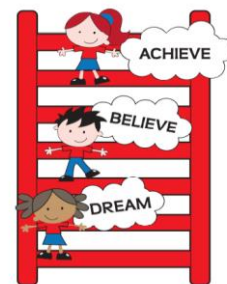


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July 2021

Dear Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your fantastic support over the past few months. We have really been overwhelmed by the commitment and dedication of you all, from supporting your children with their home learning, to ensuring a smooth return to school for many pupils.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff unreservedly for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, they have been truly wonderful. Their ability to cope with the many changes to school life over the past few months has been remarkable and their commitment and care for the children of Chaucer Junior School is evident for all to see. It is now time for them to take a very well-earned break over the summer holidays and on behalf of everyone, I wish them an enjoyable and restful summer.

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to the Year 6 pupils. This year has been very different for all and particularly challenging for them. Despite this, they have coped brilliantly with the situation and we are proud of them for their fantastic achievements and the many happy memories they have left us with. We know that they will continue to make us proud in the future, moving on to the next stage of their learning journey, with confidence and the knowledge that they will be hugely successful in their chosen paths.

Furthermore, at this time of year, we are sorry to say goodbye to members of staff who are moving to pastures new. We would like to thank them all for their dedication and commitment to Chaucer Junior School during their time with us. We will be very sad to say goodbye to **Mrs Anna Upton** (Our amazing Head Teacher) who has made such a positive impact on our school in so many ways and we know that she will make a similar impact in her new position. We are hoping that she will stay in touch! We are also saying goodbye to **Miss Jessica Stimpson**, who has only been with us a year, but, is beginning her teacher training course in September. I am sure she will be an asset to the profession.

Although some staff are leaving Chaucer, we are pleased to welcome new staff: **Miss Chloe Logan** will be joining the lower school team as a Teaching Assistant, **Mrs Stacey Hammond & Miss Emma Holt** will be joining yr5 as a Teaching Assistant (full time,) whilst **Mrs Tracy Thorp** will be taking on the role of HLTA across school. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating these individuals to their new roles.

**September Update**

We will be returning to some “old” systems!

DATE Wkb.	GATES OPEN	REGISTRATION	END OF DAY
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	8.45 SIDE GATE YR4, 5 and 6 8.45 PLAYGROUND GATE YR3 staff will greet <b>(adults are welcome to come onto the playground with yr3 pupils)</b>	8.55	3.20 YR4,5 and 6 to leave via side gate <b>3.20 YR3 families to meet pupils on playground.</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Sep onwards	8.45 ALL YEAR GROUPS USE SIDE GATE- <b>Children only.</b>	8.55	3.20 All year groups to leave via side gate. <b>Families to wait at front of school</b>

In the new year lunch times will change slightly: **Years 3&4 12.15-1.15** and **Years 5&6 12.30-1.30**

I would also like to share with you, amendments to our uniform policy for September.

### **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 do not recommend plimsolls as they are unsuitable for activities such as athletics or football which take place outside.

All children should wear their PE uniform on their PE day. If the weather is cold children can wear their school jumper or cardigan. No branded jumpers or hoodies should be worn.

### **Jewellery:**

The school has a no jewellery policy including body piercings. Ornamental jewellery of any type is not allowed to be worn but a small stud may be worn in the case of newly pierced ears. However, the child will not be allowed to do P.E. or swimming unless these too are removed.

### **Smart Watches including "Fit bit" style devices**

Pupils are allowed to wear wristwatches and fitbit style devices. **Exception: during PE lessons.**

Smart watches are not allowed to be worn if they are connected to a mobile phone thus allowing messages to be shared. Also, no watches that can be used as a camera should be worn.

### **Finger Nails:**

We would like nails to be kept short, with no nail varnish, gel nails or false nails.

On behalf of the governing body and all staff, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. It has been an extremely challenging year and one that we will all remember for a long time to come. What is clear, is that the Chaucer Community can be proud of the way they have managed these challenging times. We cannot predict future events or challenges, but what we can be confident about, is that we will meet them with a positive attitude and a strong community spirit, it is what makes Chaucer Junior School so special.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing many of you on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September!** Take care and keep safe.

Team Chaucer.

### **PS - Last message from Mrs Upton**

I echo all of Miss Mee's comments and would like to thank her personally plus the rest of Team Chaucer: I am proud of you all! Chaucer has a very special place in my heart as I said when I wrote to you all previously. I am very lucky that in my new role, within the Trust, I am able to come back to visit the children and the Chaucer community. I look forward to this very much. I hope that you everyone manages to get a rest over the summer and you can all find a safe way of enjoying holiday time with your family, friends and loved ones.

Thank you again for all your support over the last 21 years!

