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**NEWSLETTER**  
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*Dear Parent*

**Safeguarding**

We at Chater Junior School make safeguarding and keeping children safe our utmost priority. As a result, we regularly review our working practice and systems. With this in mind, we would like to remind everyone about access to the school building.

Entry into the school at any time is via the front office. All visitors to the school during the day should enter the site by the pedestrian gate on Addiscombe Road and report immediately to the office at the front of the school.

When bringing children in the morning and collecting at the end of the day, parents should wait either on the grey playground outside their child's classroom for years 5 and 6, or on the green pitch for years 3 and 4. If you wish to enter the building, please report to the front office.

The entry gate on Victoria Passage will be unlocked at 8.30am and locked at 8.50am on a morning, and will be unlocked at 3.15pm and locked again at 3.30pm.

We thank all our parents who support the school by adhering to these simple rules, which will help keep all our children safe.

**Chater Sports**

The following sports events will be happening this term:

- ☺ Year 6 took part in a sports hall athletics competition at Watford Girls School on Wednesday 25th January.
- ☺ Year 4 will be competing in an athletics event at Watford Girls School on Tuesday 7th February.
- ☺ The Year 6 netball team will be competing in a tournament on Wednesday 29th March and we also have a match against Field Juniors on Thursday 9th February.
- ☺ Year 4 gym club will be taking part in a competition on 21st March at Watford Girls School.

Keep an eye out for photos on the website. We wish them all the very best!



### **Year 5 Science**

Year 5 have been immersed in space this half term and have been lucky to have two visitors to work with them. Mr Mobbs from the “Tim Peake Project” came to talk about space and travel; this really ignited their interest in their science topic. They then had a learning dome experience where they were able to sit inside a planetarium to learn about the sun, moon and stars. They have also been busy researching their own curious questions about the Earth, sun and moon; their answers can be seen on the Year 5 whole school display.

### **Reading Evening and Book Week**

We were delighted to see so many parents attending the Reading Evening in January. We hope that you found the workshops helpful and you feel able to support your child with their reading; thank you for your feedback about the evening too.

We will be holding a Book Week from 27th February to 3rd March which will focus on reading and enjoying books. The week will consist of a mass of fun activities and competitions for the children, and will include class visits to the local library in Watford. All children and staff will dress as a book character for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March: details to follow nearer the day. We will also be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during the week for you to come along and buy books for your children. Every book you purchase will assist with providing books for our library too.

Please make sure that your child spends DEAR time at home: **Drop Everything And Read for 15 minutes every day.**

### **School Photographer**

The photographer will be in after the half term break on Wednesday 22nd February for individual and family portraits. Those parents who wish to have family photographs taken, please come into school at the front office at 8.45am.

### **Parent Evenings**

Parent evenings give you the opportunity to meet and talk with your child’s teacher about your child’s progress. This term’s meetings will be held on **Tuesday 14th March from 5pm to 8pm** and **Thursday 16th March from 3.30pm to 6pm**. Booking forms will go out after half term.

### **Visit from Richard Harrington**

Richard Harrington, MP for Watford, came into school in January for an assembly. He presented the winner and runner-up of his Christmas Card 2016 competition with their prizes. The competition was open to all local primary school children. Several of our pupils’ entries were shortlisted for the public vote. We are so proud that Ayaan in year 6 was overall winner and that Emily, also in year 6, was runner-up. Well done both! You can see their fantastic designs in the “events gallery” on our website.

### **Uniform**

A reminder that the uniform shop is open next on Tuesday 7th February at 3.20pm in the dining hall.

### **Year 6 SATs meeting**

A reminder to Year 6 parents that we will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 7th February at 5.45pm to outline the SATs process and its relevance to secondary schools. The meeting will last one hour.

### **February half term holiday**

The half term holiday takes place next week from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February. School will finish at the normal time of 3.20pm on Friday 10th February. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.