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Chaucer Chat Newsletter - Issue 30

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Dear families,

I can't believe we are already halfway through the first term and I can already hear people making plans for Christmas, which is one of the most joyous times to work in a primary school!

Please remember to send your children with plenty of warm layers to enable them to enjoy their breaks and lunchtimes outside with their friends where possible - we don't want anyone to miss out on this autumnal excitement because they caught a cold on the playground!

As always, we value your support and know how important it is for school and families to work side-by-side so please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.



Take care,

Miss Smith



Children in Need

This Friday, children can pay £1 to wear their pyjamas to school (make sure they're warm!) and there will be a tuck shop at break. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



We will miss you!

We are devastated to share that Mrs Brandrick has taken the decision to retire on November 28th and is jetting off to Australia for Christmas! She will be desperately missed but we are so eager to hear all about her exciting adventures in the coming weeks and she has promised to come back and see us all soon.

Good luck, Mrs Brandrick!



Staffing Changes in Toucans

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Johnson from her maternity leave on Monday 1st December. She will be returning part-time in Toucans, teaching from Monday to Wednesday.

Following interviews last half term, we are pleased to share that we have appointed Miss Tyers to job share with Mrs Johnson and she will be teaching Toucans from Wednesday to Friday.

What an exciting time to be a Toucan!



Safeguarding Resources

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and, on Monday, we all wore odd socks to raise awareness and learned about the impact of bullying. To support with this, we would like to share the following link from ParentSafe:

[LGfL ParentSafe - Bullying](#)

Also, as we begin the countdown to Christmas, you may wish to check out these tips from the Child Accident Prevention Trust to help keep your family safe from harm during the busy festive period:

[CAPT: 6 Simple Safety Tips to Keep Children Safe this Christmas](#)

Key Dates

Wednesday 12 th November	Year 2 Open Evening
	Forest School - Jaguars
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
19 th - 21 st November	Whitehall
Thursday 20 th November	Wolves' library visit
Friday 21 st November	Mammoths' library visit
Wednesday 26 th November	Parents' evening
Thursday 27 th November	Greek salad tasting - Mammoths
Friday 28 th November	Greek salad tasting - Wolves
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 3 Church visit
Wednesday 3 rd December	Parent Partnership - Coffee Morning
	Choir rehearsals at Church*
Friday 5 th December	Choir performance - Repton School*
Tuesday 9 th December	Choir performance - St Mary's*
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 11 th December	Y3/4 Christmas performance
Friday 12 th December	Topic open afternoon
	Assessment reported to parents
Tuesday 16 th December	Core Value reward trip*
Wednesday 17 th December	Choir Christmas showcase*
	Choir visit Canal Vue*
Friday 19 th December	Break up day!
	Choir visit Ilkeston Hospital*

Please note: all dates are subject to change & events with an asterisk are for only some children.

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