

# New Close News

Friday 6th July, 2018

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

What another fantastic week of weather. Year 6 have been at Kingdown for their induction and, listening to their feedback, they are all looking forward to starting in September. On Thursday they went to Potterne for a Junior Good Citizen Day and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. This event is a series of workshops run by Wiltshire Police to educate Year 6 pupils about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations that they might find themselves in as they move to secondary school and have more independence and freedom. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe if they came across a stray dog and also how to be responsible dog owners. New for this year was a workshop on weapons and what is classed as a weapon and also how crimes can be categorised as 'joint enterprise', which means that all involved in an incident are held responsible. This was followed by a talk about the 'age of criminal responsibility' and looking inside a mock-up of a prison cell. Nobody wanted to be locked up that afternoon or in the future! The children were fascinated by the road safety workshop as they found out how long it would take a driver to stop if they happened to step out in front of a moving car. They realised that 23m was rather a long distance and, if they had stepped out, they would probably have been hit. I hope that all of the children will remember these important lessons and carry them into the future to keep them safe as they start life as Year 7 pupils in September.



Thank you to parents who returned the questionnaire from last week's newsletter. If you would like a copy, then please ask at reception. I would like to remind you that parents evening is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. It is vital that you attend please, to find out how much progress your child has made across the year and how you can further support them through the summer.

There is a vacancy for a parent Academy Council Member (Governor) within the school. The role of the governors is to uphold the standards in the school, oversee the safety of the students and staff, monitor the management of the finances and maintain the school's identity and community ethos. If you are interested in undertaking this role and supporting the school, then please contact me via Mrs Wootten for an informal conversation.

Congratulations to Matthew Jones who received the manager's player of the year award and Alfie Williams who received the club man of the year award for Warminster Highbury under 10s football team. It is great to hear of children's successes both in and out of school so please pass on any information that we can put in future newsletters.

Finally, I would like to remind you that it is school as normal on Monday and not a Teacher Training Day as previously advertised earlier in the year.

Have a good weekend

Mr Evans

# Learning Corner

## RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Rabbits have been measuring simple periods of time, and working out how many times they can do something in a minute!

English: Rabbits have been presenting their dinosaur action poetry in best, and beginning to act them out in videos!

★  
Star Reader: Fleur  
Star Writer: Tyler  
Star Mathematician: Layton ★

## HEDGEHOG CLASS

In English, we have been learning to write information texts and have made information books about spiders.

In maths, we have been solving word problems involving division or multiplication, and learning to read the time using analogue clocks.

★  
Star Reader: Daniel  
Star Writer: Emily  
Star Mathematician: Rubie ★

## SQUIRREL CLASS

In English we are now writing our Adventure stories into books that we have made. We will be making the books look as realistic as possible, with a blurb, photo of the author and reviews!

In maths we have been holding assessments and in between these tests, have been covering a range of topics such as division.

★  
Star Reader: Andrew  
Star Writer: Hayden  
Star Mathematician: Callum ★

## OTTER CLASS

In English, as well as our assessment work, we have been designing posters to warn the public about the dreaded Bluchers (Boy in the Tower).

In maths, we have been working through our assessments and consolidating maths' skills using the four operations.

★  
Star Reader: Jenson  
Star Writer: Matthew W  
Star Mathematician: Phoebe ★

## FOX CLASS

This week, Fox Class have enjoyed three days of induction at Kingdown, participating in the Junior Good Citizen workshops and also completing their CAT tests for Kingdown.

★  
Star Writer: Tiffany ★

## GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Leo  
Hedgehog: Hannah  
Squirrel: Riley  
Otter: Tiana-Jean  
Fox: Eve

## SPORTS DAY

We have been very lucky with the weather recently and are hoping the fine weather continues for us for our annual sports day on Friday 13th July. This year we will be having a refreshments stand where you will be able to purchase tea, coffee, bottles of water, ice lollies and maybe even a slice of cake and biscuits. At lunch time there will be a barbeque which is organised by the chef from Warminster School; parents can buy food on the day for themselves and their children or you can pre-book your child's meal on Wisepay in the usual way.

We look forwards to greeting as many of you as possible to cheer our children on!

The events will start at 9.30am and you are welcome to wait in the playground after dropping off your child. We will be following the format of previous years - the morning will be for the children, in mixed age teams, to tackle a series of events to earn points for their House. Siblings will be in the same team which makes it easier for parents to follow their children. In the afternoon, children are invited to take part in the more competitive races if they want to. These races include sprints, skipping and egg and spoon. The day finishes with the parents' races! Family members are welcome to come for the whole day or part of the day; please feel free to bring a picnic should you not want to pay for the barbeque.

## 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 .