



New Close News

Friday 1st December, 2017

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

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure this week to see and hear the children practising their carols and nativity performance. The choir will be singing at The Minster Church on Saturday 9th December at 11.00am and the following week on the 16th December in The Mall at 10.30am. If you are in town on these days then please pop along to support them. I hope that many of you will be attending our "Open day" on Tuesday 5th December either at 9.00am – 10.30am or from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Please come and see what the children have achieved in terms 1 & 2. A reminder also that the World Record Nativity Event is being held at the Town Park on Wednesday at 5.30pm.

On Thursday I was interviewed by two year 5 pupils and I look forward to it being published in the Year 5 magazine. I hope not too many of you will be disappointed by the football team I support! Good luck to the 4 pupils who are taking part in the maths challenge at Warminster School today. We look forward to hearing how you got on.

As the weather has got significantly colder this week please can you ensure that your child has got a coat in school with them for break times. In the event of the school being closed due to poor weather then please check the school website and local radio for information.

Have a good weekend.

Regards,

Mr Evans

DIARY DATES

- 5th December: Open Day for current and prospective parents 9.00-10.30am and 4.00-6.00pm
- 8th December: Flu Vaccinations (Reception—Yr4 who have given consent).
- 8th December: School visit to see the Christmas Tree Festival at the Minster Church.
- 9th December: School Choir singing in the Minster Church, Warminster at 11.00am.
- 13th December: KS2 Disco - 4.00-6.00pm.
- 14th December: KS1 Nativity at 2pm (parents welcome).
- 15th December: KS2 Carols and Poetry Assembly at 2.20pm (parents welcome).
- 16th December: School Choir singing in The Mall, Warminster at 10.30am.
- 18th December: Parents' evening.
- 19th December: Christmas lunch at Warminster School.
- 20th December: Last day of term.
- 4th January: Start of Term 3

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.

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.

Learning Corner

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English we have enjoyed writing a recount of a day in the life of an Anglo-Saxon child, including imagining that we attended a feast!

In maths we have worked on column addition and have progressed to finding the missing digit in a calculation.

★ **Star of the week is Riley for perseverance and not giving up when facing a difficult calculation!**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

In maths this week we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes.

In our English lessons we have been learning to write repetitive poems of our own, answering comprehension questions and enjoying repetitive songs.

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

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have been developing our mental calculation skills associated with adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Year 6 have also included work on the order of operations - BODMAS. This helps the children to remember that there is a certain order in which you need to do each operation, if there is more than one thing to do in a calculation. It stands for Brackets, Division, Multiplication, Addition and Subtraction.

English

We have been learning about the different forms that a persuasive text can take, e.g. a letter, a holiday brochure or an advert, and identifying the text and language features of this genre. In grammar, we have been continuing to develop our understanding of phrases, main clauses and subordinate clauses.

★ **Star of the Week is Phoebe for showing excellent behaviour throughout the week and trying her very best in all tasks, even when they were tricky.**

RABBIT CLASS

English: the children have been bringing together their knowledge of hedgehogs from our Information Text topic with their work in science to design and build a home for hedgehogs! Ask us about hedgehogs - we have some fascinating facts to share!

Maths: Rabbits have been using 2D and 3D shapes for building, drawing and playing games, naming and finding them in our everyday lives. Prompt us to look for and find these shapes on the way home, at the shops, at the park... we're getting pretty good!

★ **Star of the week is Bella for an amazing, positive attitude to learning which is helping her to progress so quickly!**

OTTER CLASS

Maths - This week, we have been multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000, and looking at squared (eg 4×4) and cubed numbers (eg $4 \times 4 \times 4$) to extend our understanding of how times tables play a vital part in our everyday lives.

In Ninja maths, we are continuing our speed tables to improve our times tables knowledge and quick recall.

English - This week, we have been focusing on how verbs are used in sentences and how to identify and change regular and irregular verbs from present to past tense.

Eg walk - walked (regular verb)

sing - sang (irregular verb)

We have written character descriptions, to introduce a new villain to our class reader, and had a go at creating illustrations in the style of Chris Riddell.

★ **Star of the Week is Aimee for her quiet determination in maths.**



Christmas Menu Tuesday 19th December

** at Warminster School **

All of the children and staff will be walking to Warminster School to enjoy a festive lunch in their grand dining hall. (Packed lunches can be taken to eat there.)

Vegetarian Brie, Cranberry & Red Onion Wellington
(Gluten, Lupin & Dairy)

OR

Roast Turkey Breast

Sausage & Bacon

Savoury Stuffing (Gluten & Lupin)

Cranberry Sauce

Roast Potatoes

Baton Carrots

Baby Sprouts or Garden Peas

Gravy (gluten-free)

Christmas Pudding & Cream
(Gluten, Lupin & Dairy)

OR

Christmas Snowman Ice Cream (Dairy)

Mince Pies (Gluten, Lupin & Dairy)

Satsumas

Price

£2.30 for KS2 children; no charge for KS1 children

If you would like your child to have Christmas lunch, please complete the order form which will be coming home on **Monday 11th December**. Meals must be ordered and paid for (where necessary) by **9.30am on Thursday, 14th December**. Regrettably we are not able to accept late orders.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

COMING SOON WITH WISEPAY

We are making payments to school easier, soon you will be able to pay online.

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