

New Close News

Friday 13th January, 2017

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Just in case

It seems that we have been lucky regarding the adverse weather that has hit parts of the country—I know that some people are very disappointed about that!! I just wanted to remind you of our procedures should we need to close the school in the future.

We never take such a decision lightly, believe me there is a lot of deliberation and consultation from very early in the morning before that decision is made. Our main consideration is the safety of pupils and staff—some of our staff travel from quite a distance and we always make sure that there are enough adults in school to safely look after the children. An announcement would be made on the local TV and radio stations and a text sent out—we try to make the decision as early as possible. I'm sure that we will not need to do this but I hope this helps you to understand the process and to be understanding should we need to take this action.

Playground Toys

'Pupil Voice' is very important to us at New Close and we often hold surveys on a wide range of topics. Following our previous survey on the types of books children would like us to buy for the library, two of our Year 6 girls are currently analysing this information. Once this is done they will help me select the books.

Our current survey is regarding playground toys. We have spent a large sum of money that you have helped us to raise on playground furniture. We now need to top up the number of toys that the children have to play with as they don't last very long—you would be amazed how many balls end up on the roof! The children are voting for items on a list and at the end of next week I will be asking our House Captains to determine the results of the vote. They will then be supported to select and order the toys. I know that the children are really looking forward to having more to play with.



SATs Club

On Wednesday after school we held our first SATs club of this academic year. Hot chocolate and donuts provided the energy boost and the children threw themselves enthusiastically into the work. The aim of the club is to provide support where needed and fill any gaps in learning but to do this in a more relaxed environment. The children certainly enjoyed themselves as did the staff who helped.

Sports for Champions

Those of you who have been with us for a while know the on-going saga of our involvement with Sports for Champions.

We are hoping that the event will finally take place on Friday 20th January—next Friday. Could you please make sure your child comes to school with their sports kit and trainers to make sure they will be able to join in.





World Day

Instead of focusing solely on the Chinese New Year, this year each class will be studying a different country to help raise the children's awareness of our world. This will take place from Wednesday 8th—Friday 10th February. Rabbit = China; Meerkat = India; Hedgehog = Italy; Squirrel = South Africa; Otter = Brazil and Fox = Australia.

Each class will be looking at different aspects of their country including the geography, natural habitat, customs and their language (where appropriate). On Friday 10th February, we are hoping that the children will come to school in costume to represent their class country.

Key dates for this term.

Friday 13th January—Rabbit, Meerkat and Hedgehog Class Assembly—14.30 start

Friday 20th January—Sports for Champions event.

Friday 27th January—Squirrel, Otter and Fox Class Assembly—14.30 start.

w/b 30th January—Assessment Week.

Friday 10th February—World Day (come dressed in costume to represent the 'class country').

w/b 13th February, - Half Term.

Office Hours

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

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.

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.

For the attention of all parents
Will your child be four years old before
September 2017?

You must apply for a primary school place.

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

The deadline for all applications is

15th January 2017

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.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE BIN OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Nischal

Aimee

Riley

Louise

Tierney

Shianne