

# New Close News

Friday 9th February, 2018

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

Dear Parents

The end of term has soon come around and I know the children are looking forward to and deserve a well-earned break. We recently had a quality assurance visit from the Acorn Trust where lessons were observed and children quizzed about their learning. It was lovely to hear back from the Trust about the positive attitude and enjoyment the children have towards their learning, their good behaviour for learning, the positive culture and ethos that is evident in the school and great classroom displays showing children's work. Thank you for the support that you have given your children and the teachers in moving the school forwards.

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of seeing our dance club perform at the West Wilts Dance Festival. They performed to over 1,000 people flawlessly and we were immensely proud of them, not only for the performance but in their whole approach to the experience. Thank you to Mrs Walker for choreographing the performance and running the after school club.

On Wednesday Hedgehogs visited Trowbridge Museum and had a wonderful day. Having travelled to the museum by train they then split into four groups and found out about four kinds of homes; a Norman castle, a Tudor house, a Victorian weaver's cottage and a 1930's semi-detached house. They also found out about clothes, buildings, work and entertainment for each of these homes, and had fun dressing up in the costumes as we can see below.



Have a lovely half term.

Mr Evans

## 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.



## GUITAR LESSONS

If your child is having guitar lessons, you can now pay for next term's lessons using Wisepay. Please note that payment must be made before the first lesson after half term, which is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## DIARY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

19th February:	Term 4 begins
23rd February:	Swimming for Fox & Squirrel classes
23rd February:	Celebration Assembly - Otter class
2nd March:	Celebration Assembly - Fox class
9th March:	TD Day - school closed to pupils

# Learning Corner

## HEDGEHOG CLASS

This week in English we have written a recount about our history trip to Trowbridge museum.

In maths we have been finding totals of money and calculating change.



**Star Reader:** Archie  
**Star Writer:** Darcie  
**Star Mathematician:** Gabriel



## RABBIT CLASS

Maths: We have been finishing up our learning with money and coins, beginning to count in lots of 2p, 5p and 10p!

English: our last piece of writing this week has been with instructions, writing rules for how people must behave in our class restaurant.



**Star Reader:** Neo  
**Star Writer:** Isla  
**Star Mathematician:** Melisha



## OTTER CLASS

In English, we have been working on writing and illustrating our Far Away fiction stories, to complete our suitcase writing frame.

In maths, we have been working on understanding the relationship between tenths, hundredths and thousandths and how we convert them to decimals.



**Star Reader:** Malachy  
**Star Writer:** Ethan  
**Star Mathematician:** Ryan R-S



## FOX CLASS

This week we have been reviewing our understanding of the equivalences between fractions and decimals, including demonstrating our understanding by explaining our reasoning and solving problems.

In English this week we have put ourselves in the shoes of the lighthouse keeper, from the film clip we watched last week, in order to write diary extracts based on the events of the film. In addition, we have developed our understanding of present and past progressive verb forms.



**Star Reader:** Leni  
**Star Writer:** Harry  
**Star Mathematician:** Jasmin



## SQUIRREL CLASS

In maths we have been ordering fractions and calculating fractions of amounts.

In English, we have written some wonderful descriptions of a woodland setting in preparation for writing our story after the holiday.



**Star Reader:** Dylan  
**Star Writer:** Ayden  
**Star Mathematician:** Ryan



## GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit:	Ruby
Hedgehog:	Riley
Squirrel:	Layla
Otter:	Alfie B
Fox:	Imogin