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## **NEWSLETTER 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a fantastic start to 2020. Children are looking smart and behaving well. Behaviour in classrooms is exemplary and visitors always comment on this during their visits. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term and I have included a brief overview of this all below. I hope this way I am giving you enough warning so you can attend/take part in some of these events

### **Core Value – Honesty**

We have been working hard on our core value this term and the children are learning how honest hearts produce honest actions.

### **Find Your Brave!! - Well Being Week**

Chaucer Junior School is delighted to be participating in this year's National 'Children's Mental Health Week.' During this special week, children, staff and parents will be taking part in well-being activities.

**On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, the whole day will be dedicated to well-being and launched with an Assembly led by our Anti Stigma Champions. They ask that all children wear yellow on this day please.**

Activities during the week will centre around 3 themes:

1. **SHED-** Looking after ourselves – Keeping our 'SHED' tidy! This is based on the book by author/top performance coach Sarah Milne Rowe. In order to face the challenges presented to us in day to day life we must keep our own SHED in order. Making sure we Sleep, Hydrate, Exercise and Diet.
2. **Finding your Brave!** We want our children and adults (including parents and carers) to share, learn and help each other to 'Find their Brave.'  
We all take brave steps in our everyday lives and when we do, we feel more positive and confident. By taking part as a school, we can support each other's wellbeing and find ways to challenge ourselves.

### **Show & Tell**

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. We all have times when we need to: 'Find our Brave.' During the week your child can bring in something themed around bravery – an object, photo, picture or story about them/you/or another person doing something where they've found their Brave: maybe they learnt a new skill, tried at something they find hard, asked for help or did something they were scared of. We will turn these ideas into a poster to be displayed around school.

3. **5 Ways to Well Being!** – Connect, Take Notice, Be Active, Keep Learning & Give!  
**The website below gives more interesting information**  
[www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/five-ways-to-wellbeing/](http://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/five-ways-to-wellbeing/)
4. **SHOWCASE to Parents- ALL INVITED!**

### **2.15pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

At 2.15pm we are inviting parents/carers/grandparents/relatives to come into school and join your child's class to celebrate what we have been doing.

At 2.40pm you will be given the opportunity in your child's class' to play 'well-being' bingo – there will be prizes for the winners.

5. **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Amanda Selby – CAMHS Specialist Consultant Drop in 3-5pm.** Amanda will be here to answer any questions around adult and child wellbeing. This is an informal drop in and information event.

### **GATECRASHER**

At Chaucer, we are working hard to continue to develop our curriculum and we are keen to promote knowledge & facts in important areas. Over the next few weeks, the ambassadors for each area will hold an event at the school gate from 8.45-8.55am.

The first is **GEOGRAPHY GATECRASHER** – We will have a UK and World Map and children will receive prizes if they can spot different places in the World. We are happy for the parents to have a go too!!

The aim is to commit facts to long term memory especially knowledge of our own country. How much do your children know?

## Parent's Evening

Parent's evening will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Further information to follow

## Online Safety & Parents Evening

Our Online Safety Ambassadors are meeting with Traci Good an ICT Consultant to plan an informal workshop style event for parents at Parents Evening on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, from 4-6pm

Before or after your parents evening appointment, we would ask you to pop into the hall and have a look at the activities our Online Safety Ambassadors have completed. They will be there supported by Traci Good to discuss and give information on current online safety issues. I will definitely be interested to hear this as the children and Traci are the specialists! I promise no preaching or big speeches just pupils showcasing these apps – pros and cons! – More info to follow but save the date.

## Chaucer Bake off 2020 – COOKS & BOOKS afternoon

This year, the Bake Off will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Mrs Briggs will send a letter separately but I wanted to give you the date as soon as possible. We are linking the bake off to World Book Week and will be showcasing the creations with the books for invited parents in the afternoon – more information to follow.

## READANUARY & World Book Day

READANUARY is going well and lots of children are reading at least 3 times a week now. Thank you to all the parents who are signing off the reading in organisers with the number of minutes.

After READANUARY is over, we still ask that children read at least 3 times a week with an adult. This can be any book, magazine, letter etc.

We continue to promote the love of reading at school with exciting events and activities and we will still reward those children who always read at home even when it isn't READANUARY.

World Book week will be week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we are running West End theatre workshops around well-known books and West End performers will also work with our pupils.

We will also be uniting as a school to complete a surprise trip and One School One Book!

Dress up as a Book Character will be **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** this week.

## RSBP – Big Schools Bird Watch & RHS Chatsworth

Mrs Wheatley has been busy making bird feeders with her gardening buds to enter the Bird Watch competition this week – fingers crossed!

She has also worked with year 6 and they have designed this year's RHS Chatsworth Entry – Charlotte, Mille and Savannah produced the winning design. A large group from year 6 will be picked in the Summer to attend this fantastic event at Chatsworth!

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Young Voices – School Choir
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Children Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	-	2.15pm Parents invited in to child's class for Well Being Showcase
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Amanda Selby – CAMHS Specialist Consultant Drop in 3-5pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Parents' Evening - Information to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Online safety Showcase in Hall during Parents Evening
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Bake off - Information to follow
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Cooks and Books afternoon - Information to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day – Dress Up as a book character

## Term Dates 2019/2020

Term	Start	Finish
Term 3	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Term 4	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Term 5	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Term 6	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

Inset Day	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Inset day	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – <b>Polling Station</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Inset Day	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Inset Day	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Year 6 SAT's**

**Year 3/4/5 Assessment Week**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

I thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to another successful year at Chaucer Junior School.

Yours sincerely

A. Upton - Headteacher