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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you

Thank you/Congratulations to the Children

I would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm over the term. They have made us all so proud.

Examples of this include:

- Y3 on their visit to Ilkeston Library, Y4 whilst visiting the Deep, Y5 participating during Egyptian day in school and Y6 visiting the Erewash Museum.
- Children's fantastic commitment to the reading challenge and reading at least 3 times a week.
- Children's enthusiasm and dedication to learning their multiplication facts in times tables week.
- The great team spirit shown during 'Stand up Derbyshire'
- The commitment shown to exhibiting this terms Core British Values of Tolerance and Respect
- The children interviewed about the Gardening Club by Erewash Sound.
- The children who represented school at the Erewash in Bloom awards ceremony at Morley Hayes.
- Well done to our Cross Country competitors there were some super runners. Also to Year5/6 football teams who gained 4th place in the Erewash North schools competition.

The children have acted as ambassadors for the school and I am sure our local community will be talking about the fabulous children of Chaucer Junior School.

Lots of children have been rewarded for their good behaviour by being picked as ambassadors to promote different areas of learning. These are now on display in the school hall.

Continued Gardening/Community Success

Mrs Wheatley and Chaucer Junior School Gardening Team have achieved more gardening success:

- Chaucer Junior School garden were crowned first place winners in Erewash in Bloom competition. The bloom contest is the flagship project of Erewash Borough Council's Pride in Erewash campaign.
- Chaucer Junior school also won the Golden Bulb trophy (an international competition called Bulbs4kids) as winners for the UK.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Wheatley our Gardening and Community Ambassador for all her hard work, her team of budding gardeners and all the parents who supported our cause last summer. Great team work. Well Done!

Secondary School Applications - Year 6 children

Reminder! The closing date for the submission of applications to be received for transfer to secondary school is midnight on Thursday 31st October.

Exemplar Education

A letter will be sent out on the 4th November, about The Exemplar Maths & English extra support programme. By returning the reply slip, whether you are interested or not, Chaucer School will receive a donation from Exemplar Education. **The more reply slips returned the greater the donation for the school.** Please return to the school office by **Thursday 7th November**. Thank you.

Poppies on sale

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 4th November at break times in school. We will also be selling poppy merchandise including various stationary items. Prices start from 50p and all proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Flu Immunisation

The Derbyshire Health term will be carrying out Flu immunisation on Monday 11th November for all children in school. This year the NHS immunisation programme are using e-consents. If you have not already done so please click on <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/> and click on the Seasonal Flu icon to complete the consent form, the option to **consent** or **decline** the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination. Chaucer Junior school code is **DD112709**. A link is also on the school website on the home page, latest news blog, with links for a parent advise leaflet 'Protecting your child against flu'. **If you have not completed the online agreement, then your child cannot have the flu vaccination.**

Year 2 Open Evening – Tuesday 12th November

We will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 12th November 2019 for parents with Year 2 children. The evening will begin at 5.30pm and run until 6.30pm in the school hall. Leaflets have been distributed separately.

If you are unable to attend the open evening on this date, then please contact the school to arrange an alternative appointment.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in Chaucer Junior School on Tuesday 12th November. Family photographs will be taken in Chaucer Junior School hall from 8.00am to 8.45am approx.

Those children who wish to have their photograph taken with a sibling who does not attend this school should attend the family photo session in the hall at 8.00am.

All children will have their photograph taken, individually and with brothers and sisters during the day. You can decide from the proof taken home, if you wish to purchase photographs.

Aldi Vouches (6th Sept – 3rd November 2019)

We have registered for Aldi's voucher scheme. Please bring in the tokens you are given to your child's class teacher or hand into the school office. Your child will benefit from the resources and prizes that our school can be awarded if we collect tokens.

Social Media

We are aware that children are using different types of Social Media, as a parent it is a challenge to keep up to date with the apps your children are using. If you type the name of the app into the following website: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> it will give you all the information on the appropriateness of this app for your child.

Diary Dates

Thurs 31 st October – midnight	-	Final date for applying for secondary school place.
Tuesday 5 th November	-	Y6 children to Park Cemetery Remembrance Service 10am
Wed 6 th – Fri 8 th November	-	Y6 Whitehall residential visit
Monday 11 th November	-	Anti Bullying & KINDNESS week
Monday 11 th November	-	Flu Immunisation Y3/4/5&6 (e- consent required by parent)
Tuesday 12 th November	-	Individual & siblings - Family photograph in the hall from 8am
Tuesday 12 th November	-	Y5 Remembrance Assembly - Parents 2.30pm (information to follow)
Tuesday 12 th November	-	Y2 Open Evening – 5.30pm -6.30pm
Wednesday 13 th November	-	PJ Movie Night for Children in Need 4.45pm – 6.30pm (information to follow)
Friday 22nd November	-	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 rd December	-	Y6 visit to Southwell Workhouse
Sunday 8 th December	-	Arena Church Y5/6 Dancers 10.30am 12noon (information to follow)
Tuesday 10 th December	-	Christmas by candlelight with Chaucer School Choir at 5.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday 11 th December	-	Christmas School Dinner (information to follow)
Tuesday 17 th December	-	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm (information to follow)
Thursday 19 ^h December	-	Themed menu Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	-	Break up for Christmas

Yours sincerely

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term	Start	Finish
Term 1	2nd September 2019	25 th October 2019
Term 2	4 th November 2019	20 th December 2019
Term 3	6 th January 2020	14 th February 2020
Term 4	24 th February 2020	3rd April 2020
Term 5	20 th April 2020	22 nd May 2020
Term 6	1 st June 2020	20 th July 2020

Inset Day	Friday	-	22 nd November 2019
	Friday	-	13 th March 2020
	Friday	-	22 nd May 2020
	Monday	-	20 th July 2020

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Year 6 SAT's Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May 2020

Year 3/4/5 - Assessment Week Monday 15th June - Friday 19th June 2020

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Headteacher