



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

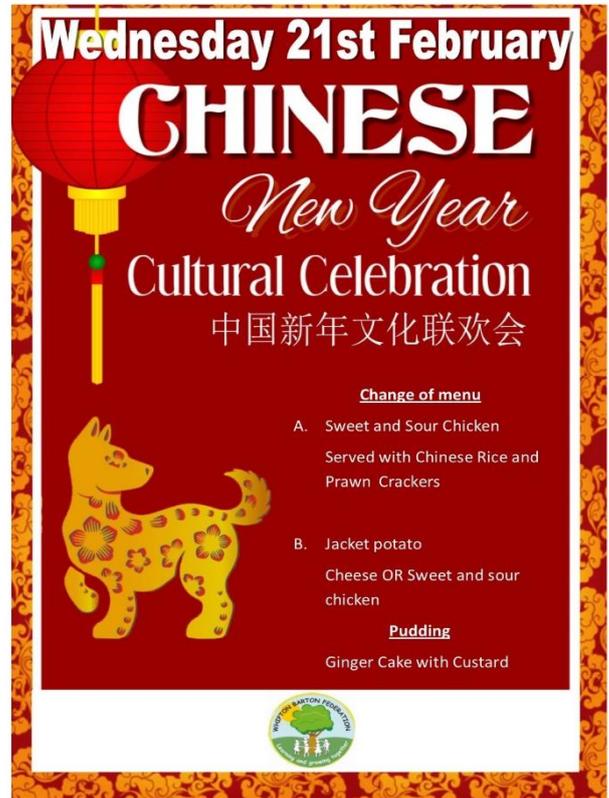
*This Newsletter is going to overlap with our end of half term Celebration Newsletters, so you'll have a lot to read as we go into the mid-term break. It's been a short half term, so we look forward to seeing you all again on 19<sup>th</sup> February.*



## Changes to Registration Times

As you know, there is a link between school attendance and how well children do at school, so we are continuing to tighten up on attendance and punctuality. After half term, we are shortening our morning registration period (the time between the beginning of school and the time when a "late" becomes an "unauthorised absence") in both schools. As you know, school starts in the infants at 9.00am and in the Juniors at 8.50am. All children should be in for those times. No change there. What is different is that we are shortening the registration period to ten minutes. What that means, for example, is that if your child arrives in class in the Infants at 9.08am, they will be marked as "late" in the class register. If they arrive at 9.12am, they will be marked as an "unauthorised absence". Ultimately this means that the education welfare service could take legal action against families whose children are persistently late for school. This might sound harsh, but we still have too many children who come into class ten or fifteen minutes after their friends and so start their days a bit flustered and not ready to learn.

I would like to say thanks to the many of you who are getting the children to school on time every day, even if the children say they are feeling a bit under the weather. I'd like to remind you that we can administer non-prescribed medicines as well as prescribed as long as you complete a green slip.



**Wednesday 21st February**  
**CHINESE**  
*New Year*  
**Cultural Celebration**  
 中国新年文化联欢会

Change of menu

A. Sweet and Sour Chicken  
 Served with Chinese Rice and Prawn Crackers

B. Jacket potato  
 Cheese OR Sweet and sour chicken

Pudding  
 Ginger Cake with Custard

Mrs West is pulling out all the stops in the kitchen. We are having a lovely Chinese meal on 21<sup>st</sup> February to celebrate Chinese New Year. Also starting on 21<sup>st</sup> February we introduce our new breakfast bap! Week one will be sausage, week two will be bacon, week three sausage and so on. Baps will be £1.30 each and I will be first in the queue!



## Problem Parking

I had a visit from Ben Bradshaw MP last week and amongst other things, we discussed parking, which is still an issue outside school. We are in conversation with Exeter City Council about them funding a control barrier to the Rennes House car park as parents are still parking in there. A resident says that one driver in particular is using the car park every day at school run: male, 6ft 3', large build, driving a silver BMW. Our crossing patrol has also mentioned a Citroen, registration WJ03UDX parking on the drop-down kerb where the children cross. I bore myself going on about this, so if you are an inconsiderate and dangerous parker, please help us out. I've got no problem naming and shaming!

## Exeter Music Holiday School

There is a nice opportunity for the children to become involved in some music over half term. There is a 10% discount for Whipton Barton pupils should they wish to make a booking. See below for details.

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## And finally ...

I thought I would share an extract from an excellent piece of writing by Navidha Dharman. Navidha wrote a piece explaining the federation behaviour policy. Not only is her presentation beautiful, she is also trying out some well-placed conjunctive adverbs. Can you spot any?

EXETER MUSIC HOLIDAY SCHOOL – TIMETABLE – 12th-16th February 2018					
Mixed Music Week					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 am	Welcome & Registration	Welcome & Registration	Welcome & Registration	Welcome & Registration	Welcome & Registration
10.00am	Introduction to Instruments	Drumming with Simon Hodgkiss at 9.15am	Lyric Writing	Drama Workshop	Brass Workshop
11.00am	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break
11.15	Woodwind Workshop	Drumming Workshop Continued	Song Writing	Instrument Free Choice	Strings Workshop
12.15pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.15 pm	Music Art	Instrument Free Choice	Music Quiz & Games	Guitar & Ukulele Workshop	Vocals Workshop
2.15pm	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break	Snack Break
2.30pm	Music Quiz & Games	Campfire Songs, stories & Nature	Vocals Workshop	Art & Craft	Games & Art

## Recognising good behaviour choices.

We recognise good behaviour by verbally acknowledging the child who has shown good behaviour to us. We may also put the child's name on the 'class star'. Consequently, if the good behaviour continues, then this might mean that the child will become star of a the day. Accordingly, the child will become entered into a lucky dip. As a result of the child continuing his/her good behaviour, this means he/she might get the head-teacher's award. If this continues further, the child might get a golden certificate.