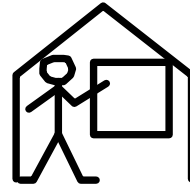


January 27th 2012



Dear parents and carers,

This week our main focus has been on Chinese New Year. Yesterday we decorated the hall and dining room and all had Chinese food for lunch. Each class has enjoyed different activities relating to the Chinese New Year festivities and a fun time has been had by all.



Abigail watching the dragon as part of the Chinese New Year sensory story.



On a visit to the Chinese supermarket Paul was amused by the live lobster!

Next week is our *Creative Arts Week* and we are using this as an opportunity to review our *Creative Arts Curriculum*. Once again we are looking forward to a visit from the very popular drummers.

#### **IEP Assessment Week**

The week commencing February 6<sup>th</sup> is our IEP Assessment week for those pupils who have not had their annual review this term. Your son / daughters class teacher will be in contact via the home / school books to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.



David enjoys the chimes during a music session.

**Class of the Week are Butterflies.**



Dylan has a high swing in the hammock.



Jennifer tries walking in wellies!

As usual we have had a fun filled time in Butterflies. Our Topic at the moment is "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", so we have been getting involved in all things messy as well as making different sounds. We all liked exploring the "thick oozy mud" in our wellies and bare feet! We have also been reading other stories all about bears. We have our own bear cave in the classroom, which is home to lots of bears big and small. During our walks to feed the ducks we have been on the lookout for bears, just in case they decide to jump out on us!



Sophie found a bear out in the garden.

We have been working hard on our physical development lately but Tyrah in particular has really started to develop her walking skills and is also able to stand for a few seconds unsupported!



Tyrah working hard with her walking.

This week we have been looking at how people celebrate Chinese New Year, tasting food and listening to music. We all particularly liked prawn crackers dipped in sweet chilli sauce! We have also been exploring the different decorations hung around the classroom.



Keian liked exploring the sticky noodles!



Mason gets very close to the Chinese dragon!

### **Bags for Sport - last chance for a good old clear out!**

The bags for sport staff will be collecting all our old clothes, cushions, curtains, sheets etc on Tuesday next week. Thank you to all of you who have had a new year clear out and brought things into school. Next Tuesday morning is the deadline as this is when they will be collected.

### **February Half Term Break**

Please remember that we break up for half term on February 10<sup>th</sup>. School is closed for one week and we reopen on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>.



### **The Sensory Express is heading our way!**

This week we had a visit from the sensory express and very soon we will have our very own Redway express. This is similar to our portable sensory trolleys, comes with a bubble tube, glitter ball, fibre optics and ipad / ipod docking station. The pupils will be able to take control of it by using switches and the cube similar to what we have in the MiLE Room, but also on an ipad or ipod. We are all very excited about this new piece of equipment.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Ruth

