

New Close News

Thursday 26th April, 2019

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

I hope that you all had a great Easter break particularly with the good weather over the bank holiday and had the chance to catch up with friends and family. The children have settled well back into the routines of school and concentrating on improving their learning. Congratulations to our choir who performed in the last celebration assembly. We were privileged to hear a rendition of "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman and heard solos from Callum, Snehaa, Lily-May, Amelia, Alfie, Hannah and Rubie. Thank you particularly to Mrs Maguire and Mrs Turner for organising this and to all parents that attended.

The nursery officially opened on Tuesday and we had 9 children in the morning and 7 in the afternoon. They have all began well in their new environment along with the pupils in reception and year 1. The classroom has been adapted to provide a learning environment for the nursery children as well as maintaining a formal learning area for both reception and year 1 pupils, some examples of which are shown below. The nursery children have been getting used to new routines and exploring all of the continuous provision. They've been learning where everything lives so that they can access it independently and return it tidily to where it belongs. They have been getting to know each other's names and learning all of the adults' names. We have welcomed both Miss Palethorpe who is a full time TA and Miss McCreedy who is helping with lunch times. It has been lovely to see the different year groups learning and playing alongside each other. Our topic this week has been about zoo animals but we will have a bigger topic on weather.



Congratulations to Longleat House for winning last term's House Point Cup. It was a closely fought competition with only 11 points between 1st and 3rd. The final results were:

1st Longleat - 487 points

2nd Wilton - 483 points

3rd Stourhead - 476 points

As always the scores will revert back to zero for this term. Good luck to all the Houses. There will be a double celebration assembly next week along with Squirrel's assembly and we look forward to seeing parents at this.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

This week has been an exciting week in Rabbit Class as we have welcomed the new Nursery children into the setting. This has worked really well and the Reception and Year 1s have been really kind and welcoming. We have based a lot of our learning around Dear Zoo as the year 1s have been learning about postcards and letters and how to structure them. Reception have enjoyed counting activities and hand print zoo animals along with the Nursery children.

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, the children have been learning to read explanation texts, answer questions about them and identify the features of the text type. In grammar, the Y2 children have been learning to add a suffix to a word, e.g. help-helpful and the Y3 children have been revising how to use commas to separate items in a list and how to use the apostrophe to show possession.

In maths lessons, the children have been learning methods of division, and solving word problems involving addition and subtraction, using different formal methods.

OTTER CLASS

In English we have been writing a description of the route to follow to find the pirate's treasure using our treasure maps; there have been many fearsome difficulties to overcome!!

In maths we have been solving a range of word problems using charts, tables and graphs to help us.

FOX CLASS

In English, we have been working on our reading skills - focusing on inference and deduction skills. By looking closely at different sentence 'types', we have been slow writing an interesting opening paragraph for an adventure narrative while ensuring that we have included a range of punctuation, to bring our writing to life for the reader.

In maths, we have revisited time, through reading train times tables, translation and reflection of shapes, working on our speedy arithmetic skills and working through reasoning questions.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Details of term dates, events and assemblies can be found on our school website.

www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you would like your child to have a school meal please remember to book it on Wisepay. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.

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/register> or ask in the school office.

Please see information below about a meeting for parents and carers in the south of the county with children with special educational needs and/or disability.



Information morning will map out future SEND provision for south Wiltshire

People are invited to find out more about provision for special needs places in the south of Wiltshire.

An information morning will be held at the Salisbury Diocesan Education Centre on Wednesday 1 May 2019 from 11am to 12:30pm

The morning will be an opportunity to hear about current provision and the plans Wiltshire Council is developing to meet the need for the future.

Springfields South opened in February 2019 for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) pupils in the south. It provides education for up to 18 primary and lower secondary age pupils at Sarum Academy, Salisbury. The Springfield's and Sarum Academy are working closely with Exeter House School in Salisbury, who also support children and young people with ASD and complex needs.

In February 2019 it was announced Wiltshire Council had additionally secured £12m funding from the Department for Education (DFE) to create a new 150-pupil free school for pupils aged 4 to 19 years by 2026. The school will be for children and young people with ASD and SEMH in the south of the county and will have strong links with mainstream schools, nurseries and children's centres. The information morning will be chance to talk about how these schools can meet need and be developed.

Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children's services said: "The map of special needs provision in the south is changing. "We have carefully researched present and future needs for SEND provision and we now want to share those plans for south Wiltshire."

If you would like to attend the meeting please email specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk to book a place.



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

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