

Happy Chinese New Year!



# THE COURT

## The Avanti Court Newsletter

### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Each term we assess children to track how far they have progressed. Following this assessment, the school leadership team meets with each class teacher to discuss individuals, groups of children and different subjects. Teachers present their class data to the Junaida Bana and me and we question, investigate and challenge. If there are any concerns we will be in contact with you so you know how you can support your child's progress.

Happy Chinese New Year! This year is the Year of the Snake. Ancient Chinese wisdom says a Snake in the house is a good omen because it means your family will not starve. This could be taken metaphorically to mean that a Snake could never have a problem with his family starving because he is such a great mediator, making him good at business. Or it could mean that a Snake would be willing to sacrifice his possessions, something the Snake has a lot of, in order to pay for his family's food. Any way it is interpreted is representative of the Snake's character and is a measure of the value he puts on his material wealth. The Snake is keen and cunning, quite intelligent and wise.

Have a good weekend, James Biddulph



**CALL US AT THE DRAGON TAXI!**  
*"Beep Beep! This is our Dragon Taxi...we are going shopping to the Chinese Shop" Outdoor imaginative learning in Reception*

**We need wellington boots! Can you send a pair with your child? Or donate a pair? Why waste a puddle??**

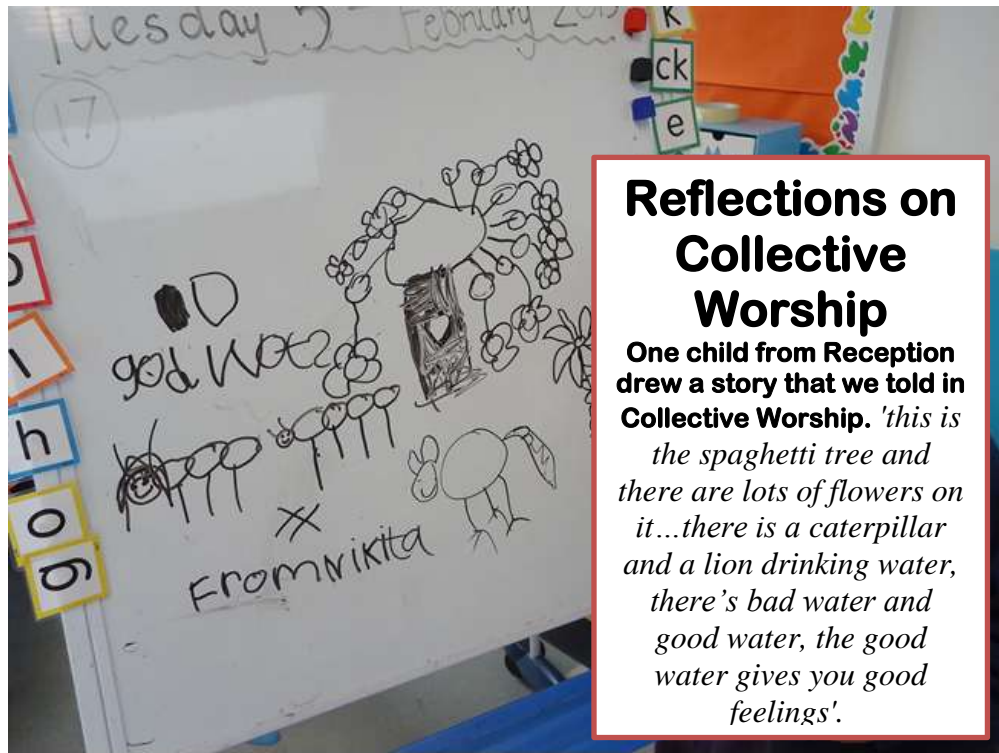
## Breakfast Reading Challenge!

Join us to get excited about reading and see your child's learning in their books

1<sup>st</sup> March: Year 1 8-8.45am

8<sup>th</sup> March: White class and Blanco class 8-8.45am

15<sup>th</sup> March: Balta class and Shukla class 8-8.45am



## Reflections on Collective Worship

One child from Reception drew a story that we told in Collective Worship. 'this is the spaghetti tree and there are lots of flowers on it...there is a caterpillar and a lion drinking water, there's bad water and good water, the good water gives you good feelings'.

### Key Dates:

Half Term: 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Spring term 2: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Shakespeare Week: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

Trip to Wanstead Park as part of Shakespeare Week: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb (wear wellies)

Spring Term Pupil Reports to parents: 15<sup>th</sup> March

Maths Day: 21<sup>st</sup> March

Parents Evening: 21<sup>st</sup> March (detail to follow)

Easter Holiday: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March closing at 1.30pm – 15<sup>th</sup> April

### Shakespeare Week

**On the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February, all children will be taking part in Shakespeare Week to explore the story of *Midsummer Night's Dream* (hopefully inspiring the spring and summer to come quickly and break this winter weather!). We will be exploring the magic of the forest...and visit Wanstead Park...**

**Attendance and Safeguarding: Our target is 96%. Let's reach it together...this is our attendance to date...**

**93.99%**

### ***Home Learning Projects are not Competitions...please read this:***

*It is the time of term when home learning projects are handed in. Thank you for your effort in supporting your children to complete these.*

*I have noticed that there are some parents who are doing the project for their children – whilst we welcome your enthusiasm please do not create works of art for your child because it sets up a culture of competition which is not part of our ethos or vision for high quality learning. I noticed today how disappointed some children looked when parents brought in adult quality houses. They thought that their child efforts were not good enough.*

*Every piece of the home learning project should be by the children. If a model ends up messy, stuck with glue, not coloured in perfectly BUT it is by the children, then this is an Outstanding piece of home learning. If it is perfect, obviously made by an adult, this is not outstanding piece of home learning. Resist the temptation to do it for your child.*

*Projects are judged against this criteria – we want children's learning NOT adult learning.*

**Quote of the week:** "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."  
Albert Einstein