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### **NEWSLETTER - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer

#### **Thank you/Congratulations to the Children**

I would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm over the term. They have had so many changes to get used to and I am so happy that they have settled so well.

We started the term with our **Rising Strong & Re-connection Curriculum** and children are now back into their normal routines and enjoying their learning.

The children have enjoyed learning about black role models and the importance of saying no to hate crime, linking to our core values of **tolerance & respect**.

We have also still been able to offer **sporting extra-curricular activities** and will be adding to these, next term with 2 art and craft clubs for Y3 and Y4 so keep your eyes peeled for those.

We also launched our **EMARK Award**, which is part of the trust's commitment to the wider offer for our children. It comprises of 100 activities for children to complete during their entire time within their junior school years and it is based around the trust's 4 core beliefs of Family, Integrity, Teamwork and Success.

It has been lovely to see the children uploading evidence to Seesaw. Class Teachers are encouraging children to work towards their first bronze awards this week.

It is also good to see children gaining badges for completing the **Reading Challenge** – details of which are in the children's organisers.

#### **Remote Learning & Seesaw**

A huge thanks to parents for signing up to Seesaw. It has been great to have a look at the children's homework and keep in touch with year 4 during their bubble closure.

A reminder that in the event of a bubble closure or if your child is self-isolating all information about remote learning is on the website plus you will be contacted by your child's teacher through Seesaw.

#### **Year 2 Tours**

Normally we would have an open evening in November for pupils and their parent/carers to come and have a look around the school. As we aren't able to do this due to the pandemic we are offering small tours in November. These will be after school when the children have gone home. A member of the school's Senior Leadership Team will be showing socially distanced small groups of 6 or less around the school.

This will give you a chance to see the school and hear a little bit more about what it would be like for your child to be part of the Chaucer Junior School family. If your Y2 child has a sibling already at the school, then it may not be necessary for you to attend. A new virtual tour will be available on the school website soon.

The link to the booking form will be sent out via the Infant Schools.

If no dates are suitable for parents/carers (or you have any other queries) please contact the school office by phone or e mail.

We look forward to meeting you all.

#### **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 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

<https://www.chaucerjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1429&type=pdf>

#### **Poppies on sale**

Poppies will be on sale from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in school. We will also be selling poppy merchandise including various stationary items all priced at 50p and all proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

### **Changes to the Senior Leadership Team**

I wrote to you all earlier in the month to tell you that after October half-term I will start a secondment with the EMBARK Trust as the Interim Deputy Trust Leader.

My role will involve working across the Trust with all schools, including Chaucer, for the rest of this academic year. This means the following temporary change to the school's management structure until Sept 2021 when it will revert to normal.

After half term, Miss Mee will become Acting Head of School and Miss Smith will become Acting Assistant Head; I will stay as Executive Headteacher for 2 days a week to support Miss Mee and the school to continue to move forward.

Miss Mee will be responsible for the day to day running of the school so she will become the first point of contact instead of myself if you have any concerns or questions that can't be sorted out by the school office, class teachers or TA's.

I feel privileged to be able to leave the school in such capable hands.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved at Chaucer over the last 10 years. We have a stable and fantastic high performing team and I am certain the school will continue to move forward in this time.

### **New class teacher for 4JM**

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Chloe Tongue as the new teacher for 4JM. Miss Tongue came in to teach and was absolutely brilliant. Miss Tongue has expertise in engineering, maths and languages so will complement our team well; she has a lovely manner with the children and will bring out the best in each and every member of her class. I am sure Miss Tongue will be in touch early in the new term and you will join me in welcoming her to Chaucer Juniors.

### **Midday Supervisors**

Mrs Healey will leave her role as midday supervisor at the end of this term. She has done a fantastic job and the children have loved having her in the year 5 bubble. Thankfully, Mrs Healey will still be in school as a volunteer so will still have the benefit from her fabulous contribution to the Chaucer Junior family.

We welcome Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wyer, Mrs Roberts & Mrs Rushin to the midday team after half term.

Miss Mee will write to you all after half term in her new role as Head of School and I will look forward to seeing you all at the school gate when in school.

### **Breakfast Club – Price Increase**

Due to an increase in the basic cost of running the breakfast club and to ensure we meet all relevant Health & Safety guidance for the care of your child, it is unfortunate that we find it necessary to increase the cost from £2.50 to £3.00 per child per day, starting from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

This decision has not been taken lightly, as the breakfast club is proving very popular; we will endeavour to keep the cost as low as is possible.

For this, your child will get their breakfast and drink of their choice. Activities are available which are covid compliant at this time.

Children from Chaucer Infant school from reception upwards are welcome. A member of Chaucer Junior School staff will walk them to the Infants school each day. Please contact the school office for more information.

Your child can attend any day of the week; just bring them along at 8.00 am.

Lastly have a lovely half term. I hope the weather is kind to us all and we can all get out in the fresh air to help us cope with the tighter restrictions the pandemic brings.

Yours sincerely

A. Upton  
Headteacher

**Please see attached sheet for Diary & Term Dates**

## Diary Dates

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – midnight	-	Final date for applying for secondary school place.
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	-	<b>INSET DAY – school closed for children</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	-	Y6 children x 20 to Park Cemetery Remembrance Service 10am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Children in Need (information to follow)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Times Table Week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Immunisation Y3/4/5&6 (e- consent required by parent)
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	-	<b>INSET DAY – school closed for children</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas School Dinner (must have been pre-booked)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Y5 Egyptian Day (Information to follow)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Break up for Christmas

## Term Dates 2020/2021

Term	Start	Finish
Term 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
Term 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Term 3	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Term 4	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Term 5	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Term 6	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021

## Inset Days

Monday	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Monday	-	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Monday	-	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Monday	-	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Bank Holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

## Chaucer Junior School – Assessment Week

### Year 6 SAT's

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Year 3/4/5 - Assessment Week

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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