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Headteacher - Mrs A. Upton

### **NEWSLETTER – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer

We had a fantastic Term 3 at Chaucer Junior School.

The children completed Readanuary, found their brave in well-being week, worked on our core value of honesty, shared the importance of staying safe online with parents and all children continued to progress well with their learning.

- Mr Smith took children to various sporting events across Erewash and our children were noted for their sporting behaviour.
- Mrs Smith took her choir along with parents and had a fabulous time at our annual visit to 'Young Voices'. This is a project involving various schools in which the children sing and perform as a mass choir at the Genting Arena, Birmingham.
- A massive thank you to the parent/carers/grandparents who helped to organise the Valentines disco, decorated the hall, provided prizes, refreshments and also helped at the event. A big thank you also to DJ Graham, the children had a wonderful time. The total amount raised at this event was a fantastic £344 which will be used to enhance the children's learning.

We continue to enrich our curriculum further this term with various activities and events:

- We are working on the core values of resilience and aspiration this term. The children will enjoy different activities across the curriculum to promote these.
- Whole School Write – Now we have all been to see Dr Dolittle at Scala Cinema this week the children will use it as a stimulus for creative writing and art. **Parents/Carers are invited into school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** to visit their child's class and see what they have been up to
- World Book Day – The importance and enjoyment of reading remains a high priority at Chaucer Junior School. **Children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** On this day the children will enjoy different reading activities throughout the day. In addition to this year 3 and 4 will be enjoying a visit from a West End Musical star and they will deliver a session themed around the Horrible Histories books. Also 10 children from year 3 have been asked to attend an EMBARK World Book Day. They will work with other schools in the EMBARK Multi-Academy Trust and perform with 4 amazing west end performers on the book Matilda.
- **Annual Chaucer Junior Bake off – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** This event is happening a little earlier than normal but this year we have linked it to Book Week! A letter has already gone out separately but if your child does enter you are invited to come and celebrate the entries in the afternoon at our Cooks and Books event. Just arrive at 2pm and enjoy the afternoon!

#### **Academy Update**

We are on track to meet our conversion date to join the EMBARK Multi Academy Trust on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. We remain excited to be part of EMBARK and how it will enrich our already fantastic school.

I do have to attend some training days next week in connection with this which means I will miss a couple of the exciting events next week. However, Miss Mee and the staff are on hand to welcome you and share the enjoyment.

### **Staff Changes**

Last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Harker as a midday supervisor. Mrs Harker was a fabulous member of the Chaucer Team, the children and staff will miss her. We would like to welcome our new Midday supervisor Mrs Healey to the Chaucer Team.

After 26 years of service, Mrs Briggs is leaving Chaucer Junior School. Mrs Briggs has been an outstanding member of the Chaucer Team (currently the longest serving employee) she passes this baton to Mrs Smith (teacher) when she leaves at Easter 2020. It is going to take a long time to write Mrs Briggs leaving speech as she has contributed so much to the school and the children's education: most recently 'The Bake off' and her work on the school's 'core values'. She leaves a legacy here and I am sure there are many children in and around Ilkeston who will remember her fondly. She is off to travel and enjoy time with family and friends but she has promised me she will come back if we need her to cover classes and help out. So I am sure we will see her again in the not to distant future! Good luck Mrs Briggs and a massive thank you for everything!

### **Corona Virus**

I am aware that the Coronavirus or COVID-19 is prominent in the news and you may be wondering about how we are managing it as a school. We are following guidance from Public Health England; I have included the link with the most recent guidance to keep you informed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/866771/Coronavirus\\_advice\\_for\\_education\\_settings\\_poster.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866771/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf)

We do not want to worry or frighten children but we are talking to them about basic hygiene and dealing with common cold symptoms. This is something we do regularly anyway.

We will continue to monitor and follow advice from Public Health England and ask that you inform us if you have been to an area which means you would need to self-quarantine.

### **Early Help Offer**

Chaucer Junior School works to provide Early Help to families in the school community. We work alongside a variety of agencies and are providing support through the school setting.

As part of our Early Help offer, the school is using the Thrive Approach and have licensed practitioners throughout school who deliver this provision to the children and their families.

Early Help services aim to both provide advice and/or intervene where there is evidence of emerging needs with the objective of preventing escalation to higher level services.

PLEASE NOTE: Over the school holidays sign posting for other early help support is available on our school website (see below).

***If you are concerned about the safety of a child or you require urgent help or advice, Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.***

Thank you once again to parent/carers who have given up their time, to walk with or help in any way with the various activities throughout this term.

I remain so proud of our school team and what we continue to achieve. I look forward to seeing you all at the school gate.

Yours sincerely

A.Upton  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Bake off – letter with full details available on the school website.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	Cooks and Books afternoon 2pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Y3/Y4 West End musical theatre session.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	-	World Book Day – Dress Up as a book character
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	-	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Y4 Roman Day – information to follow
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Dr Dolittle writing showcase for parent/carer 2.30pm

### Term Dates 2019/2020

Term	Start	Finish
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>h</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**

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

A.Upton  
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