



New Close News

Friday 12th January, 2018

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

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are now looking forward to daylight hours drawing out.

On Monday in assembly I spoke to the children about a slight change in our house points and rewards system. Children can be awarded house points for academic achievement and improvement, good citizenship and good effort.

- Points will be collated weekly and results shared in our Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoons. At the end of each half term a House Point Cup will be awarded to the house with the most points. Each half-term the ribbons on the cup will be changed to the colour of the house with the highest number of points that term.
- Points will be reset to zero at the start of every term to ensure that all houses have a chance of winning the cup.

In addition to house points being given there will be weekly awards for each class in the following categories:

- “Good citizen of the Week” - awarded for a good deed, manners, behaviour.
- “Star reader of the Week” - awarded for improvement in reading.
- “Star writer of the Week” - awarded for improvement in writing.
- “Star mathematician of the Week” - awarded for improvement in maths.

Children will receive certificates for these awards along with 3 house points. Parents of the children receiving these awards will be invited to a Friday Celebration Assembly.

If your child will be receiving an award we will send a text message on the Thursday afternoon inviting you to attend the assembly on the Friday at 2.30pm.

As well as the children receiving their awards, classes will be performing on a rotation basis, a timetable of which is copied below.

I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend these assemblies.

The awards have been made for this week and they will be presented to the children in assembly next week.

Please contact me through the front office if you wish to discuss the reward system.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Evans

Date	Class
26 th January at 2.30pm	Rabbit
2 nd February at 2.30pm	Hedgehog
9 th February at 2.30pm	Squirrel
23 rd February at 2.30pm	Otter
2 nd March at 2.30pm	Fox

**Reminder to all parents wishing to apply for a
primary school place in September 2018,**

**the deadline for applications is
MONDAY 15TH JANUARY.**

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

English: Rabbit Class have been reading a few Fairy Stories, especially *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Ask us about the giant we made in class!

Maths: Rabbits have been introduced to language around time, as well as beginning to read clocks. Test us on our **o clock** and **half past** knowledge!

HEDGEHOG CLASS

In English this week, we have been reading, enjoying and learning about the features of fairy stories.

In maths this week we have been learning to tell the time, about minutes, hours, days, the days of the week, months of the year and the relationship between them.

SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths we are re-visiting subtraction, including problem solving.

In English we have looked at the features of a non-chronological report as we will be writing one about spiders!

OTTER CLASS

Maths - This week, we have been investigating fractions, with activities based on simplifying and ordering fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers.

In Ninja maths, we are continuing our speed tables to improve our times tables knowledge and quick recall - we've almost all achieved our black belts!

English - This week, we have been focusing on how adjectives are used, to build noun phrases, which add detail to our written work. We have started our Faraway Fiction Genre - based on the *Cloud Tea Monkeys* book - by writing our own comprehension questions and drafting an alternative ending to the story.

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have been developing our ability to simplify fractions and to compare fractions and mixed numbers by finding a common denominator.

English

This week we have embarked on our journey into the world of stories from other cultures and are already enjoying our class reader: *The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor*. In addition, we have been learning about personal (her, him, you, I, etc.) and possessive pronouns (yours, mine, his, hers, etc.) so that we are able to identify them in a text and use them accurately in our writing.

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.

**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.



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).

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.

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Additional Needs Support Group Salisbury Plain



AFF, AWS and FANDF are holding additional needs support groups for Service families who have a family member with an additional need and/or disability in the Salisbury Plain area. The groups will run every third Friday of the month (in term time) and venues will vary - see details below for the next group. There will be representatives from AFF, AWS and FANDF present to raise any issues or concerns you may have. It is also an opportunity to meet up and share information and ideas, so please feel free to pop in.

Friday 19 January 2018 at 10am - 12pm

Warminster Community Centre, Firkbank Crescent, Warminster BA12 0BY

If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact Karen Ross on 07552 861983 or email additionalneeds@aff.org.uk

Army Families Federation Registered charity: 291202 / Scotland: SC046302

Office Hours

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

Lake Pleasure Grounds (Warminster Town Park)

Pancake Race

Tuesday 13th February

1st Race 10.30am

Entry £1

Limited Spaces Available

Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and certificates for all participants

Booking forms available from the Civic Centre or Pavilion Café



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