

New Close News

Friday 8th February, 2019

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

I know that as the day progressed last Friday the snow got deeper and deeper. I hope you all had the opportunity to sledge or build a snowman with your children. Unfortunately, the tag rugby festival was cancelled on Monday due to repairs taking place to the astro turf pitch at Kingdown School. We hope that this will be rearranged after half term as I know the children were looking forward to it.

Next week the New Close Dance Team will be performing at The Forum in Bath. The theme is "love" and their chosen song is "Love Shack" by the B-52's. We wish them all the best and I know they will have a great evening.

A reminder to parents of Fox and Otter children that the first Friday back after half term they will be swimming. Please can you make sure you have given permission for them to participate on your Wisepay account and they have a costume, towel and goggles (optional).

Otters, in English lessons, have been reading a Native American tale called 'The Great Rain'. It is about Sky Father and Earth Mother; Sky Father is very jealous of Earth Mother and causes a flood. Earth Mother tries to save the animals and people and some of the humans are turned into rattlesnakes. Here are some extracts from the children's writing:

'Earth Mother was always trying her best to cheer up Sky Father. He (Sky Father) had always kept the weather the same, the same old shiny bright sun. The whole universe was getting hotter and hotter. Earth Mother had had enough!' by Ismarika.

'Earth Mother wanted to warn her beloved ones. So she turned into a beautiful old lady. The first people she approached didn't recognise her shining voice – the hunter thought it was the secret, hissing grasses.' by Grace.

'She told the woman on the beach, but she thought it was the sea whispering to her.' by Andrew.

'So the animals fled to the hills, they were sobbing because the land was destroyed.' by Jacob.

'The people attacked Earth Mother so she turned them into rattlesnakes and put them into her basket. They rattled and wiggled about but they didn't get out.' by Hayden.

'The rain turned to sunshine and everybody was fine and free. The rattlesnakes sheltered from the sun in the shade and said "Earth Mother when it rains will you look after us?" Earth Mother smiled.' by Vidisha.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

This week in Rabbit class we have been enjoying the story of the 3 little pigs. We have been reading alternative versions of the story and writing some of our own. The characters have been different animals and the houses have been made of different materials. This has linked well with our science topic on materials.

In maths the year 1s have been revisiting odd and even numbers and counting in 2s. We have started the 2 times table. Reception have been consolidating their knowledge of the numbers to 20.



Star Reader: Robert
Star Writer: Harrison
Star Mathematician: Spencer

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, we have been reading and discussing persuasive texts. We have been making notes of ideas of how to persuade someone to do something. We have also been planning a persuasive text for writing a letter to Mr Evans regarding homework! In grammar, Y2 have been learning when to use capital letters, and Y3 about using a wider range of conjunctions to join clauses which are headed by a verb.

In maths, Y2 have been creating repeating patterns using 2-D shapes and identifying the properties of 3-D shapes. Y3 have been describing turns and relating turns to the number of right angles.



Star Reader: Dylan
Star Writer: Ava
Star Mathematician: Skye

OTTER CLASS

In maths we have been studying fractions, including finding fractions of a number, ordering fractions and equivalent fractions.

In English we have been writing a story from a different culture. The story we have modelled our writing on is 'The Great Rain' which is a Native American tale.



Star Reader: Jacob
Star Writer: Grace
Star Mathematician: Ismarika

FOX CLASS

This week in maths, we have been working on reasoning questions, revisiting how to calculate the missing values of sides of triangles and parallelograms, when calculating area, and investigating volume.

In English, we have been working on our reading comprehension skills, figurative language and how tenses can change within a piece of writing. We have written storm poems showcasing our vocabulary work - increasing the strength of our vocabulary for effect.



Star Reader: Alfie B
Star Writer: Alfie W
Star Mathematician: Matthew J

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Samar
Squirrel: Oscar
Otter: Vidisha
Fox: Jenson

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 Friday, 15th February**. 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. The Celebration Assembly for Otter class has been rearranged for **2.30pm on 15th February**.



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.

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 to book



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.**

REQUEST FOR ITEMS:

Miss Brown has asked for items for her construction club. She'd be really pleased if you could send in clean yogurt pots, cardboard tubes from cling film, foil and kitchen roll and any other interesting and safe containers such as soap dispensers and jam jar lids. The items are for a project they will be starting after the holiday. Thank you.



E-Newsletter

Please help us to reduce our carbon footprint by having your newsletters sent by email. Just let the office staff know - call in, telephone or email: office@newclose.wilts.sch.uk
Thank you.

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.