miss Smith and I am very proud to be the Squirrel class teacher.



### **Our school times are:**

8:55 – 3.00

At the moment the pandemic is affecting all of the school opening hours and we are running a part-time timetable. But please get in touch to find out what is currently on offer. Information can be found on the school website or by telephone on 01985 212304.



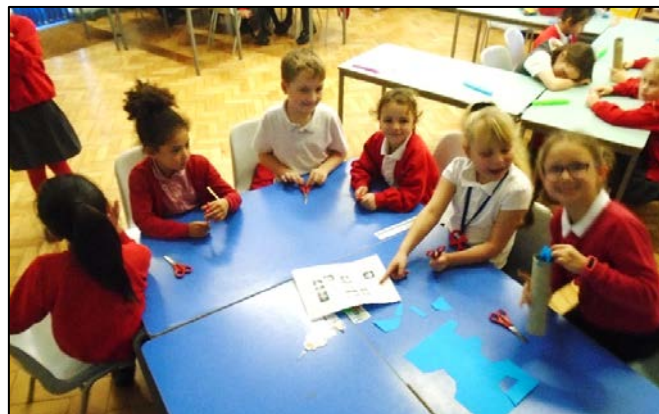
## Squirrel Classroom

If I were able to show you around, I would be showing you the following (and probably more!):



## A normal day in Squirrel class

At the start of every morning the children complete morning work activities. This helps our brains wake up and become ready for a day of fun and exciting learning. We then start our phonics learning; phonics is taught through a variety of games, activities and writing tasks. We then move onto our literacy lesson where we complete some writing and reading activities. Playtime is next. Children will be able to enjoy some yummy, healthy snacks. After playtime we will start our maths lesson and enjoy using the maths resources to learn. After lunch, we take part in some different learning and activities including topic, science and art – plus much more. Twice a week we have a PE coach who comes into school and in the summer we go swimming! In Squirrel class we like to have fun, we sing, dance and even put on performances for the rest of the class. As the teacher, I will get to know the children in my class, their likes, dislikes and plan around these so the children can learn through their interests.



## Houses

We have three house teams in New Close – Longleat, Stourhead and Wilton. When you join us you will be placed into one of these houses. House points are awarded to children for hard work and good behaviour. Each week the house points are counted and shared in assembly and at the end of each term the house with the most house points is awarded a trophy. The children in the winning house are also rewarded with a special treat.



## Lunch times

The children in Squirrel class can enjoy a healthy fruit/vegetable snack (provided by school or brought from home depending on preference). Lunch is served in our large hall and is free to children in Reception, Years 1 & 2. If you would like a school lunch, this will need to be pre-ordered weekly in advance. We can provide a hot meal or a packed lunch. Alternatively you can provide your own packed lunch. At meal times we try and encourage the children to be as independent as possible, but support them wherever they need it. We try to make lunch and snack time a sociable time where children are given time to chat and also to eat without rush.

## **Outdoor Area**

As well as our large school playground we are also really lucky to have an extensive playing field including a woodland area.





## **We look forward to meeting you**

We are sorry that we can't currently show you around, we would love to be able to as we are very proud of our offerings and it would be lovely to be able to show you how enthusiastically the children engage with our environment. As soon as viewings are possible we will readily open our doors to you.

If we get to the point where we are able to host any welcoming events, such as our open days, we would like to be able to welcome you.

We're delighted you have chosen to send your child to our school and look forward to welcoming you and your family. I would be very happy to answer any questions that you may have. My email is [bs@newclose.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:bs@newclose.wilts.sch.uk) but for any admin-related questions, please contact the office on 01985 212304 or [office@newclose.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@newclose.wilts.sch.uk).