

New Close News

Friday 15th December, 2017

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

Well done to all the pupils that sang at the Minster Church last Saturday. They performed extremely well hitting every note and even when there was a CD malfunction continuing acapella without the music. We wish them good luck this Saturday for their performance in The Mall which starts at 10.30am. Also pictured below is New Close's decorated tree which was on display with 117 other trees from local schools and organisations. Thank you to all the children for making the crowns and Mrs Cundick for putting them together on the tree.

Congratulations to Rabbits and Hedgehogs on their fantastic Nativity performance. They have worked very hard at rehearsals and listened to advice on how to project their voice and where they needed to stand during the production. Thank you to the parents for providing costumes and supporting the production.



Monday next week is parents' evening. Please discuss your child's progress with their teacher and establish how they can further improve. If you have any further concerns then I will be available to talk to on the night.

On Tuesday it is our Christmas lunch at Warminster School. We would also like to make this our Christmas Jumper Day. All pupils will walk to Warminster School for the lunch even if one has not been ordered for them. The Christmas jumper is optional, but if your child has one then please encourage them to wear it.

Wednesday sees the end of term and a much deserved rest for the pupils who have worked hard over the last 14 weeks. I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work and wish you all a "Happy Christmas".

Mr Evans

Lunch Menus

Next term we will be trying some tasty new dishes for lunch: grilled chicken with BBQ sauce, vegetable nachos, chicken wraps with mayonnaise and sausage wrapped in bacon are just a few of the new meals the chefs will be cooking for us. We can't wait to try them!

We are so pleased to see how much the children are enjoying their fruit snacks that we have decided to offer only fresh fruit or yoghurt (another popular choice) for desserts next term. We hope this will reduce food waste and further encourage healthy eating at school.

Look out for the new menu next week.

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

English - Rabbits have been practising their letter formation for writing to families and Santa, as well as learning the songs for our lovely Nativity.

Maths - We have been doing more counting, adding and subtraction, particularly solving problems for the elves! *Bill had 15 gifts, 7 fell off the sleigh! How many does he have left?*

★ **Star of the week is Melisha for fantastic enthusiasm and effort with her targets and learning.**

SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths this week, as well as continuing to learn our number bonds and tables, we have been learning about the importance of estimating an answer before you carry out the calculation.

Our English focus this week has been the planning of our poem about winter. This has involved looking at lots of pictures and film clips of snow which has been great fun!

★ **Star of the week is Liam for working really hard, particularly in maths.**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

Maths- We have been solving word problems using addition and subtraction, learning our times tables and sorting 2-D and 3-D shapes.

English- We have been writing a repetitive poem about 'Feet', reciting poems and singing repetitive songs. We have also been learning to spell high-frequency words.

★ **Star of the Week is Tommy for being a good friend to others in the class.**

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have been developing our ability to read and understand statistics displayed in line graphs, leading on to solving sum, comparison and difference problems.

English

This week, we have enjoyed learning our Christmas performance poem off by heart. In addition, we have completed our 'hot writes' for our unit on persuasive texts. We have been busy persuading people to visit our chosen destinations making sure that we use all the persuasive text and language features that we have been learning about. In grammar, we have been consolidating our understanding of main and subordinate clauses and the correct use of punctuation to accompany them.

★ **Star of the Week is Lottie for taking much greater care with the content of her work to ensure that it meets the expectations in Fox Class. Well done, Lottie!**

OTTER CLASS

In maths this week, we have been working on how to calculate perimeter and area accurately, converting measurements from metres to centimetres and centimetres to millimetres.

In English, we have completed our *Goth Girl* theatre books, written a festive acrostic poem and reviewed our grammar and punctuation knowledge.

★ **Star of the week is Samridhi for consistently doing her best in everything she attempts.**

**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).

**INTRODUCING WISEPAY – SECURE AND EASY TO USE ONLINE PAYMENTS
FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND TRIPS**

I am pleased to let you know that from January you will be able to order and pay for school lunches and trips online using your credit or debit card. We have signed up to Wisepay, which is the secure online payment system used by all the schools in the Acorn Education Trust – many of our families may already be familiar with Wisepay if they have older children at Kingdown School.

Convenient

- payments can be made when it is convenient for you
- use it at home, on your computer, tablet or mobile phone
- easy access to your record of meals ordered and trip balances, for example
- no need to fill in forms and send them into school

Simple

We will send you a unique username and password for each of your children. Simply log in via the school website, choose your trip, or lunch menu and place your order.

Available in January

You will be able to start using Wisepay from January and we will send your usernames and passwords when we return from the school holidays, as well as any other information you might need. Meanwhile, we are attaching some initial information from Wisepay.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

DIARY DATES

16th December: School Choir singing in The Mall, Warminster at 10.30am.

18th December: Parents' evening.

18th December: Last day for Netball Club.

19th December: Christmas lunch at Warminster School.

20th December: Last day of term.

4th January: Start of Term 3

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.

Office Hours

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

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