

# New Close News

Friday 26th January, 2018

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

Dear Parents

The celebration assembly went very well last week and it was lovely to see so many parents supporting their children by attending. I look forward to seeing many more of you attending in the future. The children continue to be motivated to try and win the "Star of the Week" rewards and house point tokens. Ruby House lead this term's totals but it was great to see that both Sapphire and Emerald have narrowed the gap on them from the previous week.

I have been reviewing attendance this week which currently stands at 96.8% and on Wednesday of this week we had 100% attendance of all pupils on roll. This is a fantastic achievement and I thank you and your children for having a strong commitment towards being in school. I hope we can maintain this throughout the rest of the year.

As we are nearing the half way point of the year I feel it is important to gain feedback from parents on the various systems and processes that we have in school. You can do this by emailing me at [ev@acorneducationtrust.com](mailto:ev@acorneducationtrust.com) with your thoughts and suggestions, under the headings:

- Stop
- Start
- Carry on

It is important that we continue to work together for the benefit of the children and I would welcome your feedback as to how we can improve.

Thank you to Rabbit class for their assembly this week and we look forward to seeing Hedgehog class next Friday, to which all Hedgehog parents are invited.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

## LUNCH ORDERS

**We will no longer be sending out text reminders so please remember to place your lunch order on Wisepay before Friday morning each week. Please contact the school office if you need help.**

## 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.



## Fruit bowl

When available we will keep a fruit bowl for the KS2 children to choose from, if they want it.

This is a great way to encourage healthy choices and helps to top up energy levels during the day – as we already see in the younger children, who have free fruit or vegetables every day in school.

(Please let us know if you do not want us to offer fruit to your child).

# Talk & Tour



Tuesday, 10th October 2017

9.00am to 11.00am

Wednesday, 7th February 2018

9.00am to 11.00am

## Open Day

Tuesday, 3rd July 2018

- "The school is a vibrant and happy place where pupils are cared for well and strive to do as well as they can"
- "highly inclusive and ambitious ethos and culture"
- Ofsted 2017

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# Learning Corner

## SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths we have been continuing with the theme of Measures and in particular this week have been working on length.

In writing, we have made amazing books for our non-chronological report about spiders!



**Star Reader: Meddy**  
**Star Writer: Callum**  
**Star Mathematician: Fae**



## RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Rabbit class have been continuing with their knowledge of Numbers and Place Value, stretching to working with numbers up to 40 and practising spelling number names, too!

English: Rabbits have finished up with their topic on Fairy Tales by beginning to write some sentences to tell other children the story. Excellent phonics being used this week, Rabbits!



**Star Reader: Fleur**  
**Star Writer: Tyler**  
**Star Mathematician: Amelia**



## HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in English we have been writing our own fairy stories.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning about the place value of numbers to 40, and Year 2 have been learning to construct and interpret data.



**Star Reader: Olly**  
**Star Writer: Daniel**  
**Star Mathematician: Alfie**



## OTTER CLASS

This week in English, we have been describing a story setting by 'zooming' in on detail, by including similes and metaphors in our writing.

Eg: The naming pool glittered like a mirror.

In maths, we have been multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by whole numbers and finding the decimal equivalent to any number of tenths or hundredths.



**Star Reader: Snehaa**  
**Star Writer: Matthew J**  
**Star Mathematician: Alfie W**



## FOX CLASS

In maths this week we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions, including mixed numbers.

This week in English we have been writing our own traditional stories including dialogue with correct speech punctuation.



**Star Reader: Lottie**  
**Star Writer: Eddie**  
**Star Mathematician: Kieran**



## GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit:	Ovi
Hedgehog:	Corey
Squirrel:	Rianka
Otter:	Samridhi
Fox:	Alisha