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 **CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER – 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018** 

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Thank you**

Thank you for the fantastic response of cakes and donations to our fundraising for 'Children in Need' the grand total collected and banked was £244.55. The sale of knitted poppies (donated by Rachael Spence on behalf of the Victoria Park 'Poppy' project), plastic bottle poppies (made and donated by Mrs Wheatley) and the ceramic poppies (kindly made and donated by Scarlett Wakefield from Pentacle Pottery) which were displayed in the school garden raised £189 all proceeds donated to the Royal British Legion. The poppy tin from the sale of poppies and stationary has now been collected by the Royal British Legion we will keep you updated on the total raised for this worthy cause.

**Christmas Post**

Children wishing to send Christmas cards to their friends can use the post box in school, which is situated in the entrance foyer from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please make sure that the child's full name and class are on the envelope so the card can be delivered to the right person.

**Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner will be served in school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and needs to be **pre ordered**. A letter has been sent out for this. The cost of a school dinner is £2.10 payable via the ParentPay system, just add in the school meals section and once the Christmas dinner is taken the payment will be deducted. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals no payment is required, however we will still need the slip from the **pre order form**.

**If we have not received the reply slip pre order form by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, please bring in sandwiches for your child on Wednesday 12th December.**

We need this for numbers for the kitchen to order for this very busy day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

**Christmas Parties**

**Year 5 & 6:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, in school time. Children can bring party clothes or fancy dress **to change into.**

**Years 3 & 4:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, in school time. Children can bring party clothes or fancy dress **to change into.**

Small prizes will be awarded to fancy dress winners.

All refreshments will be proved by school.

**Choir Christmas Performances**

The Chaucer Junior School Choir will be performing after school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, for Our Christmas by Candlelight service at 5.30pm at the Trowell Garden Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. Your support at these events would be most welcome.



Please turn over to see all about our Christmas Fundraising events this Year



After a very productive meeting with the PTA we will not be holding a Christmas Fayre this year. The PTA are organising a series of several smaller events/fundraising which will take place throughout December.



**Chaucer Junior Christmas Jumper Competition**

We would like you to design a Christmas jumper for a teacher of your choice.

Entry costs £1

There will be a prize for the winner  
Good Luck

Remember to add your name and the name of the teacher you have designed it for.

Please go to the school office for your A3 size jumper poster – all entries to be taken back to the school office by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Prizes to be awarded in Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Lucky Envelope**



We will be sending home an empty envelope and we ask that you fill and decorate it to be used as a prize.

The envelope could be filled with sweets in packets, wrapped chocolates or **new** toys, stationery or **new** hair accessories (anything you would think appropriate to win as a prize). Then decorate your envelope with a Christmas theme.

We would like all envelopes returning by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

These will be on sale for 50p each from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Festive Tuck Shop & Childrens Hamper**



Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December a 'Chocolate Festive Tuck Shop' will be held each morning break items from 20p to £1. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the Children's fun packed Hamper at a £1 a strip. The raffle draw will take place during Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Jumper Day**



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper (to be worn with uniform) to school for the day for a £1 donation.

**Silent Auction**



We will also be holding a Silent Auction an information letter will be sent out shortly.



Thank you for your continued support with fundraising, all proceeds go towards enhancing the children's learning.

**Christmas Diary Dates**

- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Dancers at Arena Church 10am
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas School **Dinner**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas by candlelight with Chaucer School Choir at 5.30pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for PTA)
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Choir at Trowell Garden Centre 12 noon
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas
- \*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Themed menu Christmas Party
- \*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm (information to follow)
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Break up for Christmas
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Parent Helper Assembly & Y5 will be performing a Christmas Skit (information to follow)

\*Please note date changes from previous Newsletter

## **School Closure procedures in Extreme Weather procedures**

In the event of extreme weather conditions the following procedure will take place.

We will endeavour to keep school open, but if the weather deteriorates and conditions become worse we may have to close in the interests of everyone's health and safety.

School closure is not one taken lightly and done after discussions with other local schools and governors.

If school is closed then our procedure for informing parents remains the same. A text message will be sent as soon as possible and the local radio stations are informed. Parents can listen for announcements or check the radio station websites, and also the Derbyshire County Council Website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

I would ask that everyone takes care when coming to and leaving school. If necessary some pathways, entrances and exits will be closed. Signs will direct you to the safest pathway.

**Please ensure your child has the correct clothing for school during the bad weather.  
i.e: Hat, scarf, gloves, coat and also a change of shoes if wearing wellington boots.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

### **Term Dates**

Term	Start	Finish
Term 2	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
Term 3	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Term 4	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Term 5	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Term 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019

### **Inset Days**

Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Friday - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Monday - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Polling Station Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Year 6 SAT's Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Year 3/4/5 - Assessment Week Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Yours sincerely

A. Upton

Everyone has worked extremely hard and as a result it has been a very successful Autumn Term. Thank you for all your support. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas events or at the school gate.

 We wish you a safe and Happy Christmas. 



