

New Close News

Friday 29th March, 2019

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

I hope for those of you attending the parade today you had a good time and enjoyed spending time together as a family. Please check your sons'/daughters' bags today as it contains their school report for this year. A reminder that parents' evening is on Monday and it would be useful to bring this report along to the meeting. If you have not made an appointment yet, then it is still not too late. As always it is important that you support your child's learning by attending; seeing what they have achieved this year and hearing the next steps for improvement.

Please check the newsletter and sign up on Wisepay for clubs next term, which will begin the second week back apart from the year 6 English and maths club which are on as normal.

On Monday pupils from years 3,4,5 and 6 attended the Acorn Education Trust athletics competition at Kingdown. They competed in sprint, distance, standing long jump, throwing, speed bounce and relay events. The team finished fifth overall and must be congratulated for the determination and commitment during the events. Well done particularly to our year 3s as it was their first inter school competition.



The last day of term for pupils is on Thursday 4th April. The arrangements for that day are as follows:

- 9.00am – 9.30am: The Great Egg Race – parents are invited to attend this after they have dropped their children off at the start of the day.
- 11am – 11.30am: Easter bonnet parade and judging. Pupils only.
- 2.00pm: Final Celebration Assembly of the term including whole school and singing club performances. All parents invited.
- 2.30pm: Easter egg hunt after which children may leave school with their parents.

Parents are welcome to attend The Great Egg Race, assembly and Easter Egg hunt at the start and end of the day. We look forward to hearing the children sing in assembly along with the singing club and some solo's performing a song from the Greatest Showman.

I wish you all a Happy Easter, have a safe and lovely time with your families.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

This week Rabbits continued their learning about habitats. They have made beautiful jelly fish and other animals that would be found in the sea.

In maths they have been focusing on money. The children have been recognising coins, adding small amounts and working out change from 10p and 20p.

Star Reader Annabelle
Star Writer Ovi
Star Mathematician Samar



SQUIRREL CLASS

This week in English lessons, the children have been writing an independent non-chronological report about pets and planned and written a spring poem. We went outside and used some of our senses to look for signs of spring, before writing a list poem. In grammar, Y2 have been learning about nouns, and Y3 about changing the tense of a sentence - past to present, and present to past tense.

In maths lessons, the children have been consolidating formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Y3 have been learning how to use the most efficient methods.

Star Reader Gabriel
Star Writer Darcie
Star Mathematician Dylan



OTTER CLASS

In English we have been working on our biographies about famous pirates. We have now written them in best and are making books for them.

In maths we have been looking at tables and graphs, plotting them and reading them.

Star Reader Meddy
Star Writer Sudan
Star Mathematician Callum



FOX CLASS

In maths, this week, we have been looking at how we can use our knowledge and understanding of maths operations to answer some tricky reasoning questions. We have also discovered that writing calculations out with care and accuracy improves our ability to work through 3-step questions with greater speed!

In English, we have been writing from a different viewpoint, to comment on the events as they unfolded in the Easter story, and developing our character description skills by using figurative language to bring items of clothing to life.

Star Reader Amelia
Star Writer Sneha
Star Mathematician Alfie W



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Leo
Squirrel: Tadeusz
Otter: Rianka
Fox: Ryan

SCHOOL CALENDAR & TD DATES

The remaining TD dates for this academic year are:
Friday 5th April and Thursday 25th July.

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES - BOOK NOW FOR NEXT TERM

If you would like your child to have a school meal when we return next term, please remember to book it on Wisepay **before 9.00am on Friday, 5th April.** If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The after-school clubs will run next Tuesday and Wednesday. There are no clubs next Thursday.

CLUBS NEXT TERM

The Year 6 SATs clubs will resume the first week back after Easter. All other clubs start the week beginning 29 April - please book on Wisepay.

Tuesdays: Summer Sports club (3.00-4.15pm) - KS2 only;
Wednesdays: Computer club (3-4pm) - KS2 only;
Wednesdays: SATs Maths club (3-4pm) - Year 6 only;
Thursdays: Lunchtime singing club - for all children;
Thursdays: SATs Writing club (3-4pm) - Year 6 only;
Thursdays: Construction club (3-4pm) - KS2 only.

If your child would like to participate in a club next term, please visit Wisepay to book their place (there is no charge for any of the clubs however they have limited places available). Once a place has been booked for your child we expect them to attend each week.

Every Tuesday lunchtime, Mr Edwards, our PE teacher, oversees sports and games for KS1 children.

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



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