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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parent

Welcome back everyone to Chater Junior School and a special welcome to all new Year 3 children and parents. We hope that you have had a restful summer holiday and are ready for the new term. The children have had a chance to settle in now, and we look forward to an exciting year of new learning opportunities and achievements for every child here at Chater Junior.

Uniform

May I remind everyone that:

- **Black shoes** (not boots) are to be worn at school every day as part of the school uniform. Trainers should only be worn during PE lessons.
- Jewellery, earrings, nose piercings and nail varnish are not permitted to be worn by children.
- Haircuts: Please make sure that your child does not come to school with shaven designs, or spiky gelled-up haircuts with Mohican designs, etc.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure you supply them with a hair band enabling them to keep it back during lessons.

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled in all school uniform; then it can be returned quickly to its owner when lost. The uniform shop is open on **the first Tuesday of the month at 3.20pm** in the dining hall (dates are on the Parents' Page of the school website under Uniform). We stock sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kits, as well as book and PE bags.

Health and Safety

From 8.30am to 8.45am, ball games are not permitted on the playground. This includes football, cricket and tennis. There are parents and very young children waiting for the start of school day and these games are not appropriate as someone could be hurt.

Class Photos

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday afternoon 26th September, to take photos of the children in their class groups.

Headteacher's Certificates

These are awarded towards the end of term to those children who have shown an outstandingly good attitude to school life, or have made very good progress over the term. When your child has gained 10 merits in their planner, they will qualify for this award. Their certificate will be presented in assembly and their name will appear in the school newsletter to the whole school.



Holidays during term-time (reminders)

Absences for family holidays during term-time will not be authorised. Pupils find it very difficult to catch up on the learning that they have missed and in the longer term this can have a negative impact on their progress. Children can also be given a very unhelpful message about the value and importance of going to school.

Punctuality

Please make sure that your child arrives on time for school. This is very important as your child will miss the start of lessons, or interrupt the flow of lessons for other children, if they are late. School starts at 8.45am and ends at 3.20pm.

The Punctuality Cup is awarded each week to the class with the least number of recorded late arrivals.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please phone the office on the morning of the first day of absence. Please follow up with a letter to the class teacher on your child's return to school.

Medical Appointments

Please ensure that routine medical appointments for your child are made for either after school or during the holidays, NOT during the school day.

Chater Junior House Cup

This was introduced as a further way to encourage and reward positive attitudes and achievement in school. Each child is placed in one of the "Houses" - Ruby, Sapphire, Topaz or Emerald across the whole school. The House with the most points for the week is presented with the trophy in assembly. This is recorded on the graph in the main school hall for all the children to see. There is also a record kept of which House has the most points overall in the term. The House with the most points is then rewarded with a "prize" or "privilege". Suggestions from the School Council have included extended playtime/lunchtime or fast tracked to school lunch.

The Golden Table

Last term we introduced the "Golden Table", which is a reward for those children who consistently show good behaviour, helpfulness, and demonstrate the school's core values. One child is chosen from each class to have their lunch on the Golden Table. Last term's worthy winners (chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors) were:

Dannia 3J	Esmæ 3P	Adeen 4M	Amie 4H
Kiana 5C	Babita 5S	Armaan 6O	Mustafa 6K

Important! – Change of telephone number & contact details

Please remember to let the school office know immediately of any change to your telephone numbers or contact details. If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please check with the office that they have been informed.

School Planners/Diaries

Your child will receive a school planner/diary free of charge. If they are lost, there will be a charge of £2.50 for a replacement.

Please check your child's planner every night and sign their reading record page. You can also write notes for your child's class teacher if you wish.

Free School Meals

Your child may qualify for a free meal or milk if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit.**

Apply for free school meals to see if your child qualifies for a free lunch at school, by going to the website: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals>

School Dinners

The cost of a junior school dinner has increased to **£2.35**, a weekly cost of **£11.75**. Payment can be made using the Schoolgateway (preferred). Please ask the school office for further details. Alternatively, dinner money should be sent into school on a **Monday morning** in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, teacher and the amount. Cheques for school dinners should be made payable to **Herts Catering Ltd** (not the school). All meals should be paid for before they are taken.

It is possible for a pupil to have a school meal only on a Friday, known as "Funday Fridays". Please remember to send in your payment at the beginning of the week.

Safety in the Car Park

All adults and children should use the small pedestrian gates when entering or leaving the school. **Please do not walk through the car park gates at any time – they are for vehicles only.**

Please do not drive into the school car park. Hertfordshire County Council does not provide parking for parents at the start or end of the day. There is parking at the Al-Zahra Centre in Addiscombe Road during the following times:

Mornings from: **8.35am to 8.50 am only**

Afternoons from: **3.15pm to 3.30pm only**

Please do not leave your vehicle parked any longer than the times given above. The gates will be locked and you will not have access to your car.

School Shop

The shop is open at break time (10.45am) for children to buy stationery. Prices are as follows:

Jel Pen	£1.00
Student Planners	£2.50
Water Bottles	£1.25
Pencils	10p
Swim hats	£1.00
Rulers	20p
Erasers	20p

Term Dates 2017/2018

Autumn term starts	Monday 4 th September 2017
Half term holiday	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October
Autumn term ends	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Spring term starts	Thursday 4 th January 2018
Half term holiday	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
Spring term ends	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summer term starts	Tuesday 17 th April 2018
Half term holiday	Friday 25 th May to Friday 1 st June
Summer term ends	Friday 20 th July 2018
May Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May 2018

Diary of forthcoming events

DATE	EVENT
4th September	Autumn term starts
14 th September	Class 6D Sharing Assembly 10.25am
14 th September	Secondary Transfer Meeting – Year 6 parents – 3.30pm
15 th September	Mayan Day – Year 6 pupils
15 th September	Year 4 swimming starts
18 th September	Parent Induction morning Years 3 & 4 at 9.15am
19 th September	Parent Induction morning Years 5 & 6 at 9.15am
21 st September	Class 5M Sharing Assembly 10.25am
21 st September	PGL meeting - Year 6 parents - 3.30pm
26 th September	Class Photographs
27 th September	E-Safety and PSHE talk – Year 3/all new parents – 6-7pm
2 nd October	Year 4 trip to St Albans Abbey
3 rd October	Uniform shop 3.20pm in the dining room
5 th October	Class 4H Sharing Assembly 10.25am
11 th October	Parents Evening (Class 6D only)
12 th October	Parents Evening (All classes)
13 th October	Year 6 PSHE workshop
16 th October	Parents Evening (All classes but not 6D)
17 th October	Year 6 hockey at Watford Boys Grammar School
17 th October	Years 3 and 4 Flu vaccination
18 th to 20 th October	Year 6 Residential trip to PGL
23 rd to 27 th October	HALF TERM
Further details on the above events will be given as soon as they are available. These events may be subject to alteration.	

School Website

Please visit our website at www.chaterjm.herts.sch.uk for further information about the school, including our prospectus, important dates and newsletters.