

# New Close News

Friday 6th January, 2017

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## New Year—New Term

A very warm welcome back to everyone following the holidays. I hope that you all had a really enjoyable and relaxing time. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on the first day of term; the children were really glad to see their friends and to share their news.

### Social Media

An anonymous message was left on the school answerphone regarding photographs being shared on social media.



From time to time we remind families about internet safety. At New Close, parents are able to give or decline permission for their child to be photographed as part of their studies, but we always ask parents to not share photographs of other children, particularly on social media.

Please respect and think carefully about the safety of other children—there may be circumstances that you are unaware of as to why their photo should not be publicly shared.



### Sports for Champions

Let's hope that this actually takes place this time!! The athlete and their team are due to be at New Close on Friday 20th January in the afternoon. Families who have already sent in their sponsorship money so that their child can have the different awards need do nothing to prepare for this. If you haven't sent in your sponsor money or you are new to the school and would like further information, please contact the Office.

### School Dinners

There is no doubt that the school dinners provided by Warminster School are absolutely delicious and very good value for money, however I just wanted to bring to your attention the incredible amount of food that is wasted each day. I know that sometimes your child may not particularly like everything that is on their plate or perhaps they don't feel very hungry, but I was hoping that you would chat with them and try to encourage them to eat a little more of their meal. The ladies in the Hall at lunchtime try to coax the children to eat enough but we really need your help with this.

We are also going to encourage children to use their knife and fork safely and effectively and to support you in helping them develop their table etiquette which will stand them in good stead for the future.





## World Day

Instead of focusing solely on the Chinese New Year, this year each class will be studying a different country to help raise the children's awareness of our world. This will take place from Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th February. Rabbit = China; Meerkat = India; Hedgehog = Italy; Squirrel = South Africa; Otter = Brazil and Fox = Australia.

Each class will be looking at different aspects of their country including the geography, natural habitat, customs and their language (where appropriate). On Friday 10th February, we are hoping that the children will come to school in costume to represent their class country.

### Key dates for this term

Friday 13th January—Rabbit, Meerkat and Hedgehog Class Assembly

Friday 20th January—Sports for Champions event

Friday 27th January—Squirrel, Otter and Fox Class Assembly

w/b 30th January—Assessment Week

Friday 10th February—World Day (come dressed in costume to represent the 'class country')

w/b 13th February, - Half Term

### Office Hours

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

### 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.

### 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.

**For the attention of all parents  
Will your child be four years old before  
September 2017?**

**You must apply for a primary school place.**

**Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**

**The deadline for all applications is**

**15th January 2017**

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.

**PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED  
CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE BIN OUTSIDE  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**



### STARS OF THE WEEK



Isaac

Elis

Daisy

Aimee

Halle

Bella