

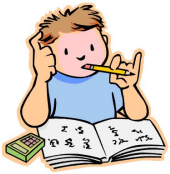
# New Close News

Friday 25th November, 2016

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

## KS2 SATs Meeting

Many thanks to everyone who came to the KS2 SATs meeting that was hosted by Mrs Walker on Tuesday evening; it was extremely well attended. Mrs Walker explained the SATs process, shared examples of questions; went through the marking and scoring process and gave a multitude of useful tips and information. Parents were able to order revision guides and encouraged to sign up to our 'hot chocolate and doughnut' club which will begin in January and will help 'plug gaps' on the run up to the SATs.



If you are a Year 6 parent and were unable to attend, you should have received an envelope from Mrs Walker containing the SATs timetable and additional information, so please check your child's bag if you haven't seen this!

## Tea Towels

Hopefully you have all seen the letter about purchasing our school tea towels. The children have all drawn a self-portrait and artistic impressions of the staff (!) which have been printed onto a tea towel. They make an ideal gift for a relative and we are able to order them for £3.50. Because of the proximity to Christmas your order needs to be in to the school by 3pm on Wednesday 30th November, along with the payment. The school gets a percentage of the money and this will be spent on the children.



## Playground Furniture

Thanks to your continued support in raising school funds we have been able to order more furniture for the playground. Two large picnic tables with inbuilt games boards and a farmyard have been ordered along with a den for the children to play in. We are also hoping to have a couple of chalkboards for the children to draw and write on but we are waiting for confirmation of this. Thank you so much for your generosity, as you can see the money does get spent on the children so please continue to support our fundraising efforts.

## Boots

Due to the time of year there have been several enquiries about whether children can wear boots to school. Our school uniform policy is on our website, but in short, children are able to wear boots to school and in the playground but we do ask that they bring indoor footwear to change into such as appropriate shoes or plimsolls. This is to ensure that children are comfortable indoors.



## Christmas Lunch



As usual we will be offering a Christmas Lunch for the children nearer the end of term. Our meals are provided by Warminster School and are always absolutely delicious and extremely good value. The Christmas menu is on the back of this newsletter and orders can be placed during the week commencing 5th December on the weekly menu order form.

## 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.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Eleri M

Imogen G

Izacc P-H

Megan W

Harry P

Harrison R

### 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.**

**For the attention of all parents**

**Will your child be four years old before September 2017?**

**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 2017**

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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Snow Procedure

We try our utmost to keep our school open when it snows but sometimes we have to close.

How will I know what to do if it is snowing in the morning?

- A text message will be sent to parents to say that the school is closed.
- Announcements will be made on BBC Wiltshire – there will also be a statement on their website.
- An announcement will be made on our local radio station: WCR 105.5 M.
- An announcement will be placed on this school website.

We only make announcements if we are going to close.

***If you do not receive a text or we are not included on the BBC Wiltshire list, the school will be open. We only make announcements if we are going to close.***

### Gritting Policy

Please take note of our policy for gritting the pedestrian areas of our school during icy conditions.

#### Areas to be gritted

- A pathway from pedestrian gate to playground gates
- A pathway from pedestrian gate to the school office
- The small car park and to the red side door ("Acorns" door)
- The visitor car park
- The "dip" car park (pedestrians are asked not to use the dip access to school during icy weather conditions)
- The entrance to the school reception office
- The kitchen door and steps
- The playground

#### Areas NOT gritted

- Pathways to rear sheds and outbuildings
- Woodcock Lane – please also be aware that this road is not on the route covered by Wiltshire Council's gritters

#### Person responsible for laying grit

- Cleaner in Charge

#### When to grit

- Ice or below freezing weather conditions or forecast of this
- Snow forecast

#### Clearing snow

- The headteacher will decide whether or not to clear snow after assessing the conditions.



**Christmas Lunch Menu**  
**Thursday, 15th December**



Festive Vegetable Loaf (Gluten, Lupin & Dairy)

OR

Roast Turkey

Sausage & Bacon Roll

Savoury Stuffing (Gluten & Lupin)

Cranberry Sauce

Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Baby Sprouts

Roast Parsnips

Gravy (gluten-free)

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Christmas Pudding & Cream (Gluten, Lupin & Dairy)

OR

Christmas Snowman Ice Cream (Dairy)



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Mince Pies (Gluten, Lupin & Dairy)

Satsumas

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**Christmas Lunch Price: Free for children in KS1 and those in receipt of free school meals;  
£3.00 for children in KS2.**

**To place your order please use the weekly lunch order form which will be coming home on Tuesday, 6th December. Please ensure the order form is returned to the office (with payment for KS2 children) before 9.30am on Thursday 8th December.**