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Chaucer Chat Newsletter - Issue 24

Monday 11th November 2024

The countdown begins...

It feels like minutes since the new academic year began but already I can hear Christmas songs echoing down the halls as the Year 3s and Year 4s begin rehearsals for their Christmas performance.

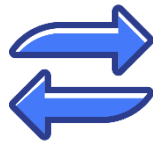
The next few weeks are the most incredible time to work in a school and the whole team are so excited for everything we have in store over the coming months. We look forward to being able to celebrate with you all towards the end of the term.

Miss Smith



Please use the following link to access the letter we shared about Children in Need:

<https://shorturl.at/owtcoz>



Staffing Changes

We are excited to share that our wonderful School Business Manager, Mrs Wheeldon, will be working over both the Junior and Infant schools from January, initially on a trial basis. She replaces the fabulous Mrs Rotheron who is planning her well-deserved retirement. Miss Stevenson will be stepping up to support as Business Assistant and we are interviewing next week to replace her current role of Admin Assistant, which she shares with Mrs Smith.

Excitingly, Mrs Johnson's maternity leave commences during this term and her replacement, Miss Tyers, will be joining us from the middle of November to enable her to properly get to know her new class before Mrs Johnson leaves.

We are so excited to welcome new staff members into our Chaucer family.

Good luck everyone!



Morning Supervision

Please be reminded that the school gates are open between 8:40 and 8:50am - we ask families to avoid arriving any earlier than this where possible to avoid congestion.

However, if children do arrive on site before 8:40am, we would like to ask families to ensure that they are closely supervised to guarantee a positive start to the day.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.



Anti-bullying Day

This week is anti-bullying week and we will be celebrating this on Tuesday 12th November. The theme is Choose Respect and children will be exploring the concept of choosing kindness through role-play and performance poetry.

During the day, we will be reminding our children of what constitutes bullying (it is repeated, intentional and there is an imbalance of power) and how to tackle it safely.



Year 2 Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming prospective new pupils and families through our doors on the evening of Monday 18th November.

We will shortly be contacting parents of children who are prefects, MPs and ambassadors to ask them to stay and help.

If you know of any families who are looking for the right junior school, please share the following link with them:

<https://shorturl.at/lzApX>

Key Dates

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| Tuesday 12 th November | Forest schools - Penguins |
| | Parents' Evening |
| | Anti-bullying day |
| Monday 18 th November | Year 2 Open Evening |
| Tuesday 19 th November | Y4 Roman Day |
| 20 th - 22 nd November | Whitehall |
| Monday 2 nd December | Year 3 visit Methodist Church |
| Wednesday 4 th December | Y3/4 Movie Night |
| Thursday 12 th December | Y3/4 Christmas Play |
| Friday 13 th December | Assessment shared with parents |
| Monday 16 th December | Year 3 watch Year 2 Play |
| Tuesday 17 th December | Christmas Dinner day |
| Wednesday 18 th December | Christmas Choir Showcase |
| Friday 20 th December | Break up for Christmas holiday |
| Monday 6 th January | Back to school! |

*Please note that all dates are subject to change
Events with an asterisk (*) are applicable to only some children.*

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