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**Healthy School**



**N E W S L E T T E R**  
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*Dear Parent*

**Hertfordshire Improvement Partner Visit**

I am pleased to report that Mrs Kelly Moss, Senior Herts Improvement Partner, visited Chater Junior in February to review the quality of teaching and learning across the school. I am pleased to say that the visit was very successful.

Mrs Moss gave feedback to individual teachers, which was very positive, and she gave individuals ideas to move even further forward in their teaching.

She said that teachers “are passionate about teaching and have high expectations of pupils and themselves.” She praised the Seesaw work going on in school and said “This was a highly effective way of ensuring that parents are kept updated about their child’s learning and appeared a very valuable tool.” She also noted that “Children’s attitudes for learning and behaviours observed around the school were exemplary.”

Well done to all the teachers and teaching assistants in school who work so diligently across the school. Thank you to all those parents who support their children at home with their school work. This makes such a difference to your children’s progress. Well done children for showing such a positive attitude to school and your work here at Chater. This is a very impressive whole school achievement.

**🏆 Chater Sports**

- ☺ **PE Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.** The whole school will be taking part in PE Day on Friday. Please send your child to school in their PE kit wearing trainers. Remember to bring a water bottle! We will also be raising money for **Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)** and we ask that every child brings in **£1** to support this worthy cause.
- ☺ Years 5/6 have a netball tournament next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Queens’ School. We wish them luck!
- ☺ Year 6 football team have matches on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. We wish them luck!
- ☺ Free cricket coaching will be delivered by coaches from Watford Town Cricket Club and Hertfordshire Cricket starting 14<sup>th</sup> March across the school. Year 6 will be the first year group to receive the training, followed by Years 5, 4 and 3 later this term and in the summer.

**Mayor Peter Taylor’s Assembly**

The new Mayor, Peter Taylor, visited our school for the first time and was very impressed with our pupil’s knowledge, especially about citizenship. He spoke to the pupils about his role as a Mayor and his plans to further improve Watford. Year 6 have also been invited to the Watford Town Hall in June to learn more about what the council do.

### **Dads in School Afternoon**

We had an overwhelming response to our Bring Dads to School afternoon. A total of 115 dads, grandparents, uncles, etc. participated in a variety of activities, which included painting masks, making Greek temples and listening to children read during our paired reading sessions. These were some of the comments received about the afternoon:

*“Taken back to when I was at school and was interesting to see grandchildren at work.”*

*“Class attendants, teacher very helpful, not to mention the children.”*

*“Good to see how the children are learning in school.”*

*“It was so special for me because I had a chance to stay with my son for a while.”*

*“It was a great insight to how the children learn in class. Also reassuring to know she enjoys class and has good friends.”*

*“I’ve always loved these days; they are so much fun!”*

### **Book Week**

Book week was celebrated last week in school starting off with a dress up as a book character on Monday. The costumes were amazing and it was very difficult to choose a winner from each class. The winners, who received a book, were Adam 6D, Amri 6H, Anna 5Y, Iqra 5M, Sienna 4K, Hasan 4H, Zain 3J and Adeena 3C. Well done to the whole school for their efforts. During book week each class had a class book that they carried out many activities for. Each class decorated their classroom door with the front cover of the chosen book. Class 3J won the competition for this and will soon receive some books for their class library. All classes went to Watford Library where they were able to read and take out books. A huge thank you to all those that supported the book fair. We took a record amount of £900 giving the school a huge amount in commission that will be spent on books for the library and class reading corners. Thank you once again for supporting all aspects of the week and making it extremely successful.

### **☺ Headteacher’s Certificates**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded a Headteacher’s Certificate for earning ten merits this term. They have demonstrated an excellent attitude and have made particularly good progress.

Mia 3J	Mahdi 6H	Taimur 6H	Sara 3J	Muhammad 3J
Amnah 3J	Freya 3C	Aiza 4H	Sumayyah 3J	Ayman 3J

### **School Meals**

We have been notified by Hertfordshire Catering Ltd that the price of a primary school meal will increase from April 2019.

**The cost of a school meal from next term will be £2.55, a weekly payment of £12.75.**

### **Reporting Absence**

If your child is unwell and won’t be in school, please email [absent@chaterjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absent@chaterjm.herts.sch.uk) with full details, or telephone the school between 8.45am and 9am.

### **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open next on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 3:20pm** in the dining hall. Please note that we only accept cash (not cards). Prices are as follows:

Sweatshirts £9 \* Cardigans £10 \* Polo Shirts £8 \* PE T-Shirts £4 \* PE shorts £5 \* PE Bags £4.50

*Peter McEntee  
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