

New Close News

Friday 1st March, 2019

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

Welcome back and I hope you all had a restful half term and enjoyed the fantastic weather that we had. The children have settled well and latterly this week they have undertaken our mid-year assessments. These will be shared with you in the children's reports later this term. A reminder that next Friday 8th March is a staff training day so no school for the children.

On Thursday next week it is World Book Day which we will be supporting. We are celebrating this by asking the children to dress up as a character of their choice from one of their favourite fiction books. During the school day we will be promoting reading and the children will be undertaking a review of a book they have recently read. We are aware that there may be characters from Fortnite or Minecraft that the children would like to dress as but feel this is not an appropriate celebration of World Book Day and ask for your support with this. We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes.

Congratulations to Stourhead who won the house point trophy last term with 519 points.

2nd Longleat - 486 points

3rd Wilton - 474 points.

We have had some work undertaken to our new nursery entrance over half term as shown in the photo below. Please ask to come in and have a look at the changes. Additional work to expand the nursery is planned for the summer holidays along with some decoration to Meerkats and Squirrels classrooms.



We have become aware that a character called MoMo has been hacked into YouTube Kids videos and Minecraft. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and encourages self-harm. Please can you talk to your children saying this is not real and monitor what they are doing whilst online. Talk to them about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and the dangers of undertaking any challenges. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

Rabbit class have come back refreshed from the half term break. We have a new topic in English about Information books and the children have been learning facts that they can, next week, put in a book of their own.

In maths, the Reception children have been consolidating their understanding of adding 1 or 2 to any number up to 20 and year 1 have been enjoying doing some measuring. We are looking forward to our bedtime story on Wednesday next week.

OTTER CLASS

In maths we have been improving our multiplication and division skills which has also included solving word problems.

In English we have been looking at poems that are performed. Working in groups, we are preparing to perform our chosen poem to the rest of the class.

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, the children have been reading and discussing non-chronological reports. They have been identifying the features of these texts, in readiness to writing their own reports soon.

In maths lessons this week, the children have been learning to find fractions of amounts (Y2) and calculating tenths and adding and subtracting fractions (Y3).

FOX CLASS

In maths this week, we have been showing what we know in our assessments, working on reasoning questions and revisiting angles and line graphs.

In English this week, we have been writing book reviews - focusing on our writer's voice to inspire other people to read the book - and embellishing our narrative writing with extended noun phrases and subordinate clauses.

TD DAY NEXT WEEK

A reminder that we have a TD day on **Friday 8th March** - school closed to pupils on this day. Details of term dates, events and assemblies can be found on our school website.

CALENDAR AMENDMENT - CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Rabbit class:	THURSDAY, 7th March
Squirrel class:	Friday, 15th March
Otter class:	Friday, 22nd March
Fox class:	Friday, 29th March

Starting at 2.30pm.

REQUEST FOR NEWSPAPERS:

Miss Brown and her construction club need lots of newspapers (suitable ones only, please) for their papier mache which they will be starting in a few weeks' time.

Thank you.



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Bedtime Story

FREE event for under 5s.

On the Eve of World Book Day & to experience our fun & exciting Early Years Provision.

Wednesday 6th March 2019

5pm - 6pm - New Close Primary School
(behind the One Stop shop on Imber Road)

Wear your PJs and bring your teddy!



All pre-school children to remain accompanied by an adult.
(tea, coffee and, of course, bedtime milk and cookies on offer!)

New Close School - Enrolling NOW!

New Nursery Provision - Opening Easter 2019



7 to 11
YEAR OLDS

HealthyMe

A fun approach to wellbeing

How do we sign up?

Healthy Me runs in four different locations:

Area	Trowbridge	Chippenham	Salisbury	Devizes
Location	Longfield Community Hall	The Olympiad	Five Rivers Health and wellbeing centre	Devizes Leisure Centre.
Days	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Time	4.15 to 5.45 pm	4.15 to 5.45 pm	4.30 to 6 pm	4.15 to 5.45 pm

For more information on what help and support we offer and to book your family onto the programme, please contact Healthy Me at:

Tel: 01225 716674
Email: healthyme@wiltshire.gov.uk

We can't wait to hear from you!

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What is Healthy Me all about?

Healthy Me is a fun, healthy lifestyle journey for children aged seven to 11 and their families. The programme is designed to support children and young people to achieve a healthy weight. These may be children who;

- have little or no knowledge regarding healthy eating
- struggle to take part in physical activity for various different reasons
- struggle with their confidence and self-esteem

Families will come away brimming with ideas, energy and knowledge, and your child and the rest of your family will be supported to reach and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

We are interested. But what's involved?

Our journey lasts for ten weeks, once a week during term time. Each session is 90 minutes and split between fun physical activities and learning about healthy eating. Plus of course, always having fun and making new friends along the way. There will also be the opportunity to take on some of our coaches at various challenges and quizzes.

Sounds great. What topics and activities do we cover?

There are so many areas that we delve into at Healthy Me, here are just a few;

- Portion control - how much should I be eating?
- Learning and developing life skills
- Sugar vs Fats
- Fun games with little or no equipment that can be played at home with family and friends
- Nutrients - What are these, what do they do, and how much should I be eating?
- Tips and tricks around the kitchen
- How to boost my self-confidence and self-esteem

- How much exercise and physical activity should I be doing?
- How can we make recipes healthier?
- Themed games such as Supermarket Sweep

What happens when we complete our journey?

We don't want to lose contact with you and the fun and learning will continue. We will offer our support for a whole year following completion of the course by providing activities for you to take part in at our leisure centres and inviting you back during school holidays to our fun days which will involve activities such as bouncy castles, assault courses, and of course the famous smoothie bike.

Please see below details of a colouring/drawing competition which is being organised by Anna and Bev from Iles & Vincent Funeral Services:

We are running a colouring/drawing competition throughout March for children to get involved with. We are not asking for money, simply drawings, colouring of a print out or models of unicorns, to help an extremely poorly girl smile! We will be uploading all the entries to facebook for Emily to see and to choose her favourite for a prize!

Thank you and we hope you might be able to help, from Anna and Bev, Iles & Vincent Funeral Services



ILES & VINCENT *Colouring Competition*

11 year old Emily has been fighting Dravet Syndrome since she was 11 months old. This is a rare severe form of epilepsy with life threatening seizures. At Christmas she was cruelly diagnosed with High Risk B Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. Emily is the only one in the world with both. The team at Iles and Vincent Funeral Services would like to try to bring a smile to unicorn loving Emily and are holding a drawing competition! To enter: draw a unicorn, colour a unicorn or make a unicorn, pop your entry into our office in The Cornmarket with your name, age and contact number, we will be uploading each entry onto our facebook page and the 3 entries with the most 'likes' will win a prize and Emily will be choosing her favourite too! So please help us to bring a smile to Emily, thank you! Closing date for entries: Friday 29th March [#giveabillionreasons4em](#)

Iles and Vincent Funeral Services

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