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Spring Term '20

Thursday 16th January 2020

Chinese Day



On 24th January, we are celebrating Chinese Day for Chinese New Year. We will be having a special Chinese school dinner. The menu that day will be:

- 🍷 Chinese Sweet and Sour Quorn Sausage
- 🍷 Great Wall of China Rice Prawn Crackers
- 🍷 Mango Ice Cream with a Cookie

Mellers is now a Recycling Centre!

Good news: we're now a recycling centre for Carex and other brand hand wash bottles and latex gloves. Please wash out any handwash bottles (it can be Carex, Aldi, Tesco, Lidl etc, any brand) and bring it to school, where it will be collected and then recycled. We can all do our bit for our beautiful planet!

Too Many Children are Late for School Each Day

This week so far, **123 children** have been late for school. This is not acceptable; if your child is late for school, they are missing valuable learning time. If your child is 10 minutes late every day, they are missing 50 minutes of learning each week, which is over 3 hours of learning every month, and 32.5 hours every year (equivalent to a working week's learning lost each year due to being late for school).

Classroom doors open at **8.40am** and learning begins at **8.45am** prompt. It is your responsibility to ensure your child attends on time every day. Please help support us to give your child the best start in their education by **getting to school on time!**

Happy Chinese New Year of the Rat!

Amanda Dawson
Headteacher

Happy New Year!

新年快乐

Xīn nián kuài lè

County Lines Safecall Helpline

The threat associated with county lines drug distribution networks has rapidly grown with over 2000 identified drug lines operating across the UK, mostly through dedicated mobile phone lines. Children and young people are approached physically or online before being targeted, groomed and exploited by drug gangs. They are forced to transport and store drugs, weapons and cash between import and export areas as well as to work on the line, delivering and dealing drugs, usually crack cocaine and heroin. The nature of county lines and child criminal exploitation is a rapidly changing picture of threat, harm and risk. Gangs and those wishing to exploit children and vulnerable adults are continuously adapting their business tactics to increase their chances of going undetected by law enforcement and other agencies.

If you are worried about someone you know and think that they might be being groomed into county lines, SafeCall provides a national telephone-based support service to those in crisis caused by county lines including young people, families/carers and professionals. The helpline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can complete the online referral form:

<https://www.missingpeople.org.uk/how-we-can-help/safecall/974-are-you-a-professional.html>

Email - safecall@missingpeople.org.uk

Phone Safecall - 0208 392 5710 between 10.00 – 18.00 hours Monday to Friday

Telephone Missing People Helpline 24 hours, 7 days a week - 116 000 (they will respond outside of Safecall office hours)