



## Key Dates

### **Year 5 Trip Danelaw**

Monday 3rd February  
2020

### **EYFS Writing Parent Workshop**

Wednesday 5th February  
2020

### **Nursery Fine Motor Parent Workshop**

Tuesday 11th February  
2020  
10:30 AM For AM Parents  
14:00 PM For PM Parents

### **School Closes for February Half Term**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
2020

### **School reopens**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
2020

### **World Book Day 2020**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
2020

### Chinese New Year

This week the children in Reception have been celebrating Chinese New Year. The children learnt that it is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar and in Chinese tradition, each year is named after one of twelve animals that feature on the Chinese Zodiac and that this year is the year of the rat. They learnt how people prepare for the New Year and the different ways in which it is celebrated across the world. The children created lanterns, wrote happy New Year in Chinese, drew the symbol of the Rat to signify the year of the rat and created paper envelopes to bring good luck. The children and staff then feasted on a banquet of popular Chinese dishes.



### Year 6 Drug Awareness Talk

On Tuesday, Year Six were visited by Police Officer, John Day from The Children's Charity, who ran an informative workshop on drug awareness, discussing the difference between legal and illegal and prescriptive and recreational drugs. He shared the effect that they had both on people's bodies but also the huge impact that drugs can have on people's lives. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and acted maturely throughout the session.

### Year 3 Church Visit to Holy Cross Church

On Tuesday, Year 3 had a visit to the Holy Cross Church to develop their knowledge and understanding of their current RE topic: Christianity. The children had a treasure hunt around the church identifying the different features and surroundings within the church. The children were able to discuss their findings and any questions they had with Reverend Angela.



Reverend Angela then discussed the furnishings within the church explaining that the designer of the pews had mice engraved onto them. The children then went around in groups seeing how many they could find.

### Art Project

One of our parents has asked if you have any tights, whatever condition or colour, that you no longer require could you please bring them to the school office, as the materials are required for an Art project.



## Winter Clothing

Just a reminder please can you ensure that children are wearing a school jumper to school and that they have an appropriate warm waterproof coat. We also have outdoor PE sessions; please can you ensure that children are sent prepared with their outdoor PE kit of black jogging bottoms and jumper.



## National Online Safety Campaign

As part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign, the National Online Safety have created free online safety guides for schools to share with parents and carers. Every Wednesday they produce guides to focus on specific platforms/risks which they believe trusted adults should be aware of. Every Wednesday we will be sharing these informative guides on our Twitter account to help support you in keeping your children safe online.



## World Book Day

World Book Day is coming on **Thursday 5 March 2020!** We love World Book Day at Oyster Park! The annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading is one of our favourite days of the year. Children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character to join in with the national event.

