



School Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

Happy Friday everyone!

What an amazing week we have had in school celebrating the festival of the Lunar New Year. I was an amazing turnout on Monday for our spectacular dragon show. We hope you enjoyed it. It is very special when we have our families joining us and there will be plenty more opportunities to do this later in the year as the weather gets warmer.

The children have enjoyed learning about the story of the Chinese Zodiac when the Jade Emperor organised the first animals had the first animal. We have made lanterns, recreated Chinese landscape art and even enjoyed a banquet of traditional Chinese food.

Health and Safety

I wanted to remind all parents about some important **health and safety notices** to keep all our children safe.

- **Drawstring bags** – please take great care. The strings can tighten quickly and pose a strangulation hazard around children's necks. Please ensure that you talk to your child about not putting the string around their neck and ensure that your child's drawstring bag is put in the car boot where children cannot play with the draw strings unsupervised.
- **Choking Risk** – please read the guidance leaflet in your child's lunch box today to advise about preparing food to reduce the risk of choking. For example, **please ensure that grapes and tomatoes are cut into quarters.**

May I politely also ask that you **do not put any additional items** in children's coat pockets or school bags. Coats and bags are left unattended during the school day and 3 and 4 year olds are very inquisitive!

- Medications should be handed to the school office and never be left in school bags
- Hand warmers are not allowed as they contain small parts that can pose a poisoning and choking risk
- Food items should be placed into lunchboxes only.
- Toys are not allowed in coat pockets or bags.

Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning with Miss Tinsley

Come along on **Thursday 13th February, 9am till 10.30am**. Miss Tinsley will be hosting a coffee morning/workshop for parents to come along and talk about promoting communication. Miss Tinsley will also be talking about encouraging children to give up their dummies!

You do not have to have a child in Miss Tinsley's class to attend. Miss Tinsley is leading the coffee morning for parents of children in all classes.

NELI Preschool

Next week, children will be reading the story '**Little Red Riding Hood**' in class. They will be learning about the meanings and usage of the Special Words:

- **smell**
- **chase**
- **delicious**
- **help**

Please access further information on our school website. Scroll down to the bottom of the main page and click on the tile that says NELI Preschool. Find the correct information newsletter ('LRRH') for further ideas of how to support your child's learning at home.



Children's Centre Membership Forms

We have received some membership forms for our local Children's Centre. Please pass these into us if you wish to subscribe to access the wonderful support available through Stoneycroft and Knotty Ash Children's Centre. Please bring these into school and pass to Cal Thompson.

Winter coats

Please continue to ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. Gloves are **not suitable** for school as they become damp and wet outside as children play and learn. This makes for a very miserable experience. In cold and damp weather, children will only go outdoors for limited amounts of time with lots of opportunities to warm up.

Attendance and Timekeeping

This is the time of year when children pick up bugs. If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. **Any unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern**.

Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Many of the names on children's belongings are fading. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check the **lost property basket** in the library area for any un-named missing items.

Snack Fund

Final reminder for Snack Fund! Please hand your **£12 cash payment** for this half term to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. A huge thank you to all those parents who have paid on time.

No after school club

As previously advised, After School Club will be **closed on Wednesday 12th February** for staff development.

Dates for your diary

Monday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	Parent Coffee Morning with Miss Tinsley
Wednesday 12 th February	After School Club closed today
Friday 14 th February	Children finish for half term break (normal times)
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Monday 24 th February	Children return to school (normal times)
Tuesday 4 th March	Pancake Day
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Thursday 13 th March	Wear Blue for Bobby Day (details to follow)

Thank you all for your continued support. If you have any issues at all, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the school gate in the morning.

Should you wish to speak with me confidentially, please ring the school office to arrange a telephone appointment or drop me an email me at ht@eastprescotroadnursery.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

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