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Chaucer Chat Newsletter ISSUE 2



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Important Information

This was not the newsletter I thought I would be writing this term but, nevertheless, I continue to be very proud of the work our families, staff and pupils are undertaking in these crazy times. I know I have not seen you all since before Christmas but I can assure you that your teachers are keeping me updated. Your work has been fantastic regardless of you being at home or in school.



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.

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!



CRITICAL WORKER PLACES

Updated guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-s-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

If you no longer need your place, please contact school. We must stress that places in school for critical workers are only taken up if **absolutely necessary**. The more we can minimise the number of people in school, the lower the risk of transmission for everyone.

NEW READING PROGRAMME FOR THE LIBRARY



Look out for this exciting opportunity.



I am pleased to share some amazing news. In the last few weeks we have not only won one competition but we've won two!! This is fantastic for our school and again showcases to the world what a brilliant school we are. Thanks to Miss Stallard and Mrs Wheatley (and team) for submitting our entries. School won a £75 garden voucher for showcasing our artistic skills. Our other prize is a bespoke poem about our school. Watch out on social media

RSPB "BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH"

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Use this website to sign up for this national event.



Look out for some pupils sharing their bird feeders too.

EREWASH SOUND

Although it seems like a long time ago myself, Mrs Upton and some children from year 4 made their debut on local radio. It was good fun and allowed us to share what happens at Chaucer every day.



REMOTE LEARNING

Home Learning restarted on Tue 5th Jan and everyone has risen to the challenge. It was amazing at how quick staff and pupils rallied to this cause. Children and staff have continued to use Seesaw, but the introduction of live and pre-recorded lessons has been fantastic. This has allowed pupils to see each other every day through daily zoom assemblies and lessons have been mirrored across school and home too.



Term Dates 2020/2021

Term	Start	Finish
Term 3	4 th January 2021	12 th February 2021
Term 4	22 nd February 2021	1 st April 2021
Term 5	19 th April 2021	28 th May 2021
Term 6	7 th June 2021	22 nd July 2021

INSET Days

Monday Feb. 22nd 2021

Monday June 7th 2021

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd May 2021



If as a parent you are happy with what your child/ children's school is providing for remote learning, you could always let Ofsted know.
enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Healthy 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 popcorn...

Bread sticks, healthy cereal bar (no chocolate)

Chaucer Smilers

We are excited to introduce our new wellbeing project

'Chaucer Smilers'

Please look out for our questionnaire which will follow shortly.

Embark Award



Don't forget about this challenge. Some children have achieved some of these already and Lockdown might allow you to access some new ones.

Lateral Flow Tests for STAFF only

School staff will be actively engaging in NHS Test and Trace. Staff will be carrying out these tests twice a week starting w.b.24th Jan. The purpose is to identify those individuals who are asymptomatic (up to 1 in 3 people might fit into this category).

'Drop in session'

A virtual drop in session will be held on Monday 1st February in the afternoon. Please check seesaw and emails for more information.

REQUEST FOR DEVICES

Please contact school if you need to loan a device to ensure your child/ren can access remote learning.



COVID-19 Update

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

covid@chaucer-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk,

or Tel: 0115 9324387



Lockdown lunches and meal plans



Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Please follow the link:

[:https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/ch-eap-lockdownlunch-ideas](https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/ch-eap-lockdownlunch-ideas)

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