

# New Close News

Friday 8th December, 2017

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

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents that had a look around the school on Tuesday at our "Open Day". It was lovely to hear such positive comments about the school and how engaged the children were in their learning. There were also some great suggestions of how we can further improve the school and I encourage all parents to make these contributions. If you were unable to attend on Tuesday and would still like to look around the school then please contact Mrs Wootten in reception to arrange a convenient time.

On Friday last week four of our year 5 pupils represented the school in a maths challenge at Warminster School. There were eleven teams in the competition from Warminster primary schools and the team finished in a magnificent 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Not only did they perform so well in the competition but also were great ambassadors for the school in their conduct and behaviour. Well done and congratulations to Aaron, Daisy, Ethan and Tiana.

Please support the New Close School Choir, on Saturday morning at 11.00am, who will be performing a selection of carols at The Minster Church. Thank you to those that attended the World Record Nativity attempt on Wednesday evening. Unfortunately they were unable to break the World Record but a fantastic time was had by all.

I would also like to remind you that parents' evening is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00 – 6.30pm. Please book a time with Mrs Wootten at reception. It is vitally important that you attend this evening to support your child in their learning and progress as they move through the school.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

## DIARY DATES

9th December: School Choir singing in the Minster Church, Warminster at 11.00am.  
13th December: KS2 Disco - 4.00-6.00pm. (No after-school Drama & Dance clubs).  
14th December: KS1 Nativity at 2pm (parents welcome).  
15th December: KS2 Carols and Poetry Assembly at 2.20pm (parents welcome).  
16th December: School Choir singing in The Mall, Warminster at 10.30am.  
18th December: Parents' evening.  
18th December: Last day for Netball Club.  
19th December: Christmas lunch at Warminster School.  
20th December: Last day of term.  
4th January: Start of Term 3

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



### Tuesday 19th December

All of the children and staff will be walking to Warminster School to enjoy a festive lunch in their grand dining hall. (Packed lunches can be taken to eat there.)

Look out for the menu and order form coming home on Monday. All orders must be returned by 9.30am on Thursday 14th December.

**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](http://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.



## 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).

# Learning Corner

## HEDGEHOG CLASS

In English this week, apart from Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation tests, we have been reciting repetitive poems, singing repetitive songs and writing our own poems about weather.

In maths, we have been practising the 2x and 10x tables as well as completing our Maths assessments in Arithmetic and Reasoning.

★ **Star of the Week is Archie for his excellent behaviour in class throughout the week.**

## SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths this week we have been working on assessments and also continuing to learn our tables and number bonds.

In English, we have started to look at poetry and in particular the language used by the poet, Thomas Hardy. We have also been taking our reading and SPaG assessments.

★ **Star of the Week is Ayden for thinking very carefully about his maths calculations.**

## RABBIT CLASS

Maths: we have been looking at and exploring shape a little more this week, trying to find out which 3D shapes are best for building and what kind of 2D shapes we can find in different 3D shapes.

English: the children have enjoyed sharing their ideas and knowledge about hedgehogs in a more creative way, writing their own nursery rhymes about how they imagine hedgehogs feel!

★ **Star of the Week is Fleur for amazing attitude to her learning, in all areas of school.**

## OTTER CLASS

Maths - This week, apart from showing what we know in our assessments, we have been working on solving riddles and problems using our multiplication, division and reasoning skills. We now know which elf ate Mrs Claus' Christmas cake!

English - As well as our assessments, we have been inventing our own Goth Girl chapter and have worked hard to present our villainous characters in the style of Chris Riddell. We have created our own 'theatre' books to showcase our wonderful writing skills.

★ **Star of the week is Malachy for his focus and presentation in his writing. Well done!**

## FOX CLASS

### Maths

This week we have applied everything that we have been learning to complete our assessments and developed our times tables knowledge.

### English

This week we have been continuing to develop our understanding of persuasive texts and to identify the features used in such writing. Excitingly, we designed our own hotel/resort and wrote a persuasive brochure to entice people to visit our creations. We had to make sure that we used the appropriate persuasive text features, e.g. rhetorical questions, persuasive devices such as 'clearly' and 'surely' and suitable conjunctions.

★ **Star of the Week is Matthew for putting 100% effort into everything he has done this week and demonstrating a positive attitude to assessment week.**

## After-School Clubs

**The last day for Netball club is 18th December.**

**The last day for Art and Eco clubs is 14th December.**

**Drama and Dance clubs have now finished this term.**