

New Close News

Friday 14th September, 2018

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

The children are very much back into their routine and have continued to settle well. The seating plan at lunchtimes has changed from last year with them now sitting in their Houses (Longleat, Stourhead or Wilton). The Year 5 & 6 children on each table have been given the role of table leader. They are there to help the younger pupils ensuring they have enough to drink to hydrate and opening any tricky packets or cartons from their lunches. This is working very well and so a big thank you to the table leaders.

Our school value for the term is "thankfulness". This is linked to Harvest with our Harvest Festival being on the 19th October at 2.30pm. The children are learning some songs for this, "Conkers and Harvest Samba", which you hopefully will hear them singing or humming at home.

We see homework as an extension of your child's learning and helps them to consolidate work that has been covered in class. The benefits for doing homework are listed below:

- It improves children's thinking and memory.
- It helps children develop positive study skills and habits that will serve them well throughout life.
- Homework encourages children to use time wisely.
- It teaches children to work independently.
- Homework teaches children to take responsibility for his or her work.
- It allows children to review and practise what has been covered in class.

It has been agreed by the staff that homework should be set in key stage 1 and 2 on a regular basis for English and maths. The time allocation is:

Key stage 1: 10 – 20 minutes/ week

Key stage 2: 20 – 40 minutes/ week

If your child is struggling to understand the homework then please contact the member of staff who has set it by adding a note to the homework or at the end of the day.

Congratulations to Emileigh, Grace, Tiana, Dillon, Harry and Matt who are the House Captains and Vice Captains of Longleat, Stourhead and Wilton. Good luck in your new role.



Have a good weekend.
Mr Evans

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.



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.

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit class this week we have been very busy. The year ones have been learning about how teens numbers are made up of 1 ten and a number of 1s. The EYFS children have been learning counting songs. We have all been learning about writing labels, lists and captions and in science we have been talking about how we have changed as we've grown up. We have tried to work out who is who from baby photographs.



Star Reader: Neo
Star Writer: Tyler
Star Mathematician: Isla

SQUIRREL CLASS

This week in English, we have been completing our writing of the biography about the artist LS Lowry, and have been answering comprehension questions about his life and work.

In maths we have been learning about the place value of digits in 2- or 3-digit numbers.



Star Reader: Hannah
Star Writer: Georgie
Star Mathematician: Olly

OTTER CLASS

In English we have written a biography about Claude Monet. We have studied his art and replicated a painting in water lilies.

In maths we have revisited place value, comparing and ordering numbers and increasing and decreasing them. We have also been learning our multiplication tables.



Star Reader: Harry
Star Writer: Alfie
Star Mathematician: Callum

FOX CLASS

In English this week, we have been looking at the features of biography writing to help us write our individual biographies about Gustav Klimt. We will be looking at narrative writing next week.

In maths, we have been revisiting our place value knowledge and understanding -through problem solving - with numbers up to ten million.



Star Reader: Matthew J
Star Writer: Saimo
Star Mathematician: Amelia

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Fleur
Squirrel: Archie
Otter: Rianka
Fox: Logan

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 .

DIARY DATES

21 September: Swimming - Squirrel & Otter
21 September: Celebration Assembly - Squirrel class
28 September: Swimming - Squirrel & Otter
28 September: Celebration Assembly - Otter class
5 October: Swimming - Squirrel & Otter
5 October: Celebration Assembly - Fox class
19 October: Swimming - Squirrel & Otter
19 October: Harvest Festival
24 October: TD Day (school closed to pupils)
Start of half term holiday
5 November: Back to school

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

The deadline for all applications is

Midnight 31st October 2018

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

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

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".

**KS2 AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS & KS1 LUNCHTIME CLUB
starting the week beginning 10th September:**

Tuesday: Football (3.00-4.15pm) - football boots & shin pads are needed
Wednesday: Art and Craft club (3-4pm)
Wednesday: Writing club (3-4pm)
Thursday: Eco club (3-4pm)
Thursday: Recorders club - please bring your own recorder (3-4pm)

We use Wisepay for all 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.

For KS1 children (years 1 and 2) we run a multi sports club every Tuesday lunchtime (please book on Wisepay).

If you have any problems using Wisepay, the office staff will be happy to help you.



Guitar Lessons



Guitar lessons will begin again next week - the first lesson is on Wednesday 19th. Please use Wisepay to pay for this term's lessons as usual (for children who have been having lessons with us).

If you would like your child to begin having lessons, please complete the slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Lessons are either shared with a small group for 30 minutes (£8), or individual 20 minute lessons (£9). These are paid for on Wisepay, in advance, once a half-term, and you should be aware that we require a half-term's notice of cancellations. Sometimes we are able to provide a loan guitar, subject to availability.

(Subsidised lessons are available to families entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals).

Yes, I am interested in guitar lessons for my child _____ (name).

My child does/does not have a guitar to practise on at home.

