

# New Close News

Friday 18 September 2020

Head Teacher - Mrs L Kilminster

Dear Parents

This week, class teachers began to make their phone calls home to parents, discussing how the children have settled into school and information about the year ahead. All teachers have commented about what a positive experience it has been and how happy our children are. We plan to continue these calls at regular intervals whilst we are unable to invite parents into school. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to email your child's class teacher.

We hope you have received your information pack regarding the plans we have in place should we be required to shut a bubble/s. Your child will have brought that home today. In addition, you should have received a technology questionnaire via email today. Please respond to this by Monday. We of course hope that we will not need to act on any of these plans.

Finally, from today, the link for the class pages on the website has moved. It can now be found on the home page within the red banner or in the drop down menu, if you are accessing it on a mobile device. We hope this makes it easier for you to access. In addition, homework will be uploaded on to the class pages every Friday to minimise the volume of paper going home and simplify the arrangements. Children will still have a homework book to record their weekly work.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday.

Mrs Kilminster

## Bags

We are aware that the children are beginning to struggle to carry lunchboxes, water bottles and homework packs into school. Therefore, we are changing our previous guidance to allow small bags into school, if you wish. Our cloakrooms are not in use so a small bag that can be hung on the back of a chair is ideal.

## Collecting Children at the end of the day

At the end of the day it would be helpful if Squirrel class and Rabbit Class parents could stand on the yellow lines so that children can be directed to the correct parent quickly.

For parents of Fox and Otter class, please feel free to use the grass areas either side of the gates to collect your child, particularly if the lane is busy with Kingdown students.

Our aim is to avoid the mixing of bubbles at the beginning and end of the day.

Thank you once again for your support with our COVID arrangements.



You can now follow and like us on our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with what's happening in school...

[www.facebook.com/newclose.school](http://www.facebook.com/newclose.school)



## Stars of the Week

Rabbit: Logan-Jay, Logan and Rebecca

Squirrel: Annabelle and Arlove

Otter: Neo and Leo

Fox: Ella, Riley and Archie

### Email addresses

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Squirrel Class - [bs@newclose.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:bs@newclose.wilts.sch.uk)

Otter class - [he@newclose.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:he@newclose.wilts.sch.uk)

Fox class - [ll@newclose.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ll@newclose.wilts.sch.uk)  
[lk@newclose.wiltssch.uk](mailto:lk@newclose.wiltssch.uk)

### **Military Families**

If you are part of our military community and require any assistance or support, please do let us know.

We have a Military Support Advisor who is experienced in offering help in all range of matters.

### **WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

Just a reminder that New Close school and nursery is a nut and peanut free zone.

We have children with nut allergies and it is **essential that packed lunches don't contain any nuts or peanuts (or products containing them).**

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



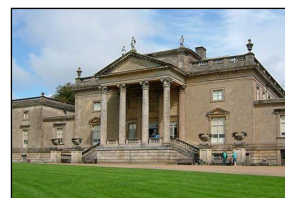
Below is a link to vacancies within the Acorn Education Trust:

<https://acorneducationtrust.com/job-vacancies>.

### House Points - week ending 18/09/20



**Wilton: 57 points**



**Stourhead: 47 points**



**Longleat: 47 points**

**\*\* THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE WILTON \*\***



### **Fruit/Veg**

We are able to offer free fruit/veg to children in reception, years 1 and 2. **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/> or ask in the school office.