

New Close News

Friday 21st December, 2018

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

Dear Parents

No doubt you have some very excited and tired children at home with you today. It has been a long term and they have worked hard, none more so than in the last 2 weeks. Thank you to all of you who returned the parent questionnaires and I have put a summary overleaf. It was also great to see many of you at parents' evening on Monday and I hope that you had positive feedback about your children's learning along with some targets to further improve their understanding. The overall attendance from parents was 72%. If you were unable to make it on Monday, then please can you arrange an appointment with the class teacher in the New Year. The newsletter is one of our main ways of communication with parents along with the website so I urge you to read it on a weekly basis to ensure that you are getting the information that you require.

Year 6 children have been set homework over the holidays. As Mrs Southby explained in her letter, please ensure that the children have a good rest but post the Christmas celebrations encourage them to complete a section per day so that it is not left to the last minute. Starting in January are SATs clubs for Year 6 pupils. Please can you make sure that you have signed your child up for these which will support their learning and reduce their anxiety when it comes to the tests in May. I would also encourage all parents to spend some time listening to the children read over the Christmas break.

On Thursday the children performed magnificently in the school production, whether it was as an acting role, narrator, reader or singing. Thank you to the parents who provided costumes - the children looked fantastic. It was lovely to see so many of you at the performance. Below are some photographs and there are more on the website. Please can you not share these on social media.



I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Evans

Results from the Parents' Survey.

If you would like to discuss any of the results, then please make an appointment with myself through Mrs Wootten in reception.

Mr Evans

New Close Primary School Parent View Survey		Please circle		
		<i>(1 response equates to approx. 2%)</i>		
1	My child is happy at this school	Strongly agree 66%	Agree 30%	Disagree 4%
2	My child feels safe at this school	Strongly agree 73%	Agree 23%	Disagree 4%
3	My child makes good progress at this school	Strongly agree 60%	Agree 40%	Disagree 0
4	My child is well looked after at this school	Strongly agree 67%	Agree 33%	Disagree 0
5	My child is taught well at this school	Strongly agree 65%	Agree 35%	Disagree 0
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	Strongly agree 56%	Agree 39%	Disagree 4%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	Strongly agree 58%	Agree 42%	Disagree
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	Strongly agree 54%	Agree 40%	Disagree 7%
9	This school is well led and managed	Strongly agree 62%	Agree 36%	Disagree 2%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	Strongly agree 54%	Agree 43%	Disagree 2%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	Strongly agree 63%	Agree 37%	Disagree 0
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes 89%	Unsure 11%	No 0

Any other comments:

Thank you for providing the children with a safe and encouraging environment.

Thank you for all you do.

Overall I am happy with this school.

Thank you for your support.

I feel homework is a bit too much for the age level. It can easily take all week to complete, similarly there is a lot of pressure on pupils to read every night and this is not always achievable.

The children that achieve things such as sporting or out of school activities should show and tell in assembly as a mention in the school newsletter does not show off the individual's talent when achieving certain goals.

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit Class this week we have been doing a lot of revising and re-visiting of the things we have learnt this term. Children have been consolidating their phonics knowledge, enjoying the stories that we've read and applying their new mathematical knowledge through fun Christmas activities.

We are looking forward to learning new things in the Spring term.



Star Reader: Leo
Star Writer: Rickey
Star Mathematician: Fleur

SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths, Year 2 have been learning to show amounts of money using different combinations of coins. Year 3 have been calculating the perimeter of shapes and learning to divide a 2-digit number by a single-digit number, when there is a remainder.

In English, we have been writing a recount and reviewing the recent Punctuation and Grammar test paper, revising different concepts.



Star Reader: Daniel
Star Writer: Riley
Star Mathematician: Skye

OTTER CLASS

In English we have written a poem based on the amazing poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We are also making a 'magic' box to illustrate the poem.

In maths we have been learning our tables and have also been looking at a range of topics following our recent assessments.



Star Reader: Harry
Star Writer: Hayden
Star Mathematician: Jamie

FOX CLASS

In maths this week, we have been working on our arithmetic skills - with a particular focus on extending our ability to convert remainders, after division, into fractions or decimals - and our understanding and application of BODMAS when solving problems.

In English, we have been revisiting and extending our knowledge of how our use of grammar and punctuation can structure and enhance our writing and we have been working through reading comprehension

questions to identify question types and how to answer them using Point, Evidence, Explain.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS from Fox Class!



Star Reader: Saimo
Star Writer: Amelia
Star Mathematician: Callum

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Willow
Squirrel: Ava
Otter: Jessel
Fox: Matthew J

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.



A family crisis can happen at any time.

Fostering

be the difference

We need people that can provide a place of safety for children and young people in an emergency situation until appropriate accommodation can be found or the child can return to their family. Carers are paid a retainer for holding an emergency bed and a generous allowance for looking after a child. Ongoing support and training is also provided.

Find out more about becoming an emergency foster carer. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk, email fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 0800 169 6321

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POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 73.91
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely


Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 2515

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