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NEWSLETTER 17

20th January 2023

Dear Parents,

This Sunday, 22nd January, is the beginning of the Chinese New Year. The Chinese calendar is based on the lunar year so the date of Chinese New Year changes every year.

The Chinese New Year is the most important Chinese holiday and is a time of feasting with the family, celebration, fireworks and gift giving. It is a 15 day holiday, beginning on the first day of a new moon and ending with the full moon on the day of the Lantern Festival.



YEAR OF THE RABBIT

The Chinese calendar follows a 12 year pattern, with each year named after an animal. 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. There are various stories which explain this. One is that Buddha asked the animals to have a race and named a year after each of them in the order that they finished the race, starting with the Rat, followed by the Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Depending on the year you are born, you are believed to have the various character traits of that year's animal.

Rats: are cheerful, charming and welcome everywhere 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020	Horses: are hardworking, admirable and ambitious 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
Oxen: are hardworking and patient 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021	Rams: are gentle, caring and achieve what they want by kindness - 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015
Tigers: have a forceful personality and are adventurous and confident - 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022	Monkeys: are charming, cheeky and clever 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016
Rabbits: are home lovers, peaceable and sociable 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023	Roosters: are faithful to family and friends 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017
Dragons: have strong personalities, love their freedom and hate routine - 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012	Dogs: are loyal and caring with a fearless streak 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018
Snakes: are sensitive with a strong sense of responsibility - 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013	Pigs: are peace loving, trusting and strong 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

Assembly

Today 5W led assembly on the theme 'Being Thankful'. It's always good to be reminded of the many things in life we should be grateful for and say 'Thank you'.

Have a good weekend

God bless
Rachel Mahon
Headteacher

Reminder of Forthcoming Events

Monday 23rd January - 1P Parents observing phonics - all week
Monday 30th January - 1L Parents observing phonics - all week

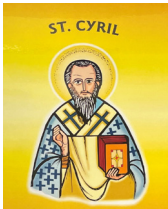
GOLD AWARDS WINNERS

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Rohan	Ty-Jordan	Demi	Adeline
Florence	Chi-Sam	Tommy	Maya
	Sara	Mateus	Jace
	Elena	Ava-Violet	Aida
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elijah	Samuel	Gabriel	Rita
Samaa	Idris	Leiyah	Frankie
Lyla	Malaika	Amy	Pathmini
Gabriel	Azarie	Guilherme	Ahlyciach

House Points

This week's winning house is **St Elizabeth** with **160 points.**

Congratulations!



St Cyril (yellow)



St Elizabeth (green)



St Lawrence (red)



St Josephine (blue)

Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Danny	Zavier	Isreal
Anola	Marnie	Aishani
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jason	Dolly	Samiul
Alfie	Clara	Tolu

BRONZE AWARDS

Christopher	Elisabeth
Erik	Harper
Inaaya	Mohammed
Rio	Zara
Pedro	Jibril
Marnie	George
Mason	Ruby S
Reah	Gracie
Keane	Kye
Dolly	Amelia
Lucia	Maddie
Libbie	Ayaan
Albrecht	Teddy

BOOST
their immunity this winter

Has your child had their flu jab yet?

Keep them protected this winter with the free **Flu nasal spray vaccine**.
Don't delay. **Get vaccinated.**

Attendance Spring Term

09/01/23 to 13/01/23

Position	Class	%
1st	5W	99.3
2nd	4A	96.6
3rd	5G	96.4
4th	2F	95.3
5th	6H	94.5
6th	6K	93.2
7th	1P	91.6
8th	Butterfly	91.5
9th	2D	90.7
10th	4B	90.3
11th	3A	89.7
12th	1L	89.0
13th	3F	88.3
14th	Ladybird	88.0

Whole School: 92.5%

The London Marathon

Toni, the aunt of Mason in Y5 and Tate in Y2, is running the London Marathon in April in aid of Leukaemia UK. Leukaemia UK supports those affected by leukaemia and other blood cancers through the physical, psychological and emotional uncertainty that may come with a diagnosis. Please click on the link below if you would like to support Toni.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/>