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 **CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER – 29th NOVEMBER 2019** 

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you

Thank you for the fantastic response to our fundraising for 'Children in Need': The grand total collected and banked was £343.68. The sale of 'Knit A Nipper' brooches raised £184 or the Mayor of Erewash charities, which are Rainbows Children's Hospice and Action for Children. Thank you for your support.

The Sun Books For Schools – Collins BIG CAT Tokens



We have registered for The Sun Books for Schools – Collins BIG CAT Tokens scheme. Please bring in the tokens to your child's class teacher or hand into the school office. Your child will benefit from the free books that our school can be awarded if we collect tokens. The scheme is running from Saturday 23rd November 2019 until 18th January 2020.

Christmas Post

Children wishing to send Christmas cards to their friends can use the post box in school, which is situated in the entrance foyer from Monday 2nd December. Please make sure that the child's full name and class are on the envelope so the card can be delivered to the right person.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served in school on Wednesday 11th December and needs to be **pre-ordered**. A letter has been sent out for this. The cost of a school dinner is £2.10 payable via the ParentPay system, just add in the school meals section and once the Christmas dinner is taken the payment will be deducted. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals no payment is required, however we will still need the slip from the **pre-order form**.

If we have not received the reply slip pre order form by Monday 2nd December, please bring in sandwiches for your child on Wednesday 11th December.

We need this for numbers for the kitchen to order for this very busy day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

Christmas Parties

Year 5 & 6: Wednesday 18th December (in school time). Children can bring party clothes or fancy dress **to change into.**

Years 3 & 4: Thursday 19th December (in school time). Children can bring party clothes or fancy dress **to change into.**

Small prizes will be awarded to fancy dress winners.

All refreshments will be provided by school.

Christmas by Candlelight Performance

The Chaucer Junior School Choir will be performing after school at our Annual Christmas by Candlelight Event on Tuesday 10th December at 5.30pm – 7pm – Tickets are available on Parent Pay at a cost of £2 per ticket a maximum of 2 seats per child who is a member of the school choir.



Other Christmas Activities



School Council are running a festive tuck shop Monday 2nd Dec to 6th Dec. A day for each year group.

Year 3 – Monday 2nd December

Year 4 – Tuesday 3rd December

Year 5 - Wednesday 4th December

Year 6 - Thursday 5th December

They are raising money to buy new football nets for school.

Each year group will be carrying out an enterprising activity to raise funds for school to buy a new set of iPads. They will all send out more information separately nearer the time.

- Year 3 are baking cakes to sell at Christmas by Candlelight
- Year 4 are having a Chocolate Raffle
- Year 5 are making and then selling Sock Snow People
- Year 6 are running a Christmas Jumper Design Competition and Lucky Envelope Prize Draw

Christmas Jumper Day



On Wednesday 11th December children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper (to be worn with uniform) to school for the day for a £1 donation towards our fundraising for football nets and iPads

Christmas Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 rd December	-	Y6 visit to Southwell Workhouse
Sunday 8 th December	-	Dancers at Arena Church 10am
Tuesday 10 th December	-	Christmas by candlelight with Chaucer School Choir at 5.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for School Funds)
Wednesday 11 th December	-	Christmas School Dinner
Thursday 12th December	-	School closed to Children – Polling Station
*Tuesday 17th December	-	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Play 10.15am & 6pm (information to follow)
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	-	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	-	Themed menu Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	-	Parent Helper Assembly & Y6 Dance Performance
Friday 20 th December	-	Break up for Christmas

* Please note time change of performance from previous newsletter.

School Closure procedures in Extreme Weather procedures

In the event of extreme weather conditions the following procedure will take place.

We will endeavour to keep school open, but if the weather deteriorates and conditions become worse we may have to close in the interests of everyone's health and safety.

School closure is not one taken lightly and done after discussions with other local schools and governors.

If school is closed then our procedure for informing parents remains the same. A text message will be sent as soon as possible and the local radio stations are informed. Parents can listen for announcements or check the radio station websites, and also the Derbyshire County Council Website www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

I would ask that everyone takes care when coming to and leaving school. If necessary some pathways, entrances and exits will be closed. Signs will direct you to the safest pathway.

**Please ensure your child has the correct clothing for school during the bad weather.
i.e: Hat, scarf, gloves, coat and also a change of shoes if wearing wellington boots.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Term Dates

Term Dates 2019/2020

Term	Start	Finish
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	3 rd April 2020
Term 5	20 th April 2020	22 nd May 2020
Term 6	1 st June 2020	20 th July 2020

Inset Day Thursday - 12th December 2019 (Polling Station)
 Friday - 13th March 2020
 Friday - 22nd May 2020
 Monday - 20th 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

Yours sincerely

A. Upton

Everyone has worked extremely hard and as a result it has been a very successful Autumn Term. Thank you for all your support. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas events or at the school gate.

 We wish you a safe and Happy Christmas. 