



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...
...to be the best 'me' I can be.



15th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

To celebrate the arrival of Chinese New Year, we invite all children to come to school on Wednesday 29th January wearing either their own clothes or any traditional Chinese attire on. As we welcome the Year of the Snake, we encourage students to dress in the lucky colours of red, yellow, or black. Please note, football kits or any sporting kits are not permitted for this day.

This celebration will offer a unique opportunity for children to explore the significance of the Year of the Snake and the traditions associated with this important festival. The teachers have planned a day full of exciting activities, integrating areas of the curriculum such as Art, Music, Dance, and Design and Technology. Throughout the day, your child will rotate through various classrooms to engage in these hands-on, creative experiences, providing them with a rich, immersive learning opportunity.

Chinese New Year Lantern Competition – Weston Park

We are excited to invite the children to participate in Western Park's Lantern Competition by creating their own lanterns at home. To honour the lucky colours of the Year of the Snake, we encourage the use of red, yellow, and black in their designs.

Lanterns can be made from materials such as paper, wood, or card, and can take on any design the children choose. Each lantern must be fitted with a working LED tea light and should not exceed dimensions of 30x30 cm. The lanterns must be stable enough to be placed on a table or flat surface.

The school council will judge the competition, with a winner selected from each Year Group. I will be taking the winning lanterns to Western Park and they will be featured in a special Evening Dragon Procession on Sunday 16th February, which will take place from the Granary Courtyard to the Mansion House at Weston Park. Winners will also receive tickets for themselves and two adults to visit Weston Park House between 4-7pm during Half Term, where they can view the main rooms beautifully illuminated by the lanterns.

Please ensure all lanterns are brought to school by 7th February 2025.

We thank you for your support and wish all families and friends who celebrate Chinese New Year a joyful and prosperous time.

Mrs Fear

Nursery Teacher
RE Lead

