



# School Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025

Happy Friday everyone!

**Kung Hei Fat Choi!** Next week, we will celebrate Chinese New Year in school. This is the **Year of the Snake**. We look forward to parents joining us on Monday to watch the amazing dragon and lion dancing show to bring in the new year. Please see details below.

At home, you can support your child's learning by finding out more about the celebration of Chinese New Year. Which animals took part in the animal race? Which animal of the Chinese zodiac at the members of your family? Why did the Emperor hold a race for the animals?

## Chinese New Year Dragon Show

Parents are warmly invited at **10.30am or 12.15pm on Monday 27th January** to come and see the amazing show, which has become an annual traditional at EPR. The show lasts about 30 minutes. Access for all parents will be via the carpark gate.

As you can appreciate, this is a costly show to put on each year. We are asking parents for a **small voluntary contribution of £2.00** towards the cost of putting on this show, which we will be taking on the day.

## Thank you from Miss Wilson

A big thank you from Miss Wilson and Tara to all those who came along to our Mathematics coffee morning. We hope you enjoyed this workshop and have lots of ideas that you can use at home to bring mathematics to life.

## Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning with Miss Tinsley

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!

Come along on **Thursday 13th February, 9am till 10.30am**. 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.

## January New Starter children

We are so proud of how well our new children have settled into school. Over the next few weeks, our wonderful staff will be learning and finding out more about the things that make your child special and unique. After the half term break, your child's teacher will be in touch with you to arrange a parent meeting to discuss how they have settled.

In the meantime, you can follow your child's progress by logging into the Learning Journals app. Staff are also available at the end of the sessions each day to deal with any concerns you may have (11.20-11.30am or 2.50-3.00pm).

## NELI Preschool

We are taking a pause from NELI next week in order to focus on Chinese New Year. Children will be learning lots of new words associated with the celebration. They will be making lanterns, writing good luck messages and even having a buffet of traditional Chinese food to bring this experience alive.

## 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**

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**

Snack fund is now overdue. 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.

### **Invoices**

We greatly appreciate **prompt payment** of invoices for extended provision and lunch club. Many thanks.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese Dragon dancers
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Coffee Morning with Miss Tinsley
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Children finish for half term break (normal times)
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Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school (normal times)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Pancake Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ht@eastprescotroadnursery.co.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

See you all on Monday.

With warmest wishes,

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Headteacher

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