

New Close News

Friday 6th October, 2017

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

Dear Parent/guardian

I know from my own experience of having two children that when asked what they have been doing at school today the answer is often “don’t know” or “can’t remember”. I would therefore like to make you aware of a new weekly feature that will be running in the newsletter. It is called “Learning Corner” and will summarise what your child has been learning in class that week for English and maths. Please can you read the section each week appropriate to your child so that you can continue conversations at home about what they have been learning in class. Studies have proved that through repetition children retain more information and I am asking you to support the school and your child through doing this. If you require further information regarding this then please speak to myself or your child’s class teacher.

Kind regards

Mr Evans

Football Festival



Well done to all the year 3 and 4 pupils who took part in the football festival at Kingdown School on Monday. Their attitude and behaviour was a credit to the school and I look forward to taking all pupils out for more sporting activities in the future.

Mr Evans

RABBIT CLASS

In maths we have been solving number bonds within 10, especially missing number problems. Ask about Shelby Chef!

In English we have been reading and writing signs and lists about parties, tigers and monsters.

★ **Star of the week is Tyler for trying hard in all tasks and listening.**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

English: This week, we have been learning to write our own stories with a familiar setting, how to read a story and answer questions about it and how to use commas in a list.

e.g. At the farm I saw horses, sheep, chickens, cows and geese.

Mathematics: This week, we have been learning how to solve word problems using multiplication/repeated addition, and how to compare numbers and order numbers.

An example of a word problem:

An apple costs 2p. Jack buys 5 apples.

How much does he spend?

★ **Star of the week is David, for being kind and helpful in class.**

FOX CLASS

In maths, we have been consolidating addition and subtraction methods.

In English, we have been planning and writing our own historical stories based on *War Horse*.

★ **Star of the week is Matthew for working hard and helping others.**

OTTER CLASS

In maths, we have been investigating addition and subtraction using a variety of methods - rounding, estimating, counting on, checking our calculations using the inverse operation, column addition and bar modelling (part, part, whole) - to solve 4-digit number and word problems.

In English, our focus has been on Instructions. We have been identifying the features of instruction texts, how the use of adverbs and imperative verbs helps the reader to follow instructions easily and peer reviewing our own written instructions on How To feed a Cat!

★ **Star of the week is Alfie for his explanation of how the bar model helped him to solve a tricky word problem in numeracy.**

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English we have been preparing to write a myth and learning how to punctuate speech correctly.

In maths we have focused on our times tables and addition and subtraction.

★ **Star of the week is Bryan, for improved effort in all areas.**



Harvest Collection

We will be celebrating our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday 17th October. Unfortunately on this occasion we will be unable to invite parents but I am hoping that you would be able to donate a tin or packet. As usual all of the donations will be given to the Trussel Trust who support people in need in our local area as well as nationwide. Could you kindly send in your donations as soon as possible so that we can begin to display them.

May I thank you in advance for your support.



Beauty and the Beast

On 3rd November, we will be hosting a production of Beauty and the Beast by M & M Productions. This theatre company have performed at New Close on many occasions and always provide high quality entertainment for the children. We ask for a voluntary donation to help us to cover the cost and also that you complete a consent form to give permission for your child to attend the performance. If you could kindly return this as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

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.

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

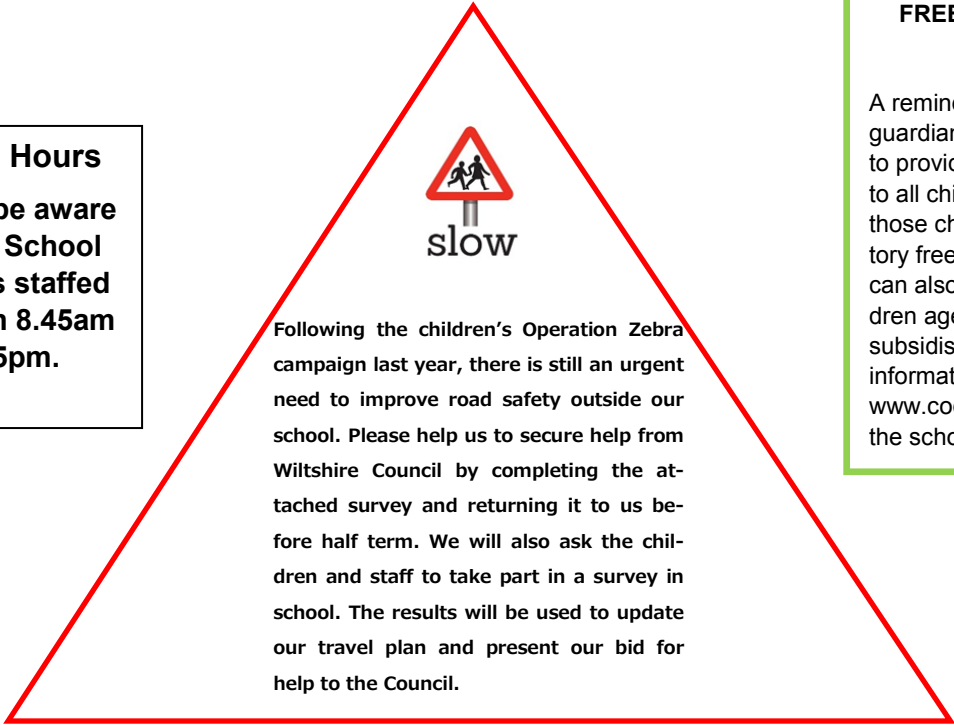
The deadline for all applications is

15th January 2018

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




Following the children's Operation Zebra campaign last year, there is still an urgent need to improve road safety outside our school. Please help us to secure help from Wiltshire Council by completing the attached survey and returning it to us before half term. We will also ask the children and staff to take part in a survey in school. The results will be used to update our travel plan and present our bid for help to the Council.


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



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Would you like your children to have guitar lessons at school?



We will soon be offering musical instrument tuition again, starting with guitar lessons with an excellent local tutor. It would be helpful to have expressions of interest at this stage, so please return the completed slip below if you are interested. When we have a better idea of numbers, we can tell you about the cost, but it is likely to be approximately £9 for an individual lesson of 20 minutes, or less for a shared lesson. We will send out more information about cost and how to book soon.

(Subsidised lessons are available to families entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals).



Yes, I am interested in guitar lessons for my child _____ (name).

Please send me more information when costs are known.

My child does/does not have a guitar to practise on at home.

My child would be interested in having lessons in other musical instruments, such as _____ (please state).