



# New Close News

Friday 24th February, 2017

Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown  
Deputy Head - Mrs Sharon White

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all of our existing families and a warm welcome to our new members.

I hope that you all had a lovely break—I know that the children are full of wonderful stories.

On behalf of the New Close team I would like to welcome Ms Jones and Mrs Foord. They will be teaching Otter Class following the departure of Mrs Goddard who was travelling a long distance each day to get to New Close.

## Swimming



Next Friday (3rd March), children in Fox Class, Squirrel Class and the Y3 children in Hedgehog Class will be swimming. Please remember your towel and costume.

## Healthy Schools

At New Close we try to encourage everyone to be as healthy as possible. The children thoroughly enjoy seeing how many laps of the playground they can complete within 15 minutes and strive to improve on their previous score.

As part of this programme to be healthy we encourage children to bring healthy snacks and lunchbox contents. We prefer children to not bring items that are clearly recognisable packets of sweets and ask for your help and support with this.

We are currently working towards achieving the 'Healthy Schools' bronze award and we hope to be successful in this before too long.



## Badger Watch!!

As I am sure you are aware, we share our school grounds with a large number of badgers. Many years ago, the County put in a fence to enclose the badgers within their own section of the woodland. Since then we have seen evidence that the badgers have managed to get back into our section of the field.

This week, we have been able to borrow a night vision camera which we have set up to hopefully spot the badgers at work. On viewing the footage from the second night, we were excited to see several badgers on our field. I am hoping to be able to print photographs of them and to also show the children video footage of the badgers. On behalf of all of the adults and children at the school, I would like to thank the family who have kindly loaned the camera to us, it is causing great excitement amongst the school community.

## Advanced Notice



On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children will be participating in a range of book-related activities and will be invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Look out for the book token coming home today.



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### STARS OF THE WEEK

Alfie	Frank	Leah
Olly	Paige	Joseph

### 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.

### Office Hours

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

### 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.

