

# New Close News

Friday 9th June, 2017

Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown  
Deputy Head - Mrs Sharon White

## Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to our Sports event. The children enjoy the team spirit of this event and it is always lovely to see the older children helping the younger children; such a lovely family atmosphere.

It was wonderful to see you cheering the children on and I hope you all had a good time!



## Phonics Screening

After a couple of mocks, the real thing will take place next week when the Year 1 pupils and some Year 2 pupils will take the Phonics Screening test. The children are very used to being asked to read real and made-up words and the whole thing takes place on an individual basis in a very calm and non-threatening atmosphere.

The outcome will be reported later on in this term.

## Reading Eggs Y1—Y6

As you know, your child has recently brought home a letter with log in details for two programmes that we have subscribed to - Reading Eggs and Spelladrome. These are programmes that are specifically designed to help children improve their reading comprehension and their spelling. We use the programmes in school to support learning and would encourage you to allow your child to access them at home where they will be able to continue their learning from where they have left off. It is free for you to access the programmes, all that is needed is the log on details; if you have misplaced them please contact your child's teacher who will be able to help you. Have fun!!



## Early Years Moderation

'Early Years' were moderated recently which is a regular event in Primary Schools. Quality of provision and accuracy of assessment are some of the things that are looked at by an external moderator. I am delighted to say that we passed with 'flying colours' (as I knew we would), so a massive WELL DONE to Mrs White, Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cundick and the Early Years team—super work!!



## REMINDER—Academisation Meeting



On Thursday 15th June at 6pm, Mrs Edwards from Kingdown will be holding a meeting at New Close to explain the academisation process and meet with our parents. There will be the opportunity to ask any questions. If you are able to attend could you kindly let the Office know so that we have some idea of the expected numbers.

## Goodbye!!!

As you may have seen on our website we are advertising for teachers; this naturally means we will be saying 'Goodbye' to some dear friends at the end of this term.



Mrs White will be enjoying a leisurely lifestyle with her recently retired husband after 24 years at New Close. Miss Jones will be leaving us to further develop her career in a new school. Mrs Hedges and Mrs Marmont, who have also worked at New Close for a long time, will also be leaving us for pastures new. I know that all of the above ladies will be greatly missed and I hope that we will still see their smiling faces around from time to time.

I am certain that you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future and in thanking them for their commitment and hard work at New Close. It will be a very sad day on the last day of this academic year.

### STARS OF THE WEEK



Eve	Dylan
Aimee	Daniel
Seery	Matthew

### 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.



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### Office Hours

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