

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School Photographs - 9am.

## Attendance

Well done to Year 6 who achieved the highest attendance in school this term 97.9%. As a reward Year 6 pupils can wear non-uniform to school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. Weekly attendance below.

Year Group	Attendance
Early Years	96%
1	96%
2	99%
3	98%
4	97%
5	95%
6	100%

## Attendance Hero

Sarah from Vision for Education visited school today for an assembly about a new attendance incentive scheme – “Attendance Hero”. Certificates and prizes are awarded for good attendance and an iPad mini can be won at the end of the school year.

How to become an Attendance Hero:

- Be present every day
- Be on time every day
- Be ready to work hard

## Healthy Teeth Award

We have taken part in the Healthy Teeth Award Programme again this year.

We have a good understanding of the importance of oral health and will continue to work towards the gold standard and promote oral health in school.



We have received a certificate for the award.

## Happy Birthday to...

Kieran Brown 11, Lily Mark 7 and Thomas Reay 8

## Chinese New Year

Today in school we celebrated Chinese New Year. It is the year of the dog. Pupils wore red to school as it is considered to be a lucky colour in China. Pupils also had a choice of a Chinese Meal at lunchtime. There was crispy sweet and sour chicken, egg fried rice, vegetable chow mein, spring rolls and prawn crackers. Our fabulous kitchen staff had decorated the hall and dressed up in traditional Chinese clothes for the occasion. Pupils also received a fortune cookie and chopsticks.

A special thank you to Mrs Waugh for organising a fantastic day.



### Early Years

In Early Years the children have been learning about how they celebrate the Chinese New Year in China. They have also been tasting Chinese food and our Reception children have been learning a Dragon Dance.

### Year 1

Year 1 children have been making Chinese masks and acting out a story.

### Year 2

Children in Year 2 made their own dragons. They also cooked a stir fry and wrote their own instructions.

### Year 3

In Year 3 pupils have been tasting different Chinese foods and sauces. They also made Chinese dragons out of paper cups and Chinese lanterns. They have also wrote their names in Chinese.

### Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been making dragon puppets, origami and other Chinese crafts.

They have also learnt the story of New Year’s Eve in China and all of the children learnt which Chinese year they were born in. Pupils even learnt some Chinese Symbols.

### Year 5

Year 5 children have been using water colours to make Chinese numerals and do maths with them. They also designed and made their own Chinese lanterns.

### Year 6

In Year 6 they learnt some Chinese Dancing.

## Family Learning

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for Early Years and Year 1 parents and carers to come into school every Thursday morning from 9am to 11am to work alongside a Family Learning professional to support parents with Phonics and Number skills. You will have received a letter yesterday with further details please return interest slips as soon as possible.

**SCHOOL ENDS TODAY FOR HALF TERM. CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 8AM FOR BREAKFAST CLUB OR 9AM FOR SCHOOL.**

## Nursery Applications

Do you know any 3 year olds? Nursery applications are available at the school office now.

### **RSPB Workshops**

A representative from RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) visited school today to do some workshops with Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2.

Early Years went on a mini beast hunt outside and looked at the different parts of the environment.

Year 1 and 2 were Nature Detectives. They explored the school site and using a key they plotted on a map all of the different habitats they identified.

### **Here We Go Again!**

What a talented group of children we have in Year 5!

Today, they entertained Key Stage 1 pupils in Music with their superb singing and excellent recorder playing of "Mamma Mia".

### **"What's done is done." (Act III, Scene II)**

Year 5 have been looking at Macbeth during Guided Reading lessons and have produced some amazing character descriptions of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Their work can be viewed on the school website

[www.swalwellprimary.org](http://www.swalwellprimary.org).