

New Close News

Friday 1st February, 2019

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

I hope that you have had a good week and that your families are enjoying the snow today!

A couple of weeks ago I asked if any parents were interested in before or after school care for their children, to let Mrs Wootten know. Unfortunately, we have not had sufficient numbers to make this viable and so will not be providing this service in the near future.

We have had visits from 3 Emergency Services this week. In assembly on Wednesday it was the police in the form of Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and PCSO Roland Revers. This was followed by an assembly by the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, of which more information follows. On Thursday the fire brigade arrived due to the alarm going off. After a sweep of the building they were happy with everything and the children were allowed to re-enter.

The children in Stourhead House chose the Wiltshire Air Ambulance as their chosen charity. As we are sure you are aware, they are a registered charity which relies entirely on donations to keep saving lives. It is not funded directly by the Government and receives no National Lottery grants. Steve Riddle, one of the Air Ambulance paramedics, visited the school on Wednesday to talk to the children about the amazing service they provide. The children were captivated. His visit has helped raise awareness and has launched the first Stourhead House fund-raising event.

Each child has brought home a small, white matchbox and a set of instructions. Please read the instructions carefully. Their challenge is to fit as many different objects into the matchbox as possible. They have to list all the items included. Please ensure that nothing valuable or precious goes into the matchboxes. The first item has to be a £1 coin to be given as a donation to the WAA. Beyond that, the children must use their imagination! Steve kindly brought some prizes and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will receive a prize. We look forward to looking through the entries.

If you wish to donate more money or give a donation, we would be very grateful. Please hand it into the office along with the matchbox. Thank you for encouraging the children to take part.

Recently in Squirrel Class, the children have been learning about instructions. Last week, the children made chocolate Cornflake cakes, and then wrote instructions on how to make the cakes. After this, the cakes were eaten and enjoyed by all! Well done Squirrels.



Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit class this week we have continued our topic on fairy stories. They have been creating their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and enjoying learning some of the repeated phrases. In Maths we have been learning about weighing and about time. Reception have been trying to make the bucket scales balance and ordering objects from lightest to heaviest. Year 1s have been learning to tell the time to the o'clock and half hour. If you can support any of this learning at home, that would be wonderful...as time can be a tricky one to grasp.


Star Reader: Harley
Star Writer: Isla
Star Mathematician: Courtney

SQUIRREL CLASS

This week in English lesson, we have been reading and understanding persuasive texts, and looking at the language in them. In Grammar, Y2 children have been correctly punctuating sentences; Y3 have been learning about the range and uses of conjunctions in sentences.

In maths, the Y2 children have been learning about the features of 2-D and 3-D shapes and sorting them; Y3 have been accurately drawing 2-D shapes to given measurements and identifying angles, horizontal, diagonal and vertical lines.


Star Reader: Tadeusz
Star Writer: Darcie
Star Mathematician: Rubie

OTTER CLASS

In maths we have been learning about angles and shapes, we have also re-visited money and solved word problems on this topic.

In English we have completed our information books and are very pleased with them. We have also worked on improving our punctuation and grammar.


Star Reader: Grace
Star Writer: Sudip
Star Mathematician: Meddy

FOX CLASS

This week in English, we have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom, looking at diary (ship's log) entries and thinking about how we can ensure that the reader hears our 'voice' when writing in this genre while our grammar focus has been on the use of pronouns and determiners. We have listened to 'Storm' by Benjamin Britten, to inspire us when writing effective sentences - using onomatopoeia, personification and pathetic fallacy - to describe a storm at sea.

In maths, we have been working on our understanding of linear sequences and simple formulas, revisiting algebra and reviewing our understanding of how to calculate area and perimeter, and how this will help us when working out the volume of a 3D shape.


Star Reader: Kereem
Star Writer: Logan
Star Mathematician: Lily-May

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Georgia
Squirrel: Archie
Otter: Jamie
Fox: Matthew W

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please check that you have ordered your child's school lunch, if required, each week. We do not send text message reminders to parents every week. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.

SWIMMING

After half term, Fox and Otter classes will be swimming on Friday mornings.

We need parental permission on Wisepay to walk your child to the swimming pool. (Children in Otter class already have permission as they swam in terms 1 and 2.)

For parents of children in Fox class, please visit Wisepay to give your permission/ make your payment (thank you to those who have already given permission/payment in the Autumn term). If you have any problems please contact the school office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Details of events and assemblies can be found on our school website.



New Close Primary School

Teaching Assistant for Nursery/Reception Class (temporary for 1 year in the first instance)

Hours: 32.5 hours per week (8.30-3.30), Monday to Friday, Term Time Only

Pay: £9.68 per hour

To start: April 2019

New Close Primary School is a happy and caring school where the staff are dedicated to creating a great place for children to learn. As part of the Acorn Education Trust it provides exciting opportunities to improve local education.

The opportunity has arisen for us to increase our Early Years Provision to introduce nursery aged children (from age 3, initially) into our Reception class. We are therefore looking to increase our enthusiastic team.

We are looking for a motivated, energetic and proactive Early Years Professional who will ensure the delivery of safe, high quality education and care for all of our children.

The successful candidate must have a relevant level 3 qualification and will be expected to demonstrate a warm and caring approach with the children, and experience of working with the early years foundation stage. They should also have the ability to observe and record a child's progress, and be willing to be involved in discussions around planning exciting and stimulating activities for the children.

This position will suit someone who can work well and support colleagues within a team and who will be a good ambassador for the school.

How to apply

Please download an application pack from our website at www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk or ask at the school office.

KINGDOWN SCHOOL—TALK & TOUR

The next Talk & Tour event is taking place on **Tuesday 5th February** between **9.00am and 11.00am**.

Talk & Tour mornings are informal with guided tours of the school during a normal working morning, followed by an opportunity to meet the Headteacher, and other senior staff, over coffee.

Kingdown ask visitors to **[contact the school](#) to book a place** on a tour.

“We are looking forward to welcoming Year 5 and 6 parents and students between 9.00am -11.00am on 5th February.”



Fun filled days of Sport during the holidays. All camps will be multi-sports with a range of activities available each day. There will be a mixture of traditional sports along with some alternative.

FIXTURES

- CAMP 1:** Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November
- CAMP 2:** Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
- CAMP 3:** Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April
- CAMP 4:** Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th April
- CAMP 5:** Tuesday 28th May – Friday 31st May
- CAMP 6:** Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August
- CAMP 7:** Monday 5th August – Friday 9th August
- CAMP 8:** Monday 12th August – Friday 16th August

Camps Run
0900-1500
£20 a day
£75 a week

Breakfast Club
(from 0800)
£3

After Care
(until 1700)
£5

To book: Please use your child's name as the reference along with the Camp and number.
To pay by BACS please use
Sort code: 30-99-13
Account: 21598168

All taking place @ Kingdown School, Warminster



Please email Selwyn Widger sw@acorneducationtrust.com to book



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