

New Close News

Friday 23rd November, 2018

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

Now that winter is upon us I would like to remind you of our emergency conditions procedures. In the event of a school closure please check the website for information. This will state if there is full closure for the school day or if we may be opening but slightly later to allow staff time to get in. We will also contact BBC Radio Wiltshire and Heart FM with the relevant information. Should there be a need to close the school during the school day then we will contact you via text. Please can you ensure that your mobile phone contact numbers are up-to-date.

Our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 18th December. The menu is as follows with a vegetarian option. A reminder that it is free for children in reception/key stage 1 and those in receipt of free school meals. For those in key stage 2 who would like to book it the cost is £2.30. Please can you place your booking on Wisepay by 9.00am on Friday 14th December.

Roast Breast of Turkey
Pigs in Blankets

Roast Vegetable and Feta Parcel (v)
(Gluten, Dairy)

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy

Christmas Chocolate Chip Cookie
(Gluten, Dairy)

Fox class have been working hard this week to create their own books - taking on the roles of author, editor and publisher. Using *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes, they have looked at how the use of metaphor, personification and simile in a narrative, can create a sense of atmosphere and paint a detailed picture for the reader.

Writing from the perspective of Tim, the ostler, the children were able to explore the untold story behind the poem and develop - through inference - their own interpretation of events. Once their initial write had been edited and polished, the children's next task was to make a book to publish their work. Decisions had to be made about the layout of the text, page content and illustration, which would not only enhance their writing, but also attract interest from perspective readers. It has been an absolute joy to witness the children's pride and sense of achievement in their work (after many rewrites in some cases) and they should be applauded for their resilience and determination to create a finished piece of written work, to such a high standard; some of which are showcased below.

*My tragic tale begins when
the moon was as bright as
one lit candle and the wind
was a whetted knife. I had
no idea that my existence
was about to change.*

Matthew

*Bess twisted with her bound
hands to reach for the
trigger of her friend the
musket. She waited in the
golden-white moonlight for
her love, the highwayman.*

Ethan

*I slowly walked into the
room hoping, begging for
her to be okay. I was
disgusted with myself. The
lifeless body revolted me. It
was my fault she was dead.*

Tianna

*A few nights later, the angry
ghost of the highwayman came
riding in the ribbon of moon-
light. He went to the inn door
and tapped it with his whip.
Bess was with him; never to
leave his side.*

Alfie

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

This week in Rabbit class we have moved from information books about pets to story books about pets. We have been enjoying reading the Mog stories by Judith Kerr. Children have had a go at telling and writing their own stories about pets or about Mog.

In maths, Reception have been learning about measuring and year 1 have been consolidating their understanding of number bonds to 10.

In history we have been learning about Christopher Columbus. We have designed a ship for him.



Star Reader: Tyler
Star Writer: Harrison
Star Mathematician: Leo

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, we have been writing shape poems about a river, consolidating our understanding of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and have been learning how to form letters correctly using cursive writing.

In maths, Year 2 have been learning to identify and describe 2-D and 3-D shapes, recognise fractions of shapes and add two 2-digit numbers using apparatus. Year 3 have also been identifying and describing 2-D and 3-D shapes, adding two 3-digit numbers using an efficient method and adding fractions.



Star Reader: Rubie
Star Writer: Hannah
Star Mathematician: Tommy

OTTER CLASS

In English we have been writing the draft version of our diary as a Roman and are now editing and improving our work.

In maths, we have been improving our skills in the topic of Time. Some of us have been learning to tell the time, both analogue and digital, and some of us have been using our skills to solve some tricky problems.



Star Reader: Vidisha
Star Writer: Joseph
Star Mathematician: Alfie

FOX CLASS

In English, we have been completing our individual Highwayman books, investigating how adverbials are used for cohesion in our writing and working on our reading comprehension skills.

In maths, we have been sharpening our arithmetic skills and practising adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.



Star Reader: Adel
Star Writer: Ethan
Star Mathematician: Kereem

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Annabelle
Squirrel: Olly
Otter: Hayden
Fox: Tiana-Jean

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

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".



Immunising flu

primary school children against

Your child's nasal flu vaccination is now due and the date for this scheduled with school on 10th December.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination (available to children in reception to year 5) please access the consent portal on the email sent to parents today. This has been sent to the email address we have for you on our records. The consent portal link is also on the school website.

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 5 working days prior to the session in school. This link is secure and unique to your child's school. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

Contact Details

Please remember to let the office know of any changes to your phone number or e-mail address.



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Christmas lunch price and ordering details:

**Free for children in KS1 and those in receipt of free school meals;
£2.30 for children in KS2.**

To place your order please book on Wisepay by 9.00am on Friday 14th December.



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 .