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NEWSLETTER – 28th June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of another successful year at Chaucer Junior School. I write to you to celebrate achievements and make you aware of any changes for the academic year 2019/2020

Celebrating Community Success

RHS Chatsworth 2018

On Wednesday 5th June Mrs Wheatley, Mrs Upton & Miss Oldnall and 16 Y6 children took part in the RHS Chatsworth garden competition. It was an amazing experience in a beautiful setting. The school's entry was a Sensory theme and received lots of commendations from the gardening experts. Well done to Keegan R and Grace W for their fantastic design.

Sporting Success

Well done to all the children who competed in the Erewash Quad Kids event, gaining a fantastic first place. Good luck to all the Quads Kids team in the County finals which takes on 9th July.

Core Values Positivity and Self-belief

We are pleased to announce our summer term core values, which are Positivity and Self-belief (please see attached poster). It would be great if you could print off a picture, tweet or email school a photograph of what makes you feel positive. e.g. sporting, relaxing, baking, creating gardening activity, a holiday or family time etc. Look out for tweets showing what staff get up to out of school to make them feel positive.

Mobile Phones in School

Chaucer Junior School accepts that parents/carers give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents/carers reassurance if they walk to and from school without adult supervision. Therefore, children can bring their mobile phone to school if the teacher has a letter explaining why it is needed e.g. for walking home. The teacher will keep the phone in a locked box in the classroom and the child will not have access to it during the day for any reasons. They will be given it back at the end of the day as they exit the building. Phones should be clearly marked so that the pupil knows their own phone. Parents/Carers are advised that Chaucer Junior School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into school or onto school grounds.

Social Media

Polite reminder to parents that school agree with the Facebook code of conduct that children should not be using this site until they are 13 years old or any other social media platforms including Whatsapp.

Please see Chaucer Junior School Online Safety Policy for further information.

Sunscreen

May we remind parents to send sun hats and apply sun cream to your child, even if the weather is overcast first thing in the morning. The weather has been particularly changeable and has been sunny and warm by lunch time and dinner breaks. Your child is welcome to have spare sun cream in their bags if needed. We have lots of shady areas on the playground now for them to use.

The class organisation for 2019-20 will be as follows;

Year 3

3HR Miss Richards

3GS Mr Smith

Year 4

4LP Miss Porter (previously 3MB)

4JM Miss Mee (previously 3HR)

For Year 5 and Year 6 we are changing the organisation of the classes.

The teachers will be:

Year 5

5AH Mr Higgins (4days) & Mrs Trueman on a Thursday

5SW Mrs Smith (3 days) & Mrs Watson (2 days)

Year 6

6SS Miss Stallard

6TS Miss Smith

Your Child: will be in Class: next year

Miss Oldnall will remain in year 6 in the mornings to support with learning. This allows the classes to be split 3 ways for more intensive support which has proven so effective in previous years.

The children will be able to meet their new teacher for the day on Wednesday 3rd July. This is the same day that the children entering Year 3 in September will also visit the school.

If you would like to discuss any questions you may have around next year's organisation, please come and talk to us so we can answer these.

Fund Raising

Summer Fayre

We would like to thank all parents/carers and local companies for all the contributions to the Summer Fayre and for your support in attending this event. A big thank you to Year 6 this year for all their help in organising this event. We will update you with the total amount raised when all the fundraising activities have been completed.

Race for Life

As a school, we are hosting a charity race event on Friday July 5th. Every year group will be running as far as they can, to raise money for cancer research. Each year group will have a time slot which they will race in. We are asking parents and carers to come and support the event and your children, while they race. The race will be held within the school grounds, where a course will be set out in advance. Children will be given a sponsor form but we must stress, this is a voluntary form and children are not expected to collect sponsors to take part. However, this would be greatly appreciated, and proceeds will go straight to cancer research. (There will also be an online Twitter and Facebook form, if you wish to donate electronically). Children can dress in pink, blue, or white for the race.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 & Year 6
9:20-10:20	11:00-12:00	14:00-15.10

Sports – 9th 12th July

The finale to this exciting week is our annual **Sports day which will be held on Friday 12th July**. All the children will be take part in different races.

Parents are welcome to come and watch, the gates will open at 9.15am, but we cannot give a precise time for when each year group will be competing. We hope to have finished all the races by 12 noon.

Children should come in their PE kits on Friday morning and preferably in the colour of their team:

Ben Nevis - Red **Snowdon - Green**
Helvellyn - Orange **Scafell Pike - Blue**

We do have bibs in these colours but it would be helpful to send them in these colours if possible.

There will be refreshments for parents and children on the day, although we will seat children separate from parents so please ensure they have their own money.

Mobile phones on Sports Day

We are allowing parents to use mobile phones on Sports Day if they wish but we ask that no photographs are posted on social media.

INSET DAY REMINDER

Monday 22nd July is an INSET DAY at Chaucer Junior School.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our Summer events.

Yours sincerely

A. Upton
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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 (sponsorship forms have been sent home)
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	-	Themed Lunch – Seaside Special
Friday 12 th July	-	Sports Day – Parents Welcome 9am
Tuesday 16 th July	-	Y6 Leavers Performance 2pm & 6pm (payable via ParentPay)
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 6	3 rd June 2019	22 nd July 2019

Inset Days

Monday - 22nd July 2019

NB. Dates for 2019 – 2020

Please be aware of the date change for May 2020 Bank Holiday. This has been changed from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020 by the Government for the VE anniversary.