

New Close News

Friday 10th November, 2017

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

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Charis Turner has joined the staff at New Close as part time teacher of Squirrel class for 2 days a week. This class will be shared with Miss Brown who will be teaching Squirrel class for the remaining 3 days. Mrs Turner is an experienced teacher who has previously taught at Dilton Marsh and Sutton Veny. She will also be working with some pupils from Fox class on a Wednesday and is very much looking forward to teaching pupils at New Close School. We wish her all the best.

Kind regards

Mr Evans

RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Rabbits have been working hard on Addition and Subtraction this week. Year 1s have been using different resources to help them to see and understand adding and subtracting with numbers to 20 while the Reception children have been reading, ordering and counting up to 20. The next challenge for Reception is to be able to write the numbers that they can count to!

English: We have been reading, learning, rehearsing and changing Nursery Rhymes all week! The year 1s have loved comparing different Nursery Rhymes while the whole class has carefully explained which is their favourite and why. We have even written our own class Nursery Rhyme about the tiger that came to school...

★ **Star of the Week is Isla for excellent problem solving in maths.**

SQUIRREL CLASS

Literacy - this week we have been looking at newspaper report and identifying the features of a recount within it. We are preparing to write our own recount report of 'The Hodgeheg'.

In maths we have been learning about negative numbers and working out the difference between pairs of numbers.

★ **Star of the week is Meddy for an increased effort with her learning.**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in English we have been learning to plan an information text about toys, reading information texts and answering comprehension questions about them and identifying and using verbs in sentences.

In maths this week we have been solving word problems using repeated addition (Y1) and multiplication (Y2). We have also been consolidating our understanding of place value of numbers (Y2) and counting, writing and reading numbers to 20 (Y1).

★ **Star of the Week is Poppy for being kind and helpful towards others.**

OTTER CLASS

Maths

We have been busy testing our knowledge of multiplication and division - tables up to 12×12 , by investigating missing numbers, balancing multiplication statements (Eg does $6 \times 8 = 6 \times 4 + 4$), and finding factor pairs, *and* working on gaining our next Ninja Maths' belt by increasing our speed and accuracy when answering quick-fire questions.

English

This week, we have been reading a wider range of autobiographies and biographies, to discover the text structure and language used, in order to help us with our writing next week. We have focused on the use of relative clauses and noun phrases - and how they are punctuated - to identify how they give the reader more information about the subject of the sentence. Eg The dragon (who had a cold), was asleep in his cave.

★ **Star of the Week is China for her hard work and determination in maths.**

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have continued to apply our understanding of formal written methods for short and long multiplication to solve increasingly complex problems, expressing remainders as fractions and rounding up or down to solve problems accurately.

English

We have been continuing to read a variety of performance poems and identifying the appropriate features in each one. Building on this, we have developed our own expanded noun phrases based on some of the poems we have read. We all thoroughly enjoyed working in small groups to prepare either a rap or revolting rhyme, based on the story of Goldilocks, to perform to the rest of the class.

★ **Star of the Week is Mia for always putting 100% into all of her work even when it is challenging.**

Lunchtime Assistant

(permanent, term time only)

Hours: 5 per week (1 each day), Monday to Friday

Grade B, Salary range: £7.83 - £7.97 per hour

We are looking for a caring, lively and efficient person to join the lunchtime team:

- To prepare the dining area, serve the hot meals to our pupils and to wash up and clear the area afterwards;
- Who can fully engage and lead our pupils in fun and games through the lunchtime period;
- Who is enthusiastic, reliable and who has a good sense of humour!

Full training will be given, although a current First Aid qualification and/or a current Food Handling qualification would be an advantage.

How to apply

Please download an application pack from our website at www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk or ask at the school office.

Closing date: 24th November, 2017 (noon)

To start: December 2017

New Close Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The school nursing team will be in school on 8th December to give flu vaccinations to all children in Reception to Year 4 who have returned the consent forms giving permission.

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. For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school Office.

Ruby House – Charity Day

On Friday 17th, November, Ruby House will be supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school dressed in anything spotty. Please bring a donation.

For the attention of all parents
Will your child be four years old before
September 2018?

You must apply for a primary school place.
Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk
The deadline for all applications is
15th January 2018

to request our booklet -

“Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire” or for a paper application form contact customer services on 01225 713010. All paper applications must be returned to the School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

Office Hours

Please be aware that the School Office is staffed between 8.45am and 3.15pm.

E-Newsletter

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint, we are hoping to send as many newsletters by e-mail as possible. If you are able to receive your newsletter by e-mail, and haven't already done so, please contact the office. For those families who do not receive the newsletter by e-mail we will continue to send out paper copies.

