

# New Close News

Friday 7th December, 2018

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

The children have been working hard this week on termly assessments. This helps us to measure the progress they have made since September and where they are in relation to the National Curriculum Age Related Expectations. Please use the parents' evening on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December to discuss with your child's teacher how they performed and what areas they need to further develop. A reminder that appointments for this can be booked through Mrs Wootten in reception.

In an effort to help reduce our costs, we will be sending out non-urgent messages by email instead of by text. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date email details.

Otters have been working very hard on their Romans topic. As part of this, they have been studying Roman houses. They pretended that they were Roman estate agents and created adverts to 'sell' a typical Roman villa. The children studied the type of language that is used by estate agents. Here are two examples of our adverts. Are you tempted to buy this villa?



## RIUS ESTATE AGENTS

Grand vestibulum, VI cubiculum, beautifully tiled culina, pleasant tablinum, spacious atrium, big hortus, hypocaust heating, mosaic floor, wooden roof, fair sized tablinum, VII baths, XX cupboards and I grand mosaic for one grand family.

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## HAYDUS ESTATE AGENTS

This villa is very spacious. It has hypocaust (under floor) heating. There are 4 cubiculum (bedrooms) which have just been fitted and a triclinium (office). There is a new culinia (kitchen) and a large vestibulum (entrance hall). This house benefits from a public toilet and an attractive private garden.

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As a part of each topic, we ask that children complete a project at home, preferably with the help of their parents. The parents and children of Otter Class have surpassed themselves with these amazing home projects. They range from models to power point presentations and there is even an edible Colosseum made from sugar! The models are now on display outside the classroom and are attracting a lot of interest. Many thanks to all of the adults who helped with their child's project and a big thank you to Miss Brown and Mrs Cundick.



I look forward to seeing you all next week at Foxes' assembly (2.00pm) followed by Show and Tell (2.30pm) where your children have the opportunity to show off the work they have done this term.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

# Learning Corner

## RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit Class this week we have been learning about ordinal numbers. We talked about which door they had opened on their advent calendars. For example, the fifth door will have a number 5 on it.

In English we have been doing some phonics assessments and their progress is something to be celebrated! We value your on-going support with this. We also had a tiger that visited our home corner, so we have enjoyed re-telling the story of *The Tiger who came to tea* by Judith Kerr.

## SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths this week, we have been busy with assessments in Arithmetic and Reasoning. Next week we will be concentrating on multiplication and division methods, and solving word problems using those methods.

In English, the children have taken tests in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Reading. We are looking forward to our visit to Warminster Library next week, where we will be finding out how to use the library, looking at non-fiction books, listening to a story and borrowing books. We will also be using the experience to help us write a recount back at school.

## OTTER CLASS

In English, we have been doing our assessments this week and we have also finished our 'Roman' diaries - we are really looking forward to sharing them with you. This week in maths we have also completed our assessments and in between these we have been looking at word problems.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the adult helpers who have put such a lot of effort into helping their child with their Roman project. The quality and variety has been amazing - you have outdone yourselves!

## FOX CLASS

This week in English, we have been 'showing what we know' in our assessments, working on our Inuit fact-file books and writing instructions to make a candy cane mouse for the Christmas tree.

This week in maths, we have been 'showing what we know' in our assessments, working through reasoning problems and developing our Ninja maths skills ... at incredible speed!

## CLUBS

All after-school clubs finish next week.

### Contact Details

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

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

### BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEXT TERM

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch on 18th December please remember to book it on Wisepay before 9am on Friday, 14th December. Also, a reminder to book your child's meals, if required, for next term; the deadline is 9am on 21st December.

### 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".

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS!



Once again, we are supporting Center Parcs with their campaign to recycle old Christmas cards. A recycling bin will be outside the Reception office until 21st January.