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NEWS LETTER – 23rd May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a short but productive term at Chaucer Junior School.

Year 6 have finished their SATS Tests now and I was absolutely blown away by their positive and hardworking attitudes. Whatever the results, I know every single child did their best! They are all Superstars! They now have lots of activities to look forward to including Roller World today.

All the children have enjoyed a Science and Arts themed week. We have welcomed lots of visitors into school to motivate and widen the children's experiences in these subjects.

One of our visitors Rachael Carter (who is a long standing friend of the school and the lady who kindly donated the willow sculpture in front of the office) came to talk about her Mayflower 400 pilgrimage.

She will be the Artist in Resident at Nottingham Industrial Museum which is at Wollaton Hall, Nottingham on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May if you would like a family day out!

Thank you/Congratulations

1. Thank you for the excellent response to our '**Chaucer Bake Off**' event which took place the last week of term 4. We raised a fantastic sum of £498 which went to the School Funds. Once again thank you all for your enthusiasm and contributions.
2. Thank you for the contribution to Silly Socks day which raised a total of £164 for Autism East Midlands.
3. On behalf of The Royal British Legion for the sale of poppies and other related merchandise a total of £128.20
4. **Sporting Success.** Some excellent individual performances from our Y3's during the gymnastics festival that was held by Erewash Valley Gymnastics Club.
Well done to the Y6 dancers who performed at the Arena Church Community Day at the end of May, I am sure they all had an enjoyable time.
Please see the website for photographs and a full report on all our outstanding sporting achievements.
Thank you to all our helpers at the events, for transport, support, cheers etc. We could not do it without your help.

Social Media

I am aware that a lot of our children are using social media particularly in Y5/Y6. I would like to remind you that school would always encourage parent/carers to follow the age limits in place for the different social media apps.

However, if parents choose to let their children use social media I ask you to monitor their use carefully as we have had an increasing number of children coming to school complaining about inappropriate use from the previous evening. This then obviously impacts negatively on the children's learning and state of mind the next day.

Being a parent myself I appreciate the huge benefits that technology brings to children. However, I strongly believe we need to have open and honest conversations with our children about social media and should be monitoring our children's use closely at such a tender age.

Growth Mindset

Please complete the attached letter on behalf of Mrs Starling. This is an excellent opportunity to learn how to improve wellbeing and health.

DCC Relief Catering Staff

Derbyshire County Council are looking for Relief Catering Staff who are required to work at local primary schools, term time only £9.00 per hour. If you are interested, whether you have a Catering background or not, please ring Catering at Reply Area Office on 01629 533891 for more information, or for an application pack, please ring Call Derbyshire on 1629 533190 quoting job reference JOB/19/00027 – Closing date: 5th January 2020

INSET DAY REMINDER

Friday 24th May & Monday 22nd July are **INSET DAYS** at Chaucer Junior School.

Diary Dates

Friday 24th May	-	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th June	-	Y4 Viking Day
Wednesday 12 th June	-	Y5/Y6 Cyclo Cross/Go Ride (information to follow)
Thursday 13 th June	-	Themed Menu Day – Give Me Five
Mon 17th June – Fri 21st June	-	Y3/4/5 Sats Week
Tuesday 25 th June	-	District Sports - Rutland Sports Park (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 25th June	-	Summer Fun Day - 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 26 th June	-	Resits photograph and Group Photographs
Wednesday 26 th June	-	Y2 Information Evening 5.30pm
Weds 26 th & Thurs 27 th June	-	Y7 Induction Day St John Houghton Academy
Tuesday 2 nd July	-	Y5 visit to Jamia Mosque (information to follow)
Tues 2 nd & Weds 3 rd July	-	Y7 Induction Day - Ormiston Enterprise Academy
Weds 3 rd & Thurs 4 th July	-	Y7 Induction Day - Kirk Hallam Academy
Wednesday 3 rd July	-	Y2 Induction Day & New Class for Y3/Y4/Y5
Thurs 4 th July	-	Y7 Induction Day Heanor Gate Science College
Friday 5 th July	-	Race for Life 2019 (information to follow)
Tuesday 9 th July	-	Reports Home to Parents
Tuesday 9 th July	-	Choir Award Evening 6pm
Wednesday 10 th July	-	Parents Evening - Optional to discuss reports
Thurs 11 th & Fri 12 th July	-	Y7 Transition Day 1 & 2 Heanor Gate Science College
Friday 12 th July	-	Sports Day – Parents Welcome 9am -
Tuesday 16 th July	-	Y6 Leavers Performance 2pm & 6pm
Friday 19 th July	-	Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.30am - Break up for Summer
Monday 22nd July	-	INSET DAY

Term Dates

Term	Start	Finish
Term 5	29 th April 2019	24 th May 2019
Term 6	3 rd June 2019	22 nd July 2019

Inset Days

Friday	-	24 th May 2018
Monday	-	22 nd July 2019

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

Thank you as always for your continued support. If you have any comments or queries about school please call, e-mail or arrange an appointment, if you cannot catch us at the school gate. We are continually looking for ways to improve our school and we appreciate any comments or feedback that you may have as we work together to give your children the very best education.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend and manage to get out in the sunshine (fingers crossed)
See you all on the 3rd of June.
Yours sincerely

A. Upton
Headteacher

