

New Close News

Friday 7th September, 2018

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

Welcome back to everyone and I hope that you have all had a good and safe summer. The children look great in their uniform and have settled in really well. The new PE shirts have arrived and been given out to the children. They look fantastic as modelled by some of the children in the picture below. Please can you ensure that these are worn for all PE lessons along with black shorts or skirt. Key Stage 2 will be doing football this term and so please can you ensure that these children have red football socks and shin pads along with football boots.

The teachers have worked really hard over the summer on their classrooms and they are looking fantastic. Parents of pupils in Rabbits are invited into take a look at their new classroom at the start of the day and I am sure you will agree on what a wonderful learning environment it is.



During the summer the kitchen has been refurbished so that hot meals for local primary schools can be cooked here and then transported out to them. Two classrooms will also be used to support vulnerable children and will operate separately from New Close Primary School. Both of these new initiatives will be run and managed by the Acorn Education Trust.

Our after school clubs start next week, which are listed below. These can be booked through Wisepay and we encourage all children to take part in an after school extra-curricular activity at some point during the academic year. The celebration assemblies will start next week and a reminder that the new House names are Longleat, Stourhead and Wilton.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

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 (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.

ASSEMBLY DATES

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

14 September: Rabbit class
21 September: Squirrel class
28 September: Otter class
5 October: Fox class

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.

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

The children in Rabbits have all settled in really well. This week we have learnt about the artist Piet Mondrian and have used his artwork as a basis for some of our own.

Our topic this term is 'Celebrating being ME!' and we will be looking at how we have grown and changed since we were babies.

Our genre this term in English is Stories with Repeating Patterns.

In maths we will be learning our numbers, place value and using addition and subtraction.

SQUIRREL CLASS

This week we have been writing a biography about the artist LS Lowry and creating paintings in his style as part of this term's topic.

This term we will be learning about place value of numbers and statistics in maths, and reading and writing stories with a familiar setting in English. In science we will be learning about forces, and in R.E. we will be learning about how a Christian follows Jesus.

OTTER CLASS

Our topic this term is Ancient Rome and in particular the affect they had on our country. We will be making Roman shields, pottery and also following a Roman recipe.

Our science topic is Earth and Space, where will be learning about our solar system.

In English, we will start by studying Myths and Legends and our final outcome will be a myth that we will have written. Any research/visits that you can do with your child will be of great help and as usual, your child is asked to produce something connected with the main topic - Ancient Rome. This could be in the form of a presentation, artwork or even a model - make sure you have fun doing this!!

FOX CLASS

In Fox Class, our topic for the autumn term will be Crime and Punishment. We will be finding out about the broad trends of crime and punishment - from the Romans to the 21st century.

Next week, in English, we will be looking at newspaper reports, while in maths, we will be revisiting our place value and rounding skills.

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 .



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

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

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](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".

SWIMMING

Starting next Friday, Squirrel and Otter classes will be swimming on Friday mornings. Our lessons will be taught by professional swimming coaches and they will follow Swim England's (formerly the Amateur Swimming Association) Curriculum Swimming and Water Safety programme for schools. This meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and teaches the children to

- * swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- * use a range of strokes effectively
- * perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Additional intensive lessons are offered in term 6 to support any pupil in year 6 who needs a little extra help to be able to swim a length.

Families are asked contribute towards the cost of the swimming courses as follows:

- ~ £10.50 (Rabbit and Squirrel classes)
- ~ £24.00 (Otter and Fox classes)

We need parental permission on Wisepay to walk your child to the swimming pool.

Please visit Wisepay to give your permission/make your payment. If you have any problems please contact the school office.