



Dear Parents/Carers,



Chinese New Year Golden Day!



Today we started the countdown to our next 'Golden Day' which will take place on **Friday 13th February 2026** – the day we break up for the February half term holiday. The timing of the Golden Day this half term neatly coincides with the Chinese New Year celebrations which will be taking place locally/nationally during the following week – so we have decided to adopt this theme for our February Golden Day.

As always we are striving to broaden the children's experience of the diversity of culture in modern Britain and as part of this exploration of culture we have a range of activities planned for the day.



1. **Friday 13th February will be a Chinese themed non-uniform day for all children.** We hope this theme will provide plenty of scope for possible outfits – Chinese/oriental, anything red which symbolises good luck/happiness (colour of Chinese new year) or something to represent the start of the year of the horse (2026) etc.

2. In school each class has a range of activities planned to explore Chinese culture including craft making and art work.

Children from Year 2 upwards will be taking part in workshops led by '**JammiArt**' which will allow them to try their hand at **Chinese brush painting** and **origami figures**.

3. Pupils will have a **Chinese themed school meal** for their lunch that day. If your child wants to have the Chinese New Year school dinner then they need to pay for it in the usual way (£2.50 for those who pay for meals from Year 3 to Year 6 and £2.20 for full day Nursery pupils).

The lunch will include:

- chicken nuggets with a choice of sweet and sour sauce or curry sauce
- egg fried rice or chicken chow mein (noodles)
- prawn crackers
- ice cream
- a fortune cookie

If your child does not want to partake in the Chinese themed Golden Day school lunch then a packed lunch can be brought into school instead. ***Please note that if your child wishes to change their 'meal pattern' to either have a dinner on Golden Day or opt to have a packed lunch instead then please let your child's class teacher or the school office know IN ADVANCE so we can amend their meal pattern for that day.***

As you can see we have plenty planned for the day and once again, thanks to the commission received following the sale of individual school photos last term as well as a recent donation to Eastlea school funds, there will be no additional charge to parents/carers for these Golden Day activities.

As always, attendance on our Golden Days is dependent on each child following the Eastlea rules in school and at lunchtimes. We are hoping to include all children; however, for those who are struggling to follow the rules, we have been or will be in contact with parents to discuss ways to support children to get them 'back on track' in terms of behaviour.

Yours sincerely, Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

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Happy Chinese New Year

