

New Close News

Friday 9th November, 2018

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

I hope you all had a good half term break. The children have settled well back into their learning this week despite some changeable weather. This is a busy term with lots of events happening. This starts on Monday with the Pantomime, Robin Hood, which I know the children are looking forward to. Starting on Monday is a dance club for Key Stage 2 which will take place during lunchtime 12-1pm. This is in preparation for the West Wilts Dance Festival at The Forum in Bath on Wednesday 13th February. This is open to both boys and girls with this year's theme being "Love Is". Please encourage your son or daughter to come along to this club if they are interested.

Next week is also Children in Need week and Longleat House have chosen this as their charity this year. On Monday, there will be a Bring and Buy Sale of toys, books, games and puzzles. This will take place in the school Hall at 3pm, with most items being 50p or £1. There is also a cake sale in the Hall during the Bring and Buy Sale. On Wednesday, there is a colouring competition in the classrooms. There are prizes for the best boy's colouring and best girl's colouring in each class. On Friday, it will be a non-uniform day. Please bring a £1 donation towards this worthy cause if you are wearing non-school uniform clothes.



This term in PE the children will be doing netball and ball skills. Key Stage 2 will no longer require football boots except for those attending football club on a Tuesday. I also suggest that, as the weather gets colder, a pair of black tracksuit bottoms would be useful to keep them warm along with a tracksuit top or sweatshirt. Please can I also remind parents that the children should not be wearing any make up and are only allowed one pair of stud earrings as per our uniform policy on the website.

The Eco Club have been supporting Remembrance Day this week by planting a Cherry Tree. This was donated to the school by the Wiltshire Woodland Trust who have provided 10,000 trees across the County in remembrance of "the fallen" during World War 1.



It has come to our attention that we have some pupils with a nut allergy. I am therefore asking you if you could please not put in your child's packed lunch any peanut spread or snacks that contain nuts. This is to reduce the chance of a reaction occurring and potentially a very serious situation happening.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

Rabbit Class are very excited about their new topic called 'Who lives here?'. It is all about animals and their habitats. The outside role-play area has become a Vets and a pet dog named Charlie has arrived in our home corner. We have been working out what we need in order to be able to care for him. The children are learning about information books and what makes them different to stories. Next week we will be writing information books about caring for our chosen animal - we hope to show these in our class assembly on Friday 16th.

In maths we have been learning about ordering the days of the week - please see if your child can tell you them in order!

★ This week's stars will be awarded in our assembly next week..

SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths this week, we have been learning written methods for addition and subtraction, and have used these methods to solve word problems.

In English this week, we have been reading, reciting, devising actions, performing and writing shape poems. In grammar, the Y2 children have been identifying and using past and present tenses, while Y3 have been learning to identify and use conjunctions.

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OTTER CLASS

In maths we are finishing a unit on fractions and this week we have been comparing fractions, decimals and percentages.

In English we have been identifying the key features of a recount (diary). We have also carried out research on life as an Ancient Roman and we will be using this information to imagine we are an Ancient Roman and write a diary entry.

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FOX CLASS

In English we have been investigating the use of figurative language in, the narrative poem, *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. After looking for metaphors, similes and personification, we have discussed the story behind the tale using our inference skills.

In maths, we have been revisiting our knowledge of angle rules, the parts of a circle and consolidating our arithmetic skills.

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AVA'S SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ava in Squirrel class who is now a Light Blue hat - Stage 5 .

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".

MESSAGE FROM WARMINSTER COMMUNITY CHOIR ...

An exciting opportunity for the local children to come and sing with us at our Christmas concert in the Civic Centre on the 9th December.

We would like local children to audition, they can play an instrument or sing, and the winners of each age group will be invited to come and perform with us! We are also planning on doing a pop up choir, so if being a solo artist isn't your forte you are welcome to come and join us as part of a choir. We will be running a rehearsal on Saturday 8th ready to perform on Sunday 9th!



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 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/register> or ask in the school office.

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.