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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Issue no. 1 – Spring Term**  
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*Dear Parent*

Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome return to school. I hope you all had a restful break and are set for the new term ahead.

**IMPORTANT - Preparing for severe weather (emergency school closures)**

In the event of severe weather leading to school closures, Hertfordshire County Council has introduced a new notification system for the school and parents to use called the “Everbridge” system. Parents will need to sign up using the following link:

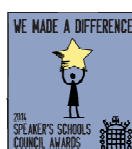
**[Member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489](http://Member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489)**

This link will direct you to the login page where you should click on the “sign up” button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address. **We suggest that you register as soon as possible – do not leave it until it snows!**

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if they wish. This means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you can include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school’s closure. Alternatively, interested parties can register themselves separately.

If a parent has children at more than one school, you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

The above mentioned link to the Everbridge system appears on the parents’ page of our website. In addition to the new Everbridge system, you can also use the following procedures to find whether the school will be open or not:



1. Simply call the telephone number below, and follow the instructions given to enter the ID number.

Parent Hotline Number: 08447 70 75 76
School ID Number: 72097

2. You can also visit [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) website for details of all school closures.
3. In the event of closure due to snow, messages will also be on the local radio stations **Heart 96.6 (Hertfordshire)** or **BBC Three Counties Radio 92.1 fm (Watford)**
4. A message will appear on the home page of the school's website at [www.chaterjm.herts.sch.uk](http://www.chaterjm.herts.sch.uk)

Please **do not** phone the school office, which in normal circumstances does not open until 8.30am, and in the event of a school closure will not be open at all.

### 100% Attendance Certificates

I was very pleased to hand out certificates today to 28 pupils for their 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. **Well done to you all!** Regular attendance at school is an important part of giving your child the best possible start to their education.

### Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school. This includes footwear which should be plain, black shoes (not boots). Trainers should only be worn for P.E. Coats, hats and gloves are needed in this cold weather every day.

A reminder that the uniform shop is open tomorrow (Tuesday 10th January) at 3.20pm in the dining hall. We have had to make a small increase to some of our prices. Listed below are items on sale with updated prices:

<b>SWEATSHIRTS</b> to size 36" sizes XS, S and M	£8.50 £10.00	<b>GOLD POLO</b> all sizes	£7.00
<b>CARDIGANS -</b> to size 36" size XS	£10.00 £12.00	<b>WHITE POLO</b> all sizes	£7.00
<b>SHOWERPROOF FLEECE</b> <b>LINED JACKETS –</b> sizes 9/10 and 11/12	£13.00	<b>PE T-Shirts –</b> all sizes	£4.00
<b>Book Bag –</b> <b>PE Bag -</b>	£5.00 £4.50	<b>PE Shorts –</b> all sizes	£4.50

### Family Learning Class

This is a reminder that Family Learning starts this **Thursday** 12th January at 1pm.

### After School Clubs

Please note the starting dates for the following clubs:

Football club starts on Monday 16th January  
 Netball club starts on Monday 23rd January  
 Science club starts on Thursday 19th January  
 Game-On Football club starts on Thursday 19th January

### February half term holiday

The date for the next holiday is February half term Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2017.