

Chaucer Chat Newsletter ISSUE 1

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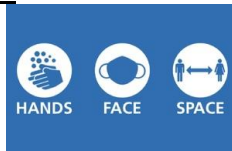
Executive Head Teacher Anna Upton



Important Information

I would like to say a thank you for all the kind comments I have received since I started my new role here at Chaucer. Your support and guidance have been priceless as we continue our journey together. It has been a busy term so far... **Bikeability, Anti Bullying Week, Children in Need, Roman and Egyptian Day, Timestables Week** and we still have the amazing run up to Christmas to come!

1. Covid 19 update

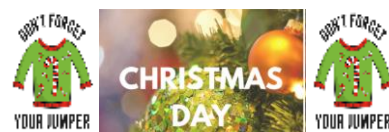


Be assured that any necessary updates will be shared on **our school website or Facebook**. Please feel free to contact school if you have any queries about Covid 19 and we can work together.

2. School Closure procedures during extreme weather conditions. 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 is 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 will be 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.

WARM CLOTHES and VENTILATION

We are continuing to ask children to wash their hand/ sanitise frequently and are keeping the school well ventilated. Therefore, we ask that all children have their school uniform top layer of jumper, cardigan or fleece in school at all times. If your child is particularly susceptible to cold weather, then a base layer of thermals, vest or t- shirt might be suitable too. Children will also need a **warm coat** for break times, and gloves and hat when necessary. All children in a bubble need to go out together for some much needed exercise and we will still be going out in light drizzle!



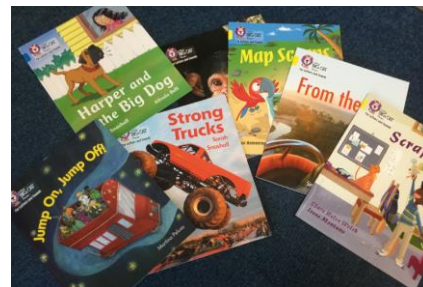
9th December 2020

We will not be together on Christmas Day so we have decided to have our own Christmas Day and a delicious **Christmas Dinner** too.

During the day children will have an opportunity to wear a **Christmas Jumper** and take part in Christmas - themed activities.

Please remember your chocolate donation for our Christmas fund raising (letter to follow).

NEW READING BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



Hope our children love reading these.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ...

This year we have decided to let our pupils send Christmas cards but there are a few changes. Children can bring cards in from **Thu 3rd Dec** and posted in their year group post box (please label with full name and class). Cards for friends in the same bubble will be delivered daily but cards for other bubbles will be saved and distributed during the last few days of term. **NO CARDS TO BE SENT AFTER Mon 14th Dec.** Thanks



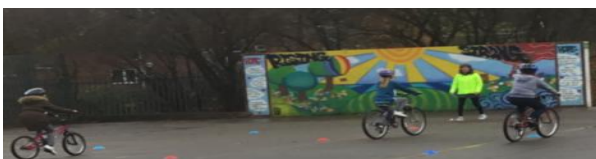
GARDENING CLUB During the winter, our Gardening Club are still working hard. They have been planting bulbs and being interviewed by Erewash Sound



WIDER OPPORTUNITIES On a Thursday afternoon, 5SW are anything but quiet! (You might have heard them in your own house if you live close by.) Nevertheless, we love hearing their "drumming". This is a great opportunity for children to develop an interest in music. 5HT will access this later in the year.



BIKE ABILITY A big thankyou to Miss Porter who organised this annual event. Cycle safety knowledge is a vital life skill and we want our pupils to learn life skills beyond the school gate.



ANTI - BULLYING WEEK Miss Oldnall kindly organised this important week in our calendar. It is always fun but has an important message too. "United Against Bullying" was the motto.



POSITIVITY RAINBOW As part of our recovery curriculum, we wanted to celebrate the children's resilience (which is one of our school values) during Covid-19 lockdown. Every child in the school drew a picture of the thing or/ activity which kept them mentally strong during time away from school. Collaboratively we have created a positivity rainbow showing how we will come out of this ' Rising Strong'.



Core Value

We continue to teach and learn about **TOLERANCE** this term. If your child demonstrates this at home, take a photo or use Seesaw to share this with your child's class teacher.

EMBARK "Christmas Song"



Mrs. Smith and team of our wonderful children are involved with other EMBARK schools in the production of our first academy Christmas Song. **Watch this space.**

Embark Award



Don't forget about this challenge. Some children have achieved some of these already.



Children in Need
£171 raised

Thank you



Snacks

Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack into school for morning break.

some ideas for healthier break time snacks.

Whole or sliced **fruit**.

Vegetable sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber. ...

Bag of plain popcorn...

Bread sticks, healthy cereal bar
(no chocolate)



Decorate & fill a Christmas Envelope back in school by *Mon 7th Dec
Chocolate Tombola donation into school on Weds 9th Dec
Christmas Colour a Scene competition entries back in school by
Weds 9th Dec



*Date changes enable Y3 bubble to participate



Please continue to keep us informed if any member of your household or support bubble develop COVID symptoms.

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