

# New Close News

17th October, 2017

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

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe that half term is upon us already and I would like to thank you for your support during this busy term. I hope you have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you at the start of Term 2 on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards

Mr Evans

## RABBIT CLASS

Maths - we have been working with numbers up to 20, especially reading, writing and adding with teen numbers. See our homework books for activities like the ones we have been doing in class!

English - we have been finishing our signs, putting our ideas and warnings into full sentences!

## SQUIRREL CLASS

During the holiday could you please encourage your child to continue to read regularly and learn their times tables. They also will need to have their project work on an aspect of the Anglo-Saxons completed by the end of November e.g. information sheet, model or computer presentation. Finally, they have a model of an Anglo-Saxon round house to make; there will be 3 House Points awarded to the neatest constructions!

## HEDGEHOG CLASS

English: This week we have been writing our own instructions to play a game and make jelly. Why not find some instructions and follow them to make something, e.g. a model or a recipe.

Maths: This week we have been adding and subtracting pairs of numbers. See our Homework books for word problems which involve addition or subtraction.

## OTTER CLASS

This week in English, we have been writing our own explanation texts - not only explaining how a cat-feeding machine works, but also how our own 'Wallace and Gromit' style designs work. In our grammar work, we have been focusing on when and how to use an apostrophe correctly.

In maths, we have been using estimating and rounding to help us work out solutions to practical situations (eg making sure we have enough seats for a bus journey) and working on our multiplication and division skills - using the short division (bus stop) method.

For holiday homework this week, I have sent home some division problems (to practise the division method taught in class) - with examples of how to work through the calculation - and some apostrophe work to show 'belonging to' (possessive/ownership). Have a great holiday. See you next term.

## FOX CLASS

### Maths

This week we have been applying our understanding of formal written methods for short and long multiplication.

### English

We have been exploring a variety of instructional texts and writing our own instructional texts using the correct language and text features.

## Key dates for next term:

30th October: Term 2

17th November: Rabbit and Hedgehog classes Sharing Assembly (Parents welcome) - 14.30 start.

24th November: Squirrel, Otter and Fox classes Sharing Assembly (Parents welcome) - 14.30 start.

18th December: Parents' evening.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

**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](http://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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**

**The deadline for all applications is**  
**15th January 2018**

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