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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Hello everyone,

This weekend sees the celebration of Chinese New Year and on Thursday we all enjoyed our family lunch, with a traditional Chinese menu provided by our kitchen staff. If you joined us, we hope you enjoyed the food and company as much as we did.

This year, Chinese New Year begins on Saturday January 28 and lasts until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Each Chinese New Year is characterised by one of 12 animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac. The Chinese zodiac is divided into 12 blocks just like its western counterpart, but with the major difference being that each house has a time-length of one year instead of one month. This year it's the Year of the Rooster, the tenth animal in the cycle. The next Year of the Rooster will be in 2029.

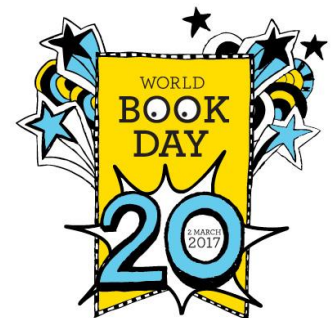


Miss Hughes has been reading all about The Year of The Rooster and tells us that: "People born in the Year of the Rooster are characterised as honest, energetic, intelligent, flexible and confident. The general image of people in this zodiac sign is of always being hardworking, resourceful, confident and talented." Famous people born under the rooster sign : Rudyard Kipling, Prince Philip, Dolly Parton, Michelle Pfeiffer, Roger Federer, Serena Williams, Beyonce, Eric Clapton, Yoko Ono.

She has also tried to learn the following Popular Chinese New Year Greetings :

1. 新年好 / 新年好 (Xīnnián hǎo) 'New Year goodness!'  
In Mandarin: /sshin-nyen haoww/  
In Cantonese: /sen-nin haow/  
2. 恭喜发财 / 恭喜發財 (Gōngxǐ fācái) 'Happiness and prosperity!'  
In Mandarin: /gong-sshee faa-tseye/  
In Cantonese: Kunghei fatchoy /gong-hey faa-chwhy/

**World Book Day** - We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We are inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character and join in the fun as we experience wonderful reading and writing opportunities. (With so many amazing books and characters, who will your child choose to come as?)



**Red Nose Day - Comedy Classroom day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - On this day your children will be engaging in comedy drama, writing comedy as well as creating and telling jokes. We're aiming to have a whole day of laughter and fun and will also be entering a national joke telling competition. If you have any 'rib - tickling jokes', pass them on to Mrs Gaynor or Mr Bartlett **BEFORE 16<sup>th</sup> February**.

I seem to be missing the mark with the jokes I am telling Mrs Gaynor so I look forward to learning from our young comedians!

Mrs Seaward would like to thank the Year 4/5 children who have produced some very impressive Ancient Greece homework this week. This has included a fantastic 3D model by Ruby, tempting food menus by Bethany and Leighton, a colourful A-Z by Molly and PowerPoints by, Lee, Tom, Harry and Logan. Mrs Seaward says: "Well done you guys! Please keep up this standard of work."

### **Residential Trips**

Our trips will be taking place soon, so I am taking this opportunity to remind you about payments. Thank you to those people who noticed we had got our dates muddled up! For your diaries, these are the correct trip dates:

**Year 2** – trip to Tattenhall 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June - £30 to be paid before the end May please

**Year 3/4** – trip to Beeston 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March - £50 to be paid before the end of March please.

**Year 5/6** – trip to Conway 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June - £70 to be paid before the end of May please.

Letters have now gone out about the Bikeability event for Years 5 & 6 during the week of **6<sup>th</sup> February**. Please can you return these by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**. Please also be aware that your child will need a correct sized, roadworthy cycle and cycle helmet. They will also need suitable warm clothing, including gloves, and some form of wet weather clothing in case of bad weather.

Spring Show categories :

- **Best Victoria Sponge Cake** – can you make the BEST Victoria Sponge Cake? Don your apron and get baking. Always best to have a practice run so that you can enjoy a cake before the judges do.
- **Spring has Sprung** – Warmer weather is just around the corner and we would love to see your best 'Spring' photographs, which can be of anything from daffodils and crocuses to lambs, chicks and blossom trees.... Get outside and start snapping! Entries can be emailed to Ms Hughes on [admin@westminsterprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westminsterprimary.cheshire.sch.uk) who will print them all out for you. Remember to include your child's name, age and class.
- **Most Egg-citing Shoebox Egg Scene** - let your imagination run wild! Art and craft your way to an egg-stravagant creation.
- **Most interesting Fruit/Vegetable Sculpture** – see what wonders you can create from fruit & veg.

Please let me know if you are willing to be part of the judging team. (We need our judges at 4pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.)

At the end of next week, Mrs Seawards and Miss Tilsley's class will be sampling French cuisine, e.g., bread, cheese and croissants and linking this with their Maths work. If anyone has any food concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

### **All our After School Clubs have now started back as follows:**

- **Science Club for Reception and Year 1** (Mondays from 16<sup>th</sup> January)
- **Study Support Club for Year 6** (Mondays)
- **Cookery** (Tuesdays) – this club is a book on only – please speak to the Office for more details
- **Homework Club** (Wednesdays)
- **Study Support Club for Years 2 & 6** (Wednesdays)
- **Enrichment Club** (Thursdays)
- **Street Dance Club** (Fridays)

If you are doing a shop this weekend, Breakfast Club would appreciate donations of Jam or Weetabix.

Yours faithfully,

*Sue Finch*

**Sue Finch (Head Teacher)**

**Lunch Menu 4 w/c 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** (Menus can be viewed on the school website).