

New Close News

Friday 3rd March, 2017

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



World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day by inviting the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. As usual the response was amazing. From Star Wars to Where's Wally and princesses to crocodiles, people came in fantastic costumes to celebrate the day. Once again, you rose to the occasion and I know that everyone involved had a really special day.



Achievements

Please don't forget to tell us of any special achievements that your child has outside of school so that we can put it in our newsletter and add to the sense of celebration.



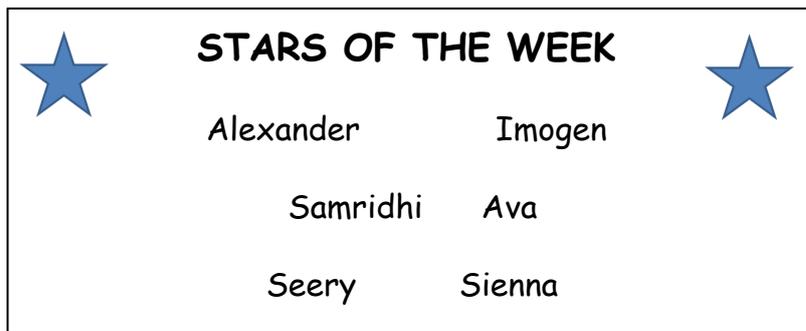
Swimming

We took our first groups swimming last Friday and it was a great success. Some years ago we decided to walk to the pool which means that the children effectively have a 'warm up' before they get into the water and we also don't have to spend money on a coach. We will be walking whatever the weather so could you kindly make sure that your child brings a coat to school on their swimming day along with their costume and towel. Swimming is a requirement of the national curriculum as well as being a crucial life skill to have so it is wonderful that virtually all of our parents support us with this.

Sharing Assembly

Just a reminder that next Friday (10th) Squirrel, Otter and Fox classes will be hosting the sharing assembly. We warmly welcome parents to these assemblies but ask that all members of our audience are mindful of the children presenting their work. They are often very shy and can be quiet which means that noise from the audience can make it very difficult for everyone to hear what is being shared.





We have a reported case of shingles with one of our children. If you have any concerns, please seek medical advice.

Message from Deverills Performing Arts -

As part of this year's Deverills Performing Arts programme, the internationally renowned British *a cappella* quintet, **Apollo5** (apollo5.co.uk), will be performing a concert in Longbridge Deverill church on Saturday 29 April at 7.30pm. The London-based group specialises in inspiring creativity through music and is holding a vocal workshop for children in the afternoon, to which your pupils are warmly invited:

- Saturday 29 April 2017
- 1pm – 2.30pm (with a break in the middle)
- Longbridge Deverill Village Hall BA12 7DG
- Free of charge - refreshments provided

For further information email director@deverillsfestival.com or phone 01985 844385
or email info@deverillsfestival.com to book places

Full details of the evening concert, and others in the series, are on our website: deverillsfestival.com.

I do hope some of your children can take part in what is sure to be an exciting afternoon of music!

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.

