

# New Close News

Friday 19th October, 2018

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

It seems not long ago that we were only returning to school and here we are 7 weeks later thinking about half term. Thank you to all parents who donated food towards our Harvest Festival and for those that attended our assembly today I hope that you all enjoyed the singing and class performances.

On Monday night teams from Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 competed in the Acorn Education Trust 5 a-side football tournament at Kingdown. It was great to see over 130 pupils playing and enjoying football. In each age bracket teams were split into two leagues with the top two teams going through to the semi-final and then the winners going into the final. Our year 5 & 6 teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in their respective leagues. The year 3 & 4 team convincingly won their league scoring 25 goals on the way. In the semi-final they defeated The Avenue and met Dilton Marsh in the final. This was a hugely competitive and nail biting game finishing 1 – 1 at the final whistle. This led to the golden goal rule being enforced with Dilton finishing as winners. Congratulations to all the players who demonstrated superb skills and determination; but particularly Liam, Tommy, Zacc, Jacob and Hayden, our year 3 & 4 team. Zacc is in very good goal scoring form currently scoring over 20 goals on the night and scored a hat trick last weekend for Westbury Rhinos against Larkhall in a league match. Well done to everyone.



*The twinkling stream meandered steadily. Glimmering sunlight pierced through the shadowy, green forest and Dandelion seeds floated in the air, gleaming in the sky with tiny dust motes. Gloomy trees swayed and danced like hands, swooping with delight. A young handsome man with black, wavy hair sat on a rock, his name was Orpheus.*

By Jessel in Otter Class

Fox class have been investigating how poets use language to create a picture (image) in the reader's mind. They have looked closely at how imagery is created through the use of similes, metaphors, alliteration and rhythm by reading a range of poems, based on a sea theme. Here are some of their poems ...

*Colourful octopus camouflaging  
Shimmering seashells shaking  
Sticky seaweed tickling  
Slithery cuttlefish inking  
Wonderful sharks hunting*

Saimo R

*Weak dog walking  
Sundering sea crashing  
Hungry waves wailing  
Shark's teeth clashing  
Frantic birds diving  
Sapphire sea waving.*

Matthew W

*Bright sea shimmers  
Little waves spume  
Happy children splashing  
Calm seas splatter  
White seagulls cry  
Tiny fish swimming*

*Flying foam spits  
Cold wind roars  
Grey fog battles  
Lead clouds darken  
Dark sea moaning*

Amelia W

A reminder that we break up on Tuesday next week and I wish you all a happy and safe half term.

Mr Evans

# Learning Corner

## RABBIT CLASS

Pumpkins have been the theme in Rabbit class this week! The children enjoyed using small worlds built around pumpkins, pumpkin spiced playdough and golf tees to hammer into pumpkins to help with fine motor control! They also tasted pumpkin soup and pumpkins seeds. Using all this experience, the children were able to write pumpkin acrostic poems, Reception children paired with Year 1 children to develop ideas. The children drew on their developing phonic knowledge to help with their writing.

In maths the Reception children continued to learn to recognise, count and record their numbers to 10. Year 1 children learnt all about halves and quarters of a shape.



**Star Reader: Salisha**  
**Star Writer: Georgia**  
**Star Mathematician: Ovi**

## SQUIRREL CLASS

In English, we have been finishing our stories with a familiar setting and making them into books. We are looking forward to sharing them with other classes.

In maths, we have been solving word problems using subtraction, and interpreting data displayed on bar charts.



**Star Reader: Oscar**  
**Star Writer: Olly**  
**Star Mathematician: Tadeusz**

## OTTER CLASS

In English we have started to write our play scripts based on the myth of 'Pandora's Box'. We are looking forward to performing them.

In maths we are working on fractions, including equivalent fractions and comparing fractions and decimals.



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

## FOX CLASS

In English this week, we have been looking at sea poetry and how the choice of 'strong' language can create a picture in the reader's mind through the use of alliteration, personification, metaphors, similes and onomatopoeic words. After using a thesaurus, to discover a wider range of ambitious vocabulary, we have written our own sea poems (using the 3-word-adjective-noun-verb sentence structure).

In maths, we have been refining our multiplication and division skills by looking at the method of long multiplication and division and revisiting our understanding of factors, multiples and prime



**Star Reader: Alfie W**  
**Star Writer: Matthew W**  
**Star Mathematician: Aimee**

## GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

**Rabbit: Isla**  
**Squirrel: Darcie**  
**Otter: Ryan**  
**Fox: Ethan**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES- BOOK NOW FOR NEXT TERM

If you would like your child to have a school meal when we return after half term, please remember to book it on Wisepay before 9.00am on Wednesday 24th October. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office .

## ASSEMBLY DATES -Term 2

You are welcome to join us for your child's class Celebration Assembly, which start at 14.30:

**16 November: Rabbit class**  
**23 November: Squirrel class**  
**30 November: Otter class**  
**7 December: Fox class**

**Please check the calendar on our school website for details of events next term:**

[www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk)



### 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. Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> or ask in the school office.

for ages  
7-13



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](mailto:sw@acorneducationtrust.com) to book



**For the attention of all parents**

**Will your child be four years old before  
September 2019?**

**You must apply for a primary school place.**

**Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**

**The deadline for applications is**

**Midnight 15th January 2019**

Ring customer services on 01225 713010 for more information or to request our booklet - "Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire".

**For the attention of all parents**

**Will your child be transferring to secondary school  
in  
September 2019?**

**You must apply for a secondary school place.**

**Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**

**The deadline for all applications is**

**Midnight 31st October 2018**

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### Warminster WW1 Facts Trail

Warminster is hosting a 'Warminster War Facts Trail'.

The trail forms part of the town's commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting in WW1. The event is also linked to the 'Warminster Family Learning Festival'. (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/family-learning-festival-2018>)

The event starts on Saturday 20th October and runs until Wednesday 31st October 2018 inclusive. Children of 16 and under can obtain an entry form that contains 100 Facts about WW1 with some of the words missing. They then have to walk the Warminster War Facts Trail to obtain the missing information. Adults can of course complete the trail for their own interest and entertainment and education.

The facts cover a whole range of topics from the part played by women and children in the war to the role of various buildings in the Warminster area. 20 Venues in the town centre will be displaying a laminated sign containing some of the facts in one of their windows.

For those under 16 who wish to, there is the chance to win a prize of two tickets to a show at the Athenaeum, "In Flanders Fields". In Flanders Fields is a spectacular evening of music and entertainment to commemorate the Centenary of the ending of The Great War. It takes place on Sunday 4th November 2018 at 7.30pm. Completed forms should be returned to Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, by 4.30 on 31st October 2018. A winning entry will be drawn on Thursday 1st November 2018.

Entry forms will be available to download from the Warminster Town Council website [www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) or paper copies can be obtained from the Warminster Civic Centre, in Sambourne Road.

