

New Close News

Friday 24th November, 2017

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

Dear Parents

As the nights continue to draw in it is a reminder that Christmas is on its way and much to do in a short period of time. I would like to highlight some of the events that will be happening and encourage you to attend to support your child.

- On Tuesday 5th December we have our Open Day from 9.00 – 10.30am and 4.00 – 5.30pm. Please come and take a look in the classrooms to see the work that your children have been undertaking and the progress they have made since September. In the morning you will be able to observe teaching and learning taking place as well as looking at their books.
- The following day on the 6th December the 1st Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment are attempting to break the World Record Nativity Event for the most people taking part. This currently stands at 1,254 people and so please can you support them and the Warminster Community by attending at the Town Park at 17.30hrs.
- During the week beginning 4th December the children will be undertaking some assessments in reading, writing and maths. These will take place in the classrooms during lessons and is an opportunity to measure their progress since September.
- Our KS1 production is at 2pm on 14th December; the KS2 Carols and Poetry assembly is at 2.20pm on 15th December; I invite you to attend these to see your children performing in front of others.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Regards,
Mr Evans

THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL
A WARMING TALE FOR WINTER BY THE LAST BAGUETTE THEATRE COMPANY

A FAMILY SHOW FOR CHRISTMAS

INSPIRED BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S TRADITIONAL TALE

WRITTEN BY T.A. WOODSMITH
DIRECTED BY SUSANA ALCANTUD

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StageTalk magazine. Based on What's the Matter?

WWW.THELASTBAGUETTE.COM

Friday 15th December 6.30pm - Warminster Library.

Booking: In person at the library/poundarts.org.uk 01249 701628. Full price £7/concessions £5/family ticket £20



Charity Day

Thank you for supporting our recent Children in Need charity event. We raised a magnificent £100.33.

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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The school nursing team will be in school on 8th December to give flu vaccinations to all children in Reception to Year 4 who have returned the consent forms giving permission.

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

Maths:

Rabbits have been showing their understanding of addition and subtraction sentences by coming up with stories to match a number sentence. The year 1s have then been applying their skills to different reasoning and problem solving challenges, ahead of beginning to work with shape next week!

English:

Rabbits have been discussing the difference between stories and non-fiction as we begin our topic of Information Texts. We have especially focussed on hedgehogs and researching how we can help the hedgehogs that live around us to get through winter!

Star of the week is Jack for amazing progress with his maths and great determination in all of his learning.

HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in English we have been reading, enjoying and reviewing poems with repetitive language. We have been looking for rhyming words, clapping rhythms and giving our opinions about the poems.

In grammar the children have been learning how to add the suffixes -s or -es to words to make them plural, e.g. chairs, boys, boxes, potatoes.

In maths the children have been learning to use the correct mathematical symbol for the number operation, e.g. addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.

Star of the Week is Hannah for being able to work independently.

SQUIRREL CLASS

This week we have been working very hard on improving our tables knowledge and also our number bonds. We have been using these to help us with our mental addition.

In English we have finally written our recount based on 'The Hodgehog', pretending that we were Max and sharing our adventure!

Star of the Week is Meddy for perseverance.

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have used the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, short and long multiplication and division to solve challenging word problems involving a mixture of operations within each question. Following our problem solving, we have been practising multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, including with decimals up to 3 decimal places.

English

This week, we have completed our unit on performance poetry. Using the identified features, from our research, we have written our own poems based on the topics of 'Night' and 'Day'. In grammar, we have been using co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions. A co-ordinating conjunction joins two main clauses and a subordinating conjunction joins a main clause to a subordinating clause.

Star of the Week is Kieran for approaching challenging tasks with enthusiasm and determination.

OTTER CLASS

Maths - This week, we have been revisiting, consolidating and extending our understanding of short division (bus stop method). We have worked hard to work out whether any remainders should be converted into fractions or rounded up or down - depending on the context of the question. Eg

4	2	9	2	

In Ninja maths, we are moving onto speed tables to continue to improve our tables knowledge.

English - This week, we have begun working on our classic fiction novel - *Goth Girl* and *the Ghost of a Mouse*.

We have looked at the features of the text and how characters are portrayed, then had a go at writing our own character descriptions; looking closely at punctuation and the use of relative pronouns and clauses to give the reader more information.

Eg: Ada always thought Maltravers, *who* had a mean, unpleasant look on his face most of the time, seemed disappointed when the creatures were freed...

Star of the Week is Ryan for having the courage to have a real go at the division problems with gusto!