

New Close News

Friday 29th September, 2017

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

Healthy snacks

As there are now new members of our New Close family, just a little reminder about playtime snacks. We ask that children do not bring sweets or chocolate for their snack as we continue to encourage healthy eating within our school. Appropriate snacks would include fruit, cheese, crisps, etc. We really appreciate your support in this matter.

SWEETS

Owing to concern over allergies, we kindly ask parents not to bring sweets into school as gifts for other children.

Wellington Boots

Pupils are allowed to use the grass area during break times. To be allowed this privilege, each child will need to wear wellington boots. The boots will be stored in the old meerkat classroom. The children can change school shoes for wellingtons in this room and then access the grassed area.

Please can you ensure your child has a pair of wellington boots in school at all times.

NEWSPAPER APPEAL

Mrs Parkinson has asked if you could kindly bring in your suitable old newspapers for her Art club's papier mâché work. Thank you.

The Big Picture:

Rethinking Dyslexia

"BUSTS ANY PRECONCEPTIONS ABOUT LIMITS ON WHAT PEOPLE WITH DYSLEXIA CAN ACHIEVE"
THE NEW YORK TIMES!

Parents, pupils and school staff are warmly invited to an evening of dyslexia awareness. Come along to watch the film 'The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia' and afterwards to find out more about dyslexia in Wiltshire.

Date: Thursday 5th October.

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm.

At: The Atrium, County Hall, Trowbridge.

Doors open at 6:30pm, PG certificate, 52-minute running time

Please contact Pamela Thomson on 01225 757953 or pamela.thomson@wiltshire.gov.uk to reserve your seat

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Register for free school meals to help our school

If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' - an extra payment of £1320 for each eligible child to support learning. **Registering might also give you extra help for things like PE kit and school trips.**

Even if your child is already receiving a Universal Infant Free School Meal (because they are in reception, year 1 or year 2), if you are receiving qualifying benefits the Government will give New Close School the Pupil Premium.

For the school and your child to benefit from this money we need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit (see below). Please complete the claim form which is available from the school office or you can apply online to Wiltshire Council <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the school office.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Aimie-Mai Matthew

Eve Jack Fae

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.

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 transferring to secondary school in September 2018?

You must apply for a secondary school place.

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

The deadline for all applications is

31st October 2017

to request our booklet -

"Finding a secondary 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.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2018?

You must apply for a primary school place.

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

The deadline for all applications is

15th January 2018

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.