

New Close News

Friday 24th May, 2019

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

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were breaking up for the Easter holidays and here we are at the end of term 5. Thank you again for your continued support of your children and the school. I know that many of you will be thinking about classes for next year and I want to take this opportunity to give you an update on staffing from September 2019. At the end of term 6 Miss Brown will be retiring as Headteacher and teacher of Otters; Mrs Parkinson will be retiring as teacher of Squirrels and Mrs Parker will be retiring as teaching assistant of Foxes. They have given great service to New Close Primary School over a cumulative total of 68 years. Many children have benefitted from their teaching and support and we thank them for this. The school will be buying some leaving gifts for them and any parents wishing to contribute please see Mrs Wootten at reception. We wish them the best of luck in their retirement and look forward to hearing how they will be using their spare time.

Taking over as Headteacher will be Mrs Louise Kilminster who has been Deputy Headteacher at The Avenue Primary School. I will be undertaking my role as Head of Support Services for The Acorn Education Trust full time and so Mr Stuart Porter will be taking over as Executive Headteacher. We will also be advertising and appointing additional teachers in the coming weeks. Once these appointments have been made final decisions will be made on which teachers will be taking which classes. What I am able to say is that Mrs Turner will be the lead teacher in Rabbit class.

Congratulations to year 2 who have completed their SATs tests this week. Well done to everyone and we can see that they were pleased to finish. Results for the pupils in all their SATs exams will be available in their reports on Friday 12th July.



It is always lovely to hear what the children are achieving outside of school. From last week Alfie and Matthew were runners up in their football final. Zacc in year 4 played for Westbury Under 9s in a tournament at Devizes and won. Both Ava in year 3 and Riley in year 4 had their martial arts grading last weekend and both were successful in passing their brown belt with a black stripe. Well done to them all.

On Monday 10 pupils from year 1 and 2 took part in an Acorn Education Trust multi skills festival at Kingdown School. The different activities involved a mixture of speed, agility, catching, accurate throwing and jumping. They all enjoyed the event and thank you to parents for coming to support. Please see the photos overleaf. The next sports event is Kwik cricket for years 4, 5 and 6 and is in July.

I wish you a good half term and look forward to seeing the children back in term 6.

Best wishes,

Mr Evans

Children from years 1 and 2 enjoying the Acorn Education Trust multi skills festival at Kingdown School:



Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit Class this week we have been reading and enjoying non-sense poetry, including some poetry by Edward Lear. The children have enjoyed making up their own poems about mixed up animals. Animals which are part one animal and part another - such as the octodile!

In maths the children have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and continuing repeating patterns.

Star Reader: Fleur ★
Star Writer: Harrison
Star Mathematician: Leo

SQUIRREL CLASS

This week, the Year 2 children have been busy taking two Maths SATs papers in Arithmetic and Reasoning.

In maths lessons, the children have been consolidating their numeracy and reasoning skills, and solving problems involving money.

In English lessons this week, the children have been writing poems about animals.

Star Reader: Daniel ★
Star Writer: Ella
Star Mathematician: Tadeusz

OTTER CLASS

In maths we have been studying symmetry and have created our own Rangoli patterns by using tracing paper - it was very challenging but rewarding!

In English, we have all finished our pirate adventure stories, including a front cover, blurb and piece about the author. They are now on display in the school library.

Star Reader: Sudip ★
Star Writer: Hayden
Star Mathematician: Sudan

FOX CLASS

In English this week, we have been writing persuasive speeches as part of our Biscuit Election, and letter writing from the perspective of an alien refugee using conjunctions and pronouns for cohesion.

In maths, we have been keeping our arithmetic and reasoning skills sharp, and collecting and presenting data, in various formats, using our biscuit

Star Reader: Adel ★
Star Writer: Alfie W
Star Mathematician: Matthew W

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Isla
Squirrel: Olly
Otter: Jacob
Fox: Layla

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT TERM

There are no after-school clubs the first week back next term; they will resume the week beginning 10th June.

The last week for all the clubs is the week beginning 8th July apart from Writing club which finishes on 27th June.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you would like your child to have a school meal please remember to book it in advance on Wisepay. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Details of term dates, events and assemblies can be found on our school website.

www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk



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

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