



Friday 8th February 2019
Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

As well as the Chinese New Year Celebrations this week we have also had our maths and English assessment sessions. There have been times when the school has been still and calm, yet full of children with their heads in test papers and pencils furiously working out problems, and other times where drums and dancing and flashes of red and gold have filled the school. In both situations the children have been encouraged to put in great effort and to do their best - perseverance and resilience have been in full flow. Please see the website page <https://www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk/curriculum/smsc-spiritual-moral-social-and-cultural-education/> for photographs of our celebrations this week.

Thank you to those of you who ensure your children are in school promptly between 8.40 and 8.50am at the latest (in preparation for registration), wearing the correct school uniform and equipped and prepared to learn every day. Excellent attendance and punctuality is vital to help your child make the progress with their learning they deserve.

I wish you an enjoyable half term and hope to see some of you at the PTA Valentine Disco on the 15th February.

Miss Salisbury
Headteacher



	Attendance Award
KS1 2MG – 98.31%	
KS2 4SR – 98.85%	

Reminders

If your child comes to school on a scooter or a bike, please can you stress to them the importance of wearing a safety helmet. Helmets could save a child from serious brain injury in the event of an accident.

When collecting from extra curricular clubs

Parking when collecting from teacher and coach led clubs should not be on the school site or the allocated Hive parking area as there is not enough room. The volume of cars at 4.15/30 along with children leaving various clubs is dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers therefore please do not access the site by car.

Miss S's Golden Book Stars

1SH
Isbah K, Emily E, Martha S,
Alba S.T, Ella H, Sienna A,
Benjamin C, William A, Georgia K,
Jack D, Grace B, Oliver B

2AH
Leila A

3HC
Jacob D, Joseph M, Scarlett S,
Libby M

4SR
Niamh B, Harley W

5SB
Olivia, Alex

5AB
Lily McD

The Hive

On Tuesday evening the children in The Hive celebrated the start of the Chinese New Year. They tried various different Chinese foods and made lanterns which were then displayed around the school for all the other children to see.

The Hive homework club is working really well. The children are finding it very beneficial and we are sure, the parents are too!

Dates for the Diary

13.02.19 – 9.15-10.15 – Y4 Fame Concert
15.02.19 – Break up for Half Term
15.02.19 – PTA Valentines Disco – 6.30-8.00 – Tickets available from PTA
25.02.19 – Back to School
05.03.19 – Parents Evening – Whole School
06.03.19 – Nursery Parents Afternoon (to replace parents evening on 07.03.19)
07.03.19 – Parents Evening – Whole School (Excluding Nursery)



What have we been up to this fortnight?



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This week Nursery have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. They have made lucky red packets to share with their family, tried tasty Chinese food in the banquet and they have made Bolang Gu (pellet drums) to use during the dragon dance. They were excited to find out that they were born in the year of the horse or the year of the sheep.

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Year 1 have continued to work really hard this week. We have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and taking part in Tai Chi. It was very relaxing and fun. In Theme, we found out about all the important jobs that people did in medieval castles. Our favourite jobs were the knight and the jester. Next week we will continue to work hard on our assessments.

Year 2 have really enjoyed their learning this week and have been introduced to counting and making different amounts of money. This week was children's mental health week and the theme was all about being healthy inside and out. We explored ways to keep our minds healthy, such as having enough sleep, exercise and eating the right foods to keep us alert and healthy. It was lovely to see the children going home and making posters in their own time about ways to help mental health.

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It's that time of the year again! Despite Chris Evans moving on, BBC Radio 2 are carrying on with their amazing 500 word writing competition, in which entrants need to write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 words or fewer. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity..... like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston or, Doctor Strange himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. All details and resources regarding the competition for both KS1 and KS2 will be circulated to parents and put on to the website. Last year two of our amazing writers reached the top 1000 entries, out of a staggering 145,000 applicants! So, here is hoping that we can go one step further this year! The deadline is 8th March so there is plenty of time to let the imagination go wild!

Mr. Brewer and Miss Hawthorne

Language Base 1

LB1 have been continuing to read and write about traditional tales including 'Goldilocks' and the 'Three Little Pigs'. In Maths we have been focusing on telling the time including o'clock and half past as well as practising our numbers; "numbers in between", and "1 more than". On Thursday we listened to Chinese music and watched Chinese dancers. We tried Tai Chi, ate Chinese food and made Chinese lanterns and masks. We even had a red envelope each to take home at the end of the day.

Language Base 2

Kung Hei Fat Choy! 新年快乐!

We have had an exciting week taking part in Chinese New Year activities such as watching a live dance performance by a specialist Chinese Dance Company. It was very exciting to watch! Also we tried our hands at writing in Mandarin as well. Other year groups learned to say a few words in Mandarin too.

Additional News

Following various media coverage this week on children's increasing use of the internet here are some useful E-safety reminders: Nearly all social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes **Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype**. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on **YouTube**, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

WhatsApp's new age limit of 16 years of age has been chosen in response to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) coming into effect from the 25th May 2018 and will only apply in the European region. **PlayStation and Xbox** use a family account system with restrictions on the children accounts. It is therefore important that you are in control of the master account. PlayStation defaults to restrictive access, Xbox needs you to set limits. Also, check spending controls on Xbox.