

8 February 2019 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We've been celebrating **Chinese New Year—Year of the Pig** this week with writing, artwork, maths, dancing, music and food tasting.

- Each class followed *Smartie the Penguin* through our online safety rules as part of **Safer Internet Day**. There are some great resources and pointers for parents and carers on the **Staying Safe in Cyberspace** leaflet we sent home last week, or see the links on our website.
- **Wirksworth Wonders:** **Oak:** Zak for fantastic recall of Chinese New Year facts and Samantha for sharing information from home about which Chinese zodiac years her family were born under; **Hawthorn:** Evie and Millie for working brilliantly together measuring and weighing objects, Red for his work on Compassion with Mrs Wanford, and Bethan for her lovely joined-up writing of facts about China; **Ash:** Thomas for his wonderful independent writing in phonics, Isabelle's dedication and perseverance cutting and sticking her Chinese folded dragon, and Charlie for his obvious enjoyment of the story of the Chinese zodiac and our zodiac race; **Beech:** Katie for applying phonics knowledge to her reading, Jude for working really well with his partner to create a Chinese dragon, and Charlotte for using a balance in maths to compare lighter and heavier objects; **Sycamore:** Jobe for lovely writing for his Chinese food menu, Obi for creating a lovely Chinese dragon mask, and Francesca for getting involved and enjoying the dragon dance using materials and the mask she made.

Non-Uniform Day—Fri 15 Feb

This is the last day of half term, so leave your uniform behind and dress as you wish. We will be collecting donations in support of the **Rosie May Foundation**. We heard about this charity's work in assembly, and Mrs Essex told the children about her preparations for running in the London Marathon on 26 April. If you are able to send a pound next Friday, the money will be put to tremendously good use helping improve children's lives in Nepal and Sri Lanka. Thank you.

See more at www.rosiemay.com

Coming up: (week ending 15 Feb)

- **Tues 12:** Hawthorn class swim—Please pay if you haven't done so already.
- Stay and Play, toy library WI 9.30-11.30am
- **Weds 13: Safer Internet Day**
 - After school: Sewing club (CE)
- **Thurs 14:** PTFA walking group. Meet 9.05am outside WI school gates
 - After school: *DramaWirks* club
- **Fri 15:** Celebration Assemblies 9.05am
 - Non uniform day (see box below)
 - School closes for half term 3.15pm

Sense of Adventure Project

Our year-long project exploring our senses enters its third phase next week, when we **Pause to Taste**. We'll become 'Pomologists', learning about the cultivation of fruit, and will plant chitterling potatoes to watch and look after in our classes.

We hope those of you with planters are watching them for signs of spring. Many of the bulbs we planted in the autumn are poking through the soil surface.

Messages: Children have been drawing their own pen portraits this week. Their faces will be collected together and professionally printed onto a Federation tea towel which will be offered for sale before Easter. A perfect **Mother's Day gift** idea, don't you think...?

- ☆ If your child would like to take part our **after school activities** next term, please return your booking form and money asap. Ask if you need another copy.
- ☆ **PARKING.** Please, please think about where you park on the 'school run'. Be considerate to pavement users and members of the public, and **DO NOT** park on zigzag lines or on the pavement itself. Parents are creating a dangerous hazard for children, who cannot see around or be seen behind a parked car. There is no need to park on the school doorstep. Use car parks and walk together. *Or better still*—walk from home and do a bit for the environment, too. Thank you.