



# Wordsworth Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

11 November 2022

We are writing about an exciting opportunity for a small group of Year 6 Wordsworth children to come and celebrate the **Chinese Lantern Festival** at the City Centre on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about the Chinese traditions and experience them first-hand. We are able to take a group of up to **20 children**.

This cultural event is organised by WeCommunity in collaboration with Southampton City Council and the UK Shaolin Centre.

The celebration will include:

- Chinese Cultural Experience Workshops at the UK Shaolin Centre in the Marlands Shopping Centre (limited spaces, first come first serve)
- A Lantern parade (all with lanterns welcome) with the Chinese Dragon and Lion
- A range of cultural activities at the Guildhall Square.

Schoolchildren are welcome to parade their lanterns with LED lights and in fancy dress, preferably in the fitting theme of 'Year of the Rabbit'. All schools will be responsible for supervising their children. Children and schools will receive a certificate of attendance from the Mayor of Southampton with an award to the best school in fancy dress for the parade.

**Drop off and pick up:** the City Centre, TBC.

The children will need to bring a **packed lunch and a drink**.

Below are the timings and details of the events going to take place at Southampton City Centre:

- **12pm - 2pm:** Schools **Chinese Cultural Experience Workshops**

**Activities on offer include:**

1. Chinese Arts and Crafts - Lantern decorating
2. Kung Fu - Traditional Chinese Kung Fu class
3. Chinese Calligraphy and cultural language games

- **3pm - 4pm:** **Lantern Parade**

All children are welcome to join the Lantern Parade, behind the Chinese Dragon and Lion, and walk along the Southampton High Street to Guildhall Square with their light up (LED) lanterns.

- **5pm - 6pm:** **Performance activities** in Guildhall Square

Mrs Mia Gheorghita and Miss Clare Workman will be joining the children. You will have to drop them off and pick them up from a designated place (to be confirmed later) in the city centre.



To register your interest, please reserve your places - **by Monday 14th November** - by completing the slip below and returning to your child's class teacher. Places are limited, and will need to be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Thank you,

Kind regards,  
Mia Gheorghita – EAL Co-ordinator

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*Please return to your class teacher*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child would like to take part in the **Chinese Lantern Festival** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

