

# New Close News

*Friday 9th September, 2016  
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Deputy Head - Mrs Sharon White*

## Welcome!

As this is the first newsletter of the new academic year, on behalf of all of the staff team at New Close, I would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our families. Please make sure that if you have any questions or queries, you don't hesitate to contact the appropriate member of staff.

We hope that your child enjoys this academic year at our school and all of the wonderful learning experiences that we have in store for them!!



### Boys' Toilets

Both our KS1 and KS2 boys' toilets have been totally refurbished and decorated over the summer holiday. All of the existing 'furniture' and flooring was ripped out and stylish, modern equipment was installed, complete with a changing area for PE. The boys are absolutely delighted with the facilities.

### Used School Uniform

We will be holding another of our 'used school uniform' sales next Thursday, 15th September. All items will sell for 50p and the money raised will go towards the school funds. If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of and would care to donate them to the sale, this would be much appreciated.



### Friends of New Close

This year we are in a better position, for many reasons, to set up and run a successful 'Friends of New Close' organisation. The main aim of the 'Friends' would be to raise funds for the school in many different ways and this money would then be spent on the children. If you are interested in forming a 'Friends' group and becoming involved, no matter how big or small your contribution, then please come along to a meeting next Tuesday 13th September at 14:15. The first event that the Friends would be looking to organise would be a Christmas Bazaar, so please watch out for information regarding this.

### Pen Licence

To promote high quality handwriting amongst our pupils we have introduced a pen test which is proving very popular.



### Warminster Foodbank

Our Harvest Assembly will be taking place on Friday 21st October and as usual, all of your kind donations will be given to the Warminster Foodbank. This community foodbank is staffed by volunteers and provides emergency food and support to local individuals and families who are in crisis due to a variety of reasons. They ask for donations of tinned, dried and long-life produce for obvious storage reasons. I am letting you know this in plenty of time so that you can hopefully begin gathering one or two items that you will kindly donate nearer the time. If you need to contact the Foodbank for any reason, the number is 01985 214463.



### School Dinners

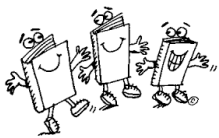
Don't forget to make sure that the Office have your order for the following week's dinners by Thursday morning to avoid disappointment.

Thank-you.

### PE Kit

Although your child has regular timetabled PE lessons we do occasionally take advantage of good weather at this time of the year and have additional PE lessons. It is a good idea for your child to bring their kit to school on Monday and leave it in school for the week, just in case this happens. Whilst on the subject of PE, after Half Term children will be learning Rugby and will need a pair of studded trainers/boots to avoid slipping on the grass. In Term 3 (after Christmas), they will be doing football and will need shin pads in addition to studded boots.

Hopefully this gives you plenty of notice to get these vital pieces of kit.



### How to help your child at home

Next week we will be sending out information with suggestions of different ways that you can help your child with their learning, at home, but in the meantime hearing your child read is invaluable!

### Key dates for this term—PLEASE NOTE THAT ASSEMBLIES NOW START PROMPTLY AT 14:30 (unless otherwise indicated)

September 16th KS1 Assembly

September 23rd KS2 Assembly

October 21st Harvest Assembly (parents welcome)

October 17th Parents' Evening

w/b October 24th HALF TERM

October 31st TD Day

November 11th KS1 Assembly

November 18th KS2 Assembly

December 2nd KS2 Disco

December 9th morning 'Bring a parent to school'

December 9th Christmas Bazaar

December 12th & 13th KS1 Production

December 14th & 15th KS2 Production

December 16th morning KS1 Party

December 16th Carols around the tree (parents welcome) to start at 14.15.

*Please be aware that if unforeseen circumstances arise it may be necessary to change a date but we will try to avoid this.*

### Office Hours

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