

New Close News

Friday 2nd February, 2018

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

Dear Parents

This week we held our hustings which gave an opportunity for year 6 pupils, who had put themselves forward as candidates for head and vice prefect, to present their case to the whole school. Standing and delivering a speech to over 100 people requires a lot of planning and self-confidence. Well done to Kieran, Imogin, Eve, Lewis, Finlay, Leni, Nieve, Mia and Lottie for presenting to the whole school. All of them presented extremely well, one even doing hers in the form of a rap! Everyone then got to vote and congratulations go to Leni Black (Head Prefect) and Eve Gillott Smith (Vice Prefect). The other candidates will form a new school council and be given areas of responsibility within that council.



Squirrels have been looking at "Our Local Area" as their topic and enjoyed a journey into town where they plotted the different shops in the town centre. They had to plan their route making sure it was safe and the directions were accurate. A great time was had by all and some wonderful work produced.

Next week Hedgehogs are off to Trowbridge Museum to look at homes and houses in the past with the added bonus of going on the train. We also wish our dancers good luck who having been rehearsing hard for their performance to "Singing in the Rain" at the West Wilts Dance Festival. This takes place at The Forum in Bath on Tuesday night where over 1000 people will be watching. The girls were thrilled to receive two good luck cards this week – one from the 2016 Strictly Come Dancing Champion Joanne Clifton, who performed to the same song with Ore Oduba and one from Strictly dancer Karen Clifton.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

SWIMMING (Years 1-6)

A permission letter will be coming home today giving details of the swimming sessions which start next term. Please complete the form and return it to school next week. Thank you.

Learning Corner

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English this week we have been looking at characters for story-writing.

In maths we have been working hard on fractions.



Star Reader: Morgan
Star Writer: Vidisha
Star Mathematician: Riley



RABBIT CLASS

English: Rabbits have had their first try at giving, understanding and writing instructions... ask them to be bossy - they'll show you how they use verbs to instruct!

Maths: Rabbits have begun recognising and using coins. This has involved setting up our own healthy 'McDonalds' and class shop - do they recognise real coins at home with you?



Star Reader: Salisha
Star Writer: Dylan
Star Mathematician: Robert



HEDGEHOG CLASS

In maths this week, we have been learning to identify the different coins, use them to make different amounts of money and solve problems involving money.

In English, we have been reading and identifying the features of a recount to help with our planning and writing.



Star Reader: Nischal
Star Writer: Hannah
Star Mathematician: Oshin



FOX CLASS

This week in maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions, including finding fractions of amounts. We have applied our understanding of these calculations to solve problems and show our reasoning skills.

This week in English we have been learning about the features of a recount. We have watched a film clip - The Lighthouse - which we will be using to write a diary entry by putting ourselves into the shoes of the lighthouse keeper.



Star Reader: Frank
Star Writer: Chayse
Star Mathematician: Imogin



OTTER CLASS

In English this week we have been planning and writing our own Far Away fiction stories.

In maths we have been working on converting fractions to decimals.



Star Reader: China
Star Writer: Saimo
Star Mathematician: Dillon



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit:	Jack
Hedgehog:	Rubie
Squirrel:	Liam
Otter:	Lily-May
Fox:	Finlay



Assistant to Governance Adviser

Pay: £10.00 per hour
Hours: 5 hours per month in the first instance
To include evening meetings

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We would like to appoint an Assistant to the Governance Adviser to the Directors of the Acorn Education Trust.

Reporting to the Governance Adviser, the post holder will provide clerical support for the governors of the school Academy Councils in the Trust. The successful applicant will:

- be expected to take and process minutes for evening governors' meetings;
- have excellent typing skills to provide a high quality service for the Academy Councils;
- be confident and competent in the use of information technology;
- experience of working in school governance would be an advantage but is not essential.

For further details of the Trust please visit <http://www.acorneducationtrust.com/> and for details of the post please contact:

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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.



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).

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