

## Chaucer Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer



## NEWSLETTER – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018



### **Thank you**

For all your support over the Christmas period we raised a fabulous amount of £916 in total at various Christmas fundraising events throughout this term.

We would like to thank the PTA for all their help at the events and organising prizes/donations and also a big thank you to various local companies for donations, these have all been thanked individually.

All proceeds will go towards enhancing the children's environment.

### **Christmas Performances**

Thank you to parents and staff who supported:

- The Chaucer Junior School Choir at the 50+ Forum, Trowell Garden Centre and our first ever Carols by Candlelight event.
- Y6 Dancers at the Arena Church on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- The Y3/Y4 Christmas Performance of 'Hoity Toity Angel' on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Well done to all the children who took part. The children acted as ambassadors for the school and I am sure our local community will be talking about the fabulous children of Chaucer Junior School.

### **PGCE Student in School**

Class 3MB and 5HT will be joined by students Miss Binding and Miss McCreery who are currently in the final year of their teacher training at Derby University. Both students have met the children in class and be with us from 7th January – 16<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to welcome them both to Chaucer Junior's.

### **SeeSaw**



All classes are using an app called Seesaw. By now you will have received a letter from your child's class teacher explain how to do this. The app is designed to help improve communication between home and school. It will allow you to engage with your child's learning at school. Please take a look over the Christmas break and leave a comment.

### **Social Media/Internet Safety**

I think that as a school and as parents, together we do a fantastic job of educating children on how to use social media safely.

I am sure this will continue over the Christmas break and parents will continue to be vigilant and monitor their child's use so they are not accessing unsuitable content or sending inappropriate messages.

A reminder that school support national guidelines and children shouldn't be accessing social media sites such as: WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc. until they are age 13. Following this guidance prevents online relationship conflict taking place.

Thank you for your support with this.

## **Uniform**

Gentle reminder to send children in uniform after the Christmas break. It is nice to see that the majority of children are in school uniform and to see the school logo on so many of the children's clothes too.

May I remind parents our uniform policy is for **black** shoes (**no white stripes or other coloured inserts**), **white** shirt, blouse or polo shirt, and **only** the 'Dream, Believe, Achieve' logo should be worn.

Thanks to all the children who have brought in their PE Kit and are ready to enjoy lessons.

We still have some children who haven't got their kit in school. This unfortunately means that some children are missing the opportunity to experience these lessons and engage in physical activity which we feel is a crucial part of the curriculum.

**'Healthy body, Healthy mind'**

**Below is a reminder of the PE Uniform requirements.**

### **PE. Uniform:**

Plain white T shirt

Black or navy blue shorts

Plain black, grey or navy blue tracksuit top and trousers, if the weather is cooler and the lesson outside

Training shoes

**We ask your child leaves their kit in school on their peg all week to ensure they don't forget it. Don't forget to label with your child's name. PE days are in the children's personal organisers)**

**NB: Football Kits are not to be worn as PE kit.**

Of course we understand we are all human and there may be the odd occasion when your child forgets their kit.

We always give the child a reminder but if they still forget kits we will be texting and then ringing parents.

If you are having any issues supplying a kit, we are always happy to help.

For more information on Chaucer Junior School Uniform Policy please see the school website.

## **League Table Success**

Our key stage 2 results were published last week and we are proud to say we are in the top 10% in Derbyshire. Have a look using the link:

[https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=830&laname=derbyshire&laname=derbyshire&geographic=la&for=primary&basedon=Overall+performance&show=All+pupils&datasetfilter=provisional&searchtype=&orderby=ks2.0\\_PTRWM\\_EXP&orderdir=asc&datatype=percent&sortpolicy=inversepolicy](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=830&laname=derbyshire&laname=derbyshire&geographic=la&for=primary&basedon=Overall+performance&show=All+pupils&datasetfilter=provisional&searchtype=&orderby=ks2.0_PTRWM_EXP&orderdir=asc&datatype=percent&sortpolicy=inversepolicy)

Amazing results for Chaucer! **Dream, Believe, Achieve**



Once again thank you for all your continued support particularly at this busy time of year.

I am so proud to be the head of a school where the parents and staff work together so well as a team to do our best for all children at Chaucer.

The children have been fantastic this term and I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

We will see you back in school in the 'New Year' on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

See you all next year.

Yours sincerely

A. Upton

