



# Laughing Panda Club

Make learning Mandarin joy and fun  
@Farnborough Primary School

My name is Haishan. I am a mother of two who recently moved to the neighbouring borough. As a qualified teacher of Mandarin for the last five years, I have struggled to find a quality after-school Mandarin club for my children nearby. Hence, I decided to run an after-school club where children can learn, not just a language that the majority of the world's population speak, but about a culture than belongs to one of the biggest countries in the world.

In recent years, Mandarin has become the most popular non-European foreign language in the UK. It has provided a different aspect of thinking and allowed children to explore the world in a different way. From my teaching experience, children as young as 4 are at the best time to start learning a new language. They are like a sponge and are able to absorb new information easily and quickly.

I have previously taught in both private and state school settings, where most of the children have no Mandarin background. However, through an initial half term of fun and taster sessions, they have all shown enthusiasm and are very eager to take up this new language. Please see the next page some of the works my students have done.

Our lessons will cover interesting and relevant topics based on the four seasons of the year (integrating main themes from the statutory national curriculum for each phase). Children will learn through multi-sensory resources that are familiar to them. Of course, we can't learn without lots of fun games, songs, stories and arts and crafts. Plus, I am trying to provide Chinese snacks in the sessions as much as I can, particularly during the Chinese festivals including mid-autumn, Chinese New Year, dragon boat and lots more...where I will bring in our traditional Chinese food for each special occasion!



## Information sheet for Laughing Panda Club @ Farnborough

Blossom Group: Max 12 children of age 4-6 (beginners)

Each \_\_\_\_\_ during term time only

Fee: £5 per session from 3.15 - 4.15pm

Flower Group: Max 12 children of age 7 upwards (beginners)

Each \_\_\_\_\_ during term time only

Fee: £5 per session from 3.30 - 4.30pm

The first termly sessions will start in the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The spring term sessions (once a week) will run from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 30 March. A total payment of £55 (11 sessions) will be expected. Fee will include all resources produced for each session and also the snacks provided.

All payments will need to be made directly to the below account.

Ref: Laughing Panda club

Sort code: 402715

Account: 50054216

If your child has learnt Mandarin before and would like to join in the club, please talk to me separately as an intermediate class can be created if there is sufficient interest.

For an informal chat or have any question, please feel free to email me:

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