

New Close News

Friday 3rd November, 2017

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

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am pleased to announce that conversion went through on Wednesday, 1st November. This means the school is no longer under local authority control but of the Acorn Education Trust. The school will now be known as New Close Primary School, an Acorn Education Trust school.

Thank you for your support in this conversion.

Kind regards,

Mr Evans

RABBIT CLASS

English: we have been learning and creating our own silly nursery rhymes!

Maths: we have been practising counting forwards and backwards to 20.

★ **Star of the Week is Ruby for amazing effort in her writing!**

SQUIRREL CLASS

Squirrel class this week have begun to look at the features of a newspaper recount as we will be writing our own recount based on the story of 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick-King Smith. In maths we have been learning about Roman numerals, looking for patterns within them and solving simple calculations with them. We have finally finished our Anglo-Saxon helmets which look amazing!

★ **Star of the Week is Jessel for working hard and fully participating in lessons.**

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have been applying our understanding of formal written methods for short and long multiplication to solve increasingly complex problems.

English

We have been reading a variety of poems. We have started to look at performance poetry in detail in order to know the appropriate text and language features used. In addition, we have also consolidated our understanding of apostrophes - for contractions, singular possession and plural possession.

★ **Star of the Week is Alisha for persevering with tricky multiplication problems**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

In English we have been learning to identify the features of an information text, reading such texts and answering comprehension questions about them. We have also been learning how to use 'an' in front of nouns which start with a vowel, e.g. an apple, an egg, an igloo, an owl and an umbrella.

In maths, we have been learning to compare number sentences using the symbols =, < or >.

e.g. $6 + 4 < 6 + 6$

We have also been adding and subtracting pairs of numbers.

★ **Star of the Week is Gabriel for making a big effort with his learning.**

Otter CLASS

This week in English, we have been: reading and analysing autobiographies and biographies, investigating the use of conjunctions (ie joining words) to develop and extend our use of sentence structure to help us plan and structure our own biographical writing next week.

Eg: The grey squirrel quickly climbed the tree, *before* the cheeky dog could chase it.

In maths, we have been using our addition and subtraction knowledge (and the Read. Understand. Choose. Solve. Answer. Check method) to answer multi-step word problems such as:-

20 children were playing in the treehouse. Half the children went off to play on the field. 4 more children went to play in the treehouse. How many children are playing in the treehouse now?

★ **Star of the Week is Logan for nifty numeracy work, when solving multi-step word problems with great accuracy and speed.**

WARMINSTER GARRISON

Bonfire and Firework Display - Sunday 5th November 2017



This year the Garrison will be holding a bonfire and fireworks display which will be open to the public. The fireworks display promises to be spectacular and is provided by the award winning company Distant Thunder.

Location: Harman Lines, Warminster Garrison, Sack Lane, BA12 9DT

Timings: **1800 Gates open**
 1900 Bonfire lit
 1930 Fireworks

Entertainment: Jennings funfair, several food stalls serving hot snacks, music.

Free parking with the option to 'park and ride' from Warminster Central Car Park. Coach service from Warminster Car Park 1730 – 2100 leaving every 15 mins (Return ticket £1).

Tickets: Advance single £4.50
 Advance family £9 (2 adults & 1 child or 1 adult & 2 children)
 At the gate single £5
 At the gate family £10

Ruby House – Charity Day

On Friday 17th November, Ruby House will be supporting Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school dressed in anything spotty. Please bring a donation.

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.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The school nursing team will be in school on 8th December to give flu vaccinations to all children in Reception to Year 4 who have returned the consent forms giving permission.

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.

**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.

Office Hours

Please be aware that the School Office is staffed between 8.45am and 3.15pm.

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.

