



WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 02 February 2015

MESSAGES

- **PTC meetings** - We apologise that there was an error on the sign up page for the Parent Teacher Conference letter that came home. We can confirm that the PTC meetings will take place on **Tuesday 10** and **Thursday 12 February**, not November as is written on the sign-up sheet. We will not reissue the letter but ask you to complete and return the sign-up sheet, indicating your preference for a meeting on Tuesday or Thursday. Thanks for your understanding.
- **Chinese New Year Day - Friday 13 Feb:** – come to school in Chinese costume or wearing red.
- **Swimming** -If your child will be swimming on Thursday we would very much appreciate your help in making sure they are dressed in clothes that are easily removed and put back on. Tights and many multiple layers should be avoided if possible. Thank you for your support.
- **Tanzania Safari Day** – Friday February 6 is a non-uniform day where children can come to school wearing clothes or costumes inspired by the Safari theme. They can wear full costumes, masks, a t-shirt with an animal or come as a safari guide BUT they have to pay 20rmb for this privilege with all the money going to support the Global Classroom Tanzania projects. Please do not go out and spend money on costumes as we would rather you donate this money to our Tanzania fund and help the children in Tanzania! Also, no weapons please.
- If you have any old containers that might make suitable drums (e.g. large tins, tubs with lids etc.) please send them to school as we are planning on making musical sounds this week. Other junk modeling materials, including large boxes to make dragon heads with, will also be well received.

Learning Theme Ten Days of Chinese New Year!

The children have really enjoyed learning and joining in with our Three Billy Goats Gruff story and we are now ready to learn about another story involving animals. We will begin our new theme of Chinese New Year next week, and will be doing a variety of exciting New Year activities including introducing the story of the Chinese Zodiac. We will also be creating all kinds of goat inspired art work, writing wishing tree wishes, dancing to traditional Chinese music, role playing in our Chinese restaurant and cooking Chinese rice balls, yum yum!



2015

Happy New Year!

Expressive Arts & Design:

2015 is the year of the Goat, so we will find out lots of facts about goats and encourage the children to use their imagination to create their own goats, they can draw, paint, construct or make a goat collage. We will begin creating dragon heads too, which we will then use as a prop when we dance to Chinese music.

Literacy:

The children will have the opportunity to try calligraphy, using a range of brushes they will practise their mark making using a variety of paper and surfaces.

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Next week we will focus on the topic of Chinese New Year. We will talk to the children about the Zodiac and that next year is the year of goat. We will be making lanterns and sweet rice balls in our celebrations and look at how others are celebrating Chinese New year around the World.

Vocabulary:

Happy New Year 新年好

Dutch

Deze week hebben we rond het boekje 'De liefste kusjes zijn voor jou' van Harmen van Straaten allerlei activiteiten gedaan. Zo hebben we nieuwe woorden geleerd, proberen te rijmen en tellen. De hoofdvraag was natuurlijk: aan wie geef jij jouw liefste kusjes? Gelukkig gingen de meeste klapzoenen naar papa en mama. Harmen van Straaten is bij ons in de klas geweest, we hebben geluisterd naar zijn verhalen en zelf een toneelstukje gespeeld.

Please let us know if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team