

# New Close News

Friday 28th April, 2017

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

## Welcome to a new term

I hope that you all had a very happy holiday over the Easter period, we were very lucky with the weather! We are now in one of the busiest terms for many of our pupils and staff as the SATs and Phonic Screening tests will soon be upon us. Please watch out for details about all of the forthcoming events so that you don't miss anything crucial.

### KS2 SAT's Breakfast Club

The KS2 SATs will be taking place during the week beginning 8th May. That week we will be hosting a breakfast club for our Year 6 pupils as we have done for several years now. Staff provide the children with a selection of cereals, fruit, toast, brioche and juice and the children are welcome to eat their fill. It has always been a very jolly and popular event and helps the children to keep the nerves under control. The Year 6 children will have brought home a letter about this so please fill in the permission slip and return it to school as soon as possible.



### Badger News

Yes, our nocturnal visitors are still here and making their presence known. Each day two of our pupils check the night vision camera and download any photographs and video clips. We are building up quite a library of these and every class enjoys looking at them. Recently the highlight was watching a badger tugging energetically at a worm! I would love to have these available for you to see on our website — fingers crossed it won't be long before this has happened!



### Rabbit Class Outdoor Area

I am sure you will have noticed that outside Rabbit Class there is a growing number of activities such as a sand tray. Mrs White is keen to extend the experiences of the children and for certain activities it is better if they take place outside.

To avoid these needing to be taken back indoors at the end of each day, could you kindly ensure that younger children, who are waiting for their siblings, do not play with them. Thank you very much for your support with this.



### Homework Projects

Our homework projects have proven to be very popular and the standard is amazing and really creative. Your child will be bringing home an explanation of what is required for their homework project this term. We always recognise that time is precious and that many parents work, but if you are able to support your child with their homework you will be surprised at how rewarding this experience can be. We look forward to seeing the end results—the children tour the school to celebrate each other's work.



## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday, 3rd May. It is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to find out how they are doing. For this event we are able to have your child's books available in their own classroom which means that you can also have a look at their learning environment. Please contact Mrs Wootten in the office if you would like to arrange an appointment.

## 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.

## Congratulations to Highbury Youth FC Under 8's

Oscar and Ayden in Hedgehog Class, recently played in a football tournament at Westbury. It was a 'round-robin' event where they played all of the different teams. They played five matches and the winning team was the team who scored the most goals. Both boys were on the winning team and both won a gold medal. The boys greatly enjoyed the event and are looking forward to the next tournament. Their medals look amazing!



## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Bella      Lily-May      Jasmin  
Nischal      Ellie      Shianne

### Pupil Achievement

Well done to Eve in Squirrel class for going up to Stage 4 in swimming

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Well done to Ava in Meerkat class for achieving her Orange belt in martial arts.

### 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.**

