



# New Close News

Friday 24th March, 2017

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

## Parents' Meeting



Thank you very much to everyone who was able to attend the post Ofsted Parents' Meeting last night. It was wonderful to see so many people at the meeting and to hear your questions and supportive comments. On behalf of the staff and governors at New Close I would like to thank you again, it really raised our spirits. Minutes were taken at the meeting and a copy of them will be sent home to every family but if there is anything that you are unclear about, please don't hesitate to let me know.

## Walking Ropes

We have recently purchased some 'walking ropes' which are something I first saw being used by a school in Spain. They are simply a long piece of 'rope' which has handles strategically placed along it for children to hold. The idea is that it keeps the children evenly spaced, walking at the same speed and in a group without any gaps. Rabbit class have been practising using them in the playground and are now becoming experts at negotiating obstacles. They will be used next week when Rabbit Class walk to the library for a visit so do watch out for the children using them out and about.



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Today (Friday), the children were invited to come to school in red (uniforms allowed). As usual your support was phenomenal and it was really interesting to see how varied the costumes were. Staff entered into the spirit by wearing a wide array of red items from onesies to glasses, so thank you to everyone for your support for this good cause.

## Easter events that may be of interest



We are sometimes asked to advertise events which we try to do as long as they couldn't cause offence and this week there are two such adverts to share. The 'Creation Station' is offering a free admission event on Thursday 20th April at The White Horse Country Park in Westbury. Apparently there will be craft stations, balloon modelling, exotic animal handling, bouncy castles, soft play and face painting. They state that 25% of profits will go to the Stars Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital.



Secondly, this Easter they are running a soccer school for all abilities aged 6–14 years at Warminster Town FC, Weymouth Street. It will take place from 10:00–15:00 each day. The cost is £15 per day and they advertise fun, games, tournaments, development and daily prizes.

*I must point out that New Close is not associated with either of these events*

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## The Great Egg Race

This will take place on the last day of term. We hope to start as close to 09:00 as possible and hopefully you will be able to come and cheer the children on. The challenge is to build a vehicle that will transport an egg for the furthest distance. The vehicle must be hand built and should not have an engine. Good luck to everyone who chooses to enter!

### STARS OF THE WEEK



Gabriel

Leon

Alvina

Oshin

Ayden

Lillie-Mae

### 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.

#### **Office Hours**

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

