



New Close Primary School  
*An Acorn Education Trust School*

Executive Headteacher: Mr S Porter  
Headteacher: Mrs L Kilminster

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Welcome Back**

We hope you have all had a lovely holiday. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school after such a long time away. In addition, we have welcomed new children to our New Close and Fox class community. We have had a really positive start to the new year and have been very proud about how the children have coped with the changes to the school and the classroom. We really look forward to the year ahead and hope that this can be as settled as possible for all.

Below you will find some information about the routines for Fox class this year. This information will also be placed on our class page on the website, so that it can be accessed throughout the year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Lisle and Mrs Kilminster

### **Teaching**

Mrs Lisle will be teaching Fox Class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Kilminster will be teaching on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Dixon, our class TA and cover supervisor will also be supporting the learning across the week.

### **PE kits**

For now, we are asking children to wear their full PE kits to school on the days when they have PE. This year PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

PE kit is: red t shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottom/PE skirt, trainers and a school jumper/cardigan. No hoodies please. It is important that the children have the correct kit as they will be wearing this as their uniform for the day.

### **Homework**

Homework is: reading, spellings, learning tables and completing curriculum based tasks. Homework is designed to support your child's learning and help them to revisit skills taught in class. We aim to keep these tasks as simple as possible but children will benefit from some support at home to complete these tasks. All homework will be set on a Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday.

### **Reading Expectations –**

All children will have a book from our Oxford Tree Reading Scheme. We will be allocating your child a level and book by the end of next week. For children who are on red or blue book level, it is expected that they should be reading to themselves every day and writing a comment in their Home/School diaries (6 entries in the home/school diary). We will be checking this at the end of the week. For children on all other colours within the scheme, they should be reading to a parent/carer five times a week and a comment written in the home/school diary. It is important that all children work towards these expectations in order to make good progress in their reading and learn to read for pleasure.

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### Reading Races-

Last year we introduced reading races, encouraging children to read at home for pleasure. Your child will bring home their first reading race when they get their new book. Every time your child reads at home they can colour a spot and complete activities at key points. Completed reading races should be returned to school and children will receive a reward.

### Spellings –

From next Friday your child will receive weekly spellings, which will be tested every Wednesday. Your child is expected to learn these daily, writing words on their sheet and returning it to class on a Wednesday.

### Times tables

Your child may be asked to practise set times tables or mixed tables to support their fluency in maths.

### Curriculum based homework

From Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September your child will be given either an English or Maths homework (on alternate weeks). Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Homework will be set each week on the website (see our class page). If you are unable to access this, please ensure you inform us in advance. Children will have a homework book to record their work in.

In addition, there will be a long term (optional) topic project set, which will be due in at the end of the term.

Children will receive house points for working hard on all aspects of their homework. For those who do not return their homework, they will be required to attend a homework catch up session on Wednesday lunchtime.

### **Website**

We will be using the website this year as a way of sharing information with you, including homework. Please check our class page weekly for updated information.

### **Welcome Meeting**

Sadly it is not possible to hold our welcome meetings in person this year. Instead, we will be filming a welcome presentation and will post it on our class page on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, for you to view in your own time. Should you have any questions about anything you have read in this letter or from the presentation then please contact us via email and we will respond as soon as possible.

### **Communication**

We appreciate that due to COVID restrictions, face to face meetings are not possible. Email is an effective way of communicating with us, we can also set up telephone conversations if needed. For urgent, on the day messages, please call the school office and they will ensure the message gets to us.

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[lk@newclose.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lk@newclose.wilts.sch.uk) – Mrs Kilminster

### **Year 6 Parents- Secondary School Application**

All parents must make an application for a secondary school place, whichever school you wish your child to attend. This must be made through the local authority by the 31st October. Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

### **No Nut School**

A reminder that we are a no nut school. We have several children in school this year who are severely allergic to nuts. Please ensure that any food items coming into school have no nuts or nut products in them. We appreciate your support in this matter.