

## Chaucer Junior School

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**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Thank you**

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

I would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour at various recent events. They made us all proud. These include:

- The whole school during our visits to the Ilkeston Library
- Y3 Creswell Crags, Y4 the Deep, Y5 Egyptian day in school & Y6 & 5GS The Sea Life Centre
- Y6 children who attended the residential visit to Whitehall. All the children had a fabulous time, embracing all the challenges with enthusiasm and determination.
- The children interviewed by Twiggy at Radio Derby.
- The children who represented school at the Erewash in Bloom awards ceremony at Morley Hayes.
- Well done to our Cross County competitors. Some super runners. Impressive runs by Daniel Ward and Alfie Smith, which saw Daniel getting 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Alfie getting 4<sup>th</sup>- pipped on the line.
- Class 5HT visit to the Erewash Museum for Ilkeston Fair Workshop.
- The children who attended the Opening of Ilkeston Fair ceremony.

The children acted as ambassadors for the school and I am sure our local community will be talking about the fabulous children of Chaucer Junior School.

### **Continued Gardening/Community Success**

Mrs Wheatley and Chaucer Junior School Gardening Team have achieved more gardening success:

- Runners up in Cultivation Street, winning £500 towards the Gardening Club, this will be used to enrich the children's learning. This is a national competition run by David Domoney a TV gardener in association with the Sunday Mirror.
- Chaucer Junior School were crowned joint first Erewash in Bloom winners. The bloom contest is the flagship project of Erewash Borough Council's Pride in Erewash campaign.
- Winners of a national Daily Mail competition in association with 'Keep Britain Tidy'. The children in Y6 carried out litter picking, winning an all expenses paid visit to Sea Life Centre with Chris Packham. Which the children thoroughly enjoyed in September.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Wheatley our Gardening and Community Ambassador for all her hard work, her team of budding gardeners and all the parents who supported our cause last summer. Great team work. Well Done!

### **Exemplar Education**

A letter has been sent home this week, about The Exemplar Maths & English extra support programme. By returning the reply slip, whether you are interested or not, Chaucer School will receive a donation from Exemplar Education. **The more reply slips returned the greater the donation for the school.** Please return to school office. They have extended collection to this week. Thank you.

### **Maths Open Afternoon - On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding the first of a few Maths Open Afternoons. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and see what is happening in school. This session is focussing on addition and subtraction. The session starts at 1.50pm in the school hall, with a short presentation from Mr Smith. Then our Maths ambassadors will take you to your child's classroom.

A letter with more information and a parental reply slip on if your planning to attend will have been sent home with your child last week. A copy is also available on the school website.

### **PTA 'Halloween Disco' Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 3.20 – 5pm**

If your child has purchased a ticket for the Halloween disco, children need to bring clothes to change into at the end of the school day and up to a £1 to spend at the Tuck shop. Parents to collect at 5pm

**If anyone would like to help the PTA with the school disco on Friday please let the office know!**

### **Year 2 Open Evening – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be holding an Open Evening Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for parents and with Year 2 children. The evening will begin at 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the school hall. Leaflets have been distributed separately.

If you are unable to attend the open evening on this date then please contact the school to arrange an alternative appointment.

### **School Photographs**

The photographer will be in Chaucer Junior School on Wednesday 14th November. Family photographs will be taken in Chaucer Junior School hall from 8.00am to 8.45am approx.

Those children who wish to have their photograph taken with a sibling who does not attend this school should attend the family photo session in the hall at 8.00am.

All children will have their photograph taken, individually and with brothers and sisters during the day. You can decide from the proof taken home, if you wish to purchase photographs.

### **Flu Immunisation**

Children in Y3 Y4 & Y5 the Derbyshire Health term will be carrying out Flu immunisation on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the school website for a parent advise leaflet on possible side effects (in the useful information to parents section) and also on the school notice board.

### **Choir Christmas Performances**

The Chaucer Junior School Choir will be performing after school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, for Our Christmas by Candlelight service at 5.30pm. at the Trowell Garden Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. Your support at these events would be most welcome. Information will be sent out nearer the time to children in the Choir.

### **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 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Maths Open afternoon 2pm (information to follow)	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	-	PTA 'Halloween Disco 3.30 -5pm	
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> October – midnight	-	final date for applying for secondary school place.	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Y6 children to Park Cemetery Remembrance Service 10am	Wednesday
7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Y2 Open Evening – 5.30pm -6.30pm	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Anti Bullying Week	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Individual & siblings - Family photograph in the hall from 8am	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	-	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Immunisation Day for Y3/Y4 & Y5	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Dancers at Arena Church 10am (information to follow)	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas School Dinner (information to follow)	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas by candlelight with Chaucer School Choir at 5.30pm	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Choir at Trowell Garden Centre 12 noon	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm (information to follow)	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Themed menu Christmas Party	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	-	Break up for Christmas	

### **Term Dates**

Term	Start	Finish
Term 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Term 2	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
Term 3	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Term 4	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Term 5	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Term 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019

### **Inset Days**

Monday	-	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Monday	-	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Friday	-	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Monday	-	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Year 6 SAT's Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Year 3/4/5 - Assessment Week Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Yours sincerely

A. Upton  
Headteacher

