



NEWSLETTER – 27th February 2020

Dear Parent

Coronavirus - Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

Please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date advice.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you have washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean surfaces people touch regularly like door handles and lift buttons is also sensible.

Parents' Evenings

Meetings will be held on Tuesday 10th March (late appointments) and Thursday 12th March (early). Please make a note of these dates. Further information and appointment booking forms will be sent nearer the time. The parental questionnaires will be distributed at parents' evening and we welcome your feedback.

IMPORTANT: Everbridge System - (emergency school closures)

In the event of bad weather or any other emergency resulting in school closure, this is a reminder for **all parents** to sign up to the Everbridge System.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/signup>

The above link will direct you to the sign up page. 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. 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 system appears on the **parents' page** of our website under “**emergency closures**”.

Online Payments:

Our preferred method of payment for school meals and other school activities is via the school School Gateway as this saves time and resources for the school. We will soon be moving to online payments only, therefore if you still pay by cash, you will need to download the app to your phone or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com. The app is very easy to use and we can help you to access the system. Please see Miss Child or Mrs Gwinnell in the school office.

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.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open next on Tuesday 3rd March in the dining hall. The school uniform is now available to purchase online. Please visit www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/chater to place any orders and have these delivered to your home address.

Book Week: 2nd-6th March

Book Week will be celebrated in school with the whole school taking part in a ‘dress up a potato’ as a Book Character day on Wednesday 3rd March, an event that we hope all the children will enjoy.

The Book Fair will also be visiting during this week with all of the latest titles from popular authors; please support this event as the school can then purchase further books with monies raised.

Chater Sports

The Netball team have play two matches recently. They played well in both matches, the first match against Holywell was very close but we lost 6-5. In the other match against Knutsford School we won 11-3. Congratulations to everyone on the team.

We also congratulate Years 4 and 6 for their participation in the recent athletics tournament.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking in adjacent roads – we’ve had concerns raised by local residents about parking in permit zones and the safety of children crossing roads. The Al-Zahra centre is available for parking before and after school.

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
17 th -21 st February 2020	HALF TERM
27 th February 2020	Individual Photographs
4 th March 2020	World Book Day
10 th March 2020	Parents Evening Late – 5-8pm
12 th March 2020	Author visit – Frank Cottrell-Boyce
12 th March 2020	Parents Evening Early – 3.30-6pm
13 th March 2020	PE Day
17 th March 2020	Year 6 Chocolate Workshop
18 th March 2020	6R trip to Cassiobury Park - pm
25 th March 2020	6K trip to Cassiobury Park - pm
30 th March 2020	Year 6 Knex Challenge
30 th March – 3 rd April	Science Week
3 rd April 2020	LAST DAY OF TERM – School finishes at 2pm

Governors’ Corner:



Hello, my name is Sanjay Mackintosh. I am Vice Chair of Governors and have been at Chater Junior School since 2014. I currently chair two committees - 1) the Personnel Committee, which oversees staffing at the school and 2) the Curriculum Committee, which oversees the subjects that we teach. I am a ‘Community Governor’ which means I am a local resident (from Croxley Green) with a passion for seeing our local young people flourish through education.

I have spent the past 18 years working in the public sector - for the NHS, central government and local government - and am now a Management Consultant helping public sector organisations with their organisational strategy. My career and skills are varied - I have worked on national policy from healthcare to financial crime; delivered a national youth programme called 'National Citizen Service' for 50,000 young people; and transformed the way people with learning disabilities and dementia are supported in the London Borough of Haringey. Outside of work, I am an FA Level 1 qualified football coach and coach 55 boys and girls every Saturday and Sunday.

I hope to see some of you around the school soon.

