



Events & Celebrations

This half term we will begin sending notes home to commend children whose behaviour, attitude or engagement with a task or activity has been **'above and beyond'** our expectations. We would like to share their successes with their families. This is in addition to a **'Recognition Board'** in our classrooms which has a weekly focus for our whole class and where we can celebrate our collective achievements towards a specific target. We hope this will help your children to be **'Ready to Learn!'**



We will all be celebrating **Lunar New Year** in the EYFS next **Friday 3rd February**.

The change of date is due to staff absence. This celebration will replace Reception Classes' trip to **Chinatown** which was due to take place on that date, but which we have had to cancel as there were logistical difficulties that emerged when April and Faiza did their risk assessment visit last weekend. Reception teachers are planning an alternative trip – more details to follow.

Before the end of this half term **Nursery** plan to make our second trip to **Victoria Park** to look at the local environment in **Winter** – and to spot the first signs of Spring!

Parent Partnership

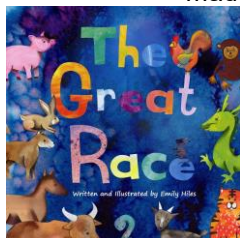
We have two designated email addresses for queries:
Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk
Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Please let us know if you or other family members celebrate Lunar New Year, and if so, if you would be willing or able to support us in our celebrations on Friday 3rd February. We are planning some activities on the morning of that day.

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY DUE TO STRIKE ACTION
February Half Term Holiday
The end of this Half Term will be **Friday 10th February**.
We will return to school on **Monday 20th February**.

This Week in the EYFS

This week in Nursery our word of the week has been **order** as we enjoyed learning about the story of **'The Great Race'**. This is a **traditional story** from China, which explains the order of the years of the Chinese Zodiac, which are named after animals. We have discovered which animal year we were born into – Nursery children were either born in the year of the dog, or the year of the pig. We also learned that this is the year of the rabbit. We have been making dragon kites and lanterns. Our mathematical learning has been focused on ordinal number as we described the order that animals finished in the race – from first to twelfth. In our Think Equal curriculum we have been thinking about in which ways we are the same or different and we made a rainbow of our favourite colours!



Reception classes' Word of the Week has been **festival** as they have also learned about the **Lunar New Year**. They have also heard the story of **'The Great Race'** before exploring the Chinese number system and making decorations for the classroom ready for our Lunar New Year Celebrations. In phonics, they have continued Phase 3 of the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme and have been learning the digraphs **zz** and **qu**. In Mathematics they have been ordering numbers and practising counting backwards.

Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. **Please help us maintain our stock of picture books by promptly returning any books which your child has been issued with during this year.**

Reception Class teachers have provided your child with their individual **username** and **password** for our online reading resource **Bug Club**.



You will now be able to go online to access the books which each child has been allocated.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

As the weather is now more changeable, please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothes to school including a **weatherproof coat** and **footwear**.

It remains important that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. This should include spare **socks** and **shoes**. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag.

Please ensure spare clothes are replenished and returned the next day.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day.