

New Close News

Friday 11 September 2020

Head Teacher - Mrs L Kilminster

Dear Parents

Welcome Back.

It has been lovely to see all our children return to school over the last few days. The children have settled in incredibly well and are coping with the different COVID arrangements in place. They have returned with a positive attitude and as I walk the school every day it is a pleasure to hear and see a 'full' school. I would like to thank you for your patience and support with regards all the preventative measures implemented to ensure that the school is as safe as possible.

I would also like to offer a very warm welcome to all our new families and children, including our new reception starters. There is no doubt that moving into a new area, house and school is always difficult but this year poses extra challenges. Please do contact us if you need any support on any matter.

The current situation also poses us with some challenges regarding how we best communicate with parents when it is not possible to meet face to face. We hope that by now you have read your child's class welcome letter and watched the welcome power point presentation. If not, this can be found on our website (under the curriculum section, class pages then click the drop down menu for your child's class). We would like to encourage you to email class teachers if you have any questions regarding anything you have watched.

From next Monday, class teachers will be contacting all parents, via phone, to introduce themselves and respond to any queries.

For now, the main ways we will be communicating with you will be via:

- Email (please check these regularly)
- Website (information relevant to your child's class and homework will change weekly)
- Text
- For individual conversations this will be via phone or TEAMS meetings.
- Facebook page

If you wish to contact us, you can:

- Email your child's teacher
- Email the school office
- Phone the school office (avoid visiting)

We would like to reassure you that we will be working exceptionally hard over the next few weeks to make school, the curriculum and your child's learning as normal as possible despite the ongoing difficulties.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Kilminster

Military Families

If you are part of our military community and require any assistance or support, please do let us know.

We have a Military Support Advisor who is experienced in offering help in all range of matters.



You can now follow and like us on our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with what's happening in school...

[www.facebook.com/new close school](http://www.facebook.com/newclose.school)

Woodcock Lane:

Please could parents waiting to collect and drop off their children be aware of our neighbours who live in Woodcock Lane. Please ensure the entrances to their properties are kept clear for them to access safely.



Stars of the Week

Rabbit: Talayo, Eliza and Freddie

Squirrel: Ethan and Savannah

Otter: George and Bella

Fox: Kenley, Rhianna and Summer

Email addresses

head@newclose.wilts.sch.uk

office@newclose.wilts.sch.uk

Rabbit class - ct@newclose.wilts.sch.uk

Squirrel Class - bs@newclose.wilts.sch.uk

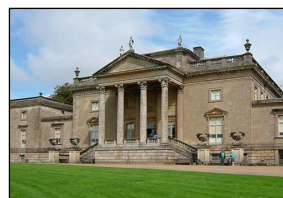
Otter class - he@newclose.wilts.sch.uk

Fox class - ll@newclose.wilts.sch.uk
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House Points - week ending 11/09/20



Wilton: 53 points



Stourhead: 43 points



Longleat: 35 points

**** THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE WILTON ****

WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Just a reminder that New Close school and nursery is a nut and peanut free zone.

We have children with nut allergies and it is **essential that packed lunches don't contain any nuts or peanuts (or products containing them).**

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Fruit/Veg

We are able to offer free fruit/veg to children in reception, years 1 and 2. **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/> or ask in the school office.



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

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