

New Close News

Friday 13th October, 2017

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

Dear Parents/ Guardian

I am delighted to announce that New Close School will be converting to come under the umbrella of the Acorn Education Trust on the 1st November. This will mean that the school is no longer under control of the Local Authority but that of the Acorn Education Trust. This brings many benefits to the pupils as we are able to share resources and expertise of staff across the 10 schools within the Trust. I am very excited about the conversion and improving the opportunities for pupils to make good progress in preparation for secondary education. If you would like to discuss the conversion with myself then please feel free to contact me through reception.

Kind regards

Mr Evans



Harvest Donations

Many thanks to everyone who has kindly donated a tin or packet for our Harvest Assembly. If you haven't donated but would still like to there is still time to send something in on Monday. Every item goes to the Trussel Trust to help people in our area.

Newspapers needed

Old newspapers are always needed in school for art purposes and next week Squirrel Class will be making papier mache helmets so lots of paper will be needed for this. If you have any old newspapers that you don't want, could you kindly send them into school.

Many thanks!

RABBIT CLASS

In maths we have been finding and using number bonds to the numbers below 20.

In English we have been writing and making videos describing their monsters behind the door... Excellent ideas.

★ **Star of the Week is Leo for his amazing effort to read and write his numbers and letters.**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

English: We have been learning about the features of instructions and understanding them.

Maths: We have been learning to add numbers and check answers using inverse, e.g.

$$6 + 11 = 17 \quad 11 + 6 = 17$$

$$17 - 11 = 6 \quad 17 - 6 = 11$$

★ **Star of the Week is Evie for respecting property and the school environment.**

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English we have written our myths and are now starting to look at instruction writing.

In maths we have continued to learn our tables and use them to help with doubling and halving.

★ **Star of the Week is Vidisha for working very hard at her maths.**

OTTER CLASS

This week in in English we have been identifying features of explanation texts - by reorganising muddled texts into paragraphs and summaries - and working on our use of brackets (to add extra information) to our own explanation text writing.

In maths, we have been re-visiting columnar addition and subtraction problems, with 4-digit numbers, consolidating our understanding of the bar model method and estimating and using the inverse to check our answers.

★ **Star of the Week is Layla for showing resilience and determination when working out column addition and subtraction word problems (which were jolly tricky!).**

FOX CLASS

In maths this week we have been applying our addition and subtraction skills to solve word problems in context.

In English we have completed the writing and editing of our historical stories, based on *War Horse*.

★ **Star of the Week is Jared for showing resilience and perseverance when editing his writing.**

IMPORTANT: Please read the information below from a letter we received from Cooper and Tanner:

Parking Enforcement at Knights Court, Imber Road, Warminster BA12 0FE

We would like to bring to your attention that a parking enforcement will be in place at the new build flats at Knights Court, Imber Road, Warminster and this will apply to both sides of the building.

The parking enforcement signs are due to be installed on Wednesday 18th October with parking attendants on site issuing tickets to those who do not have permits.

We are aware that many of your parents use these parking spaces to drop off/pick up their children and ask if you can send a letter around to all parents advising them of the new ticketing/parking enforcement so that they do not use the area and also reminding them not to block the two entrances to the site.

£1 coins

Just a reminder that the round £1 coin will no longer be legal tender on 15th October 2017.

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.

Register for free school meals to help our school

If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' - an extra payment of £1320 for each eligible child to support learning. **Registering might also give you extra help for things like PE kit and school trips.**

Even if your child is already receiving a Universal Infant Free School Meal (because they are in reception, year 1 or year 2), if you are receiving qualifying benefits the Government will give New Close School the Pupil Premium.

For the school and your child to benefit from this money we need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit (see below). Please complete the claim form which is available from the school office or you can apply online to Wiltshire Council <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact 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 transferring to secondary school in September 2018?

You must apply for a secondary school place.

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

The deadline for all applications is 31st October 2017

to request our booklet -

"Finding a secondary 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.

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.