

This week I had the great pleasure in accompanying Y6 on their residential to Viney Hill. I have to say that I was exceptionally proud of all of the children. Both their behaviour and attitude were a real credit to the school, which was also commended by staff at the centre. It was wonderful to see them embrace a whole host of challenges, be it staying away from home for the very first time, tackling the climbing wall, scaling the crate stack or mountain biking over tough terrain. Well done children for showing such determination, team work and perseverance! Such trips are not possible without the support of a dedicated staff. I would like to express my personal thanks to Mrs Shaylor, Mrs Gayer and Mr Hardy for all their hard work in ensuring the children had a great time and a special thank you to Mrs Attwood for coordinating and leading the trip so efficiently. Rather than tell you what the children got up to myself, I shall leave Mason and Ben I to share their account.

## Y6 - Viney Hill Residential Trip

On Monday 8th of October, our Y6 class set on an adventure of a lifetime to Viney Hill. When we arrived, we sat in the lounge and were told the house rules. After that, we went up to our bedrooms and made our beds. There were two boys' rooms and two girls' rooms. They were on different floors. Soon after, we had our lunch and a bit later we got into groups to start our activities. On the first day, we did tunnelling and team building. Over the next two days, we took part in many activities including crate stacking, canoeing, climbing and low ropes. The last day was Forest Adventure Day where we did raft building, mountain biking and orienteering. All the activities were great. We would like to say thank you to all the staff at Viney Hill and at school for making it so much fun.

*Ben I & Mason, Y6*

[http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_children/classes/y6/y6\\_fun.html](http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y6/y6_fun.html) (photos)

## Year 2 health update

We have received reports that a number of children in Y2 have noticed spots appear on their bodies. We have been in consultation with the Health & Safety department at Gloucestershire County Council and Public Health England and have also continued to monitor the situation with the help of parents. Although we have been informed that these are highly unlikely to be as a result of fleas, we have taken the decision during Half Term to have the school treated for pests and will continue to monitor the situation after Half Term. Your continued support in keeping us updated is much appreciated.

## Harvest Festival - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

As part of this year's harvest celebration we will be holding a collection of produce. Children are invited to bring in donations to the hall on the morning of Wednesday 17th October. If any parents can stay after drop-off to display the produce, we would be grateful. Equally, if anyone can return at 11.30am to sort the donations into boxes for delivery, it would be very helpful.

As in previous years, we would welcome any flowers, cakes, fresh fruit and vegetables along with general groceries which our Y6 will deliver to members of our village community later in the day. We will also be collecting for Stroud Foodbank who have particularly requested tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, tinned soup, dried pasta, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, tinned spaghetti and steamed pudding. No baked beans please! Please ensure that all donations are in date.

## Year 2 go orienteering in the woods

[http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_children/classes/y2/y2\\_fun.html](http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y2/y2_fun.html)

## Reception class go on a Gingerbread Hunt and learn about number 5

Just to remind you that you can view pictures of what the children have been getting up to in class on the 'classes' section of the school website. We have recently put up a short video of the children's first week in school so please do take a look!

[http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our\\_children/classes/yr/yr\\_fun.html](http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/yr/yr_fun.html)

## Paying for Trips update

After half term, due to banking restrictions, we will no longer be able to accept cash for payments for trips. Therefore, all payments are to be made via Parentmail. If you are not yet registered to make payments via Parentmail, please contact the office if you need assistance. We can accept cheques for the short term, however this will be phased out in due course. Cash will continue to be collected for Charity donations.

## Do you have a child due to start school in September 2019?

If you (or anyone you know) have a child due to start school in September 2019, and are considering Chalford Hill Primary School, please register your interest in the school office by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Gloucestershire County Council will send out a pack by mid-November. You are also welcome to attend our Open Morning on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. Please let the office staff know if you would like to attend by e-mailing [admin@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk).

## Letters

The following letters were sent out this week:

- YR - Letter regarding height and weight measurement
- Y6 - Letter regarding height and weight measurement

If you missed them, please look on our website for copies:

[http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news\\_events/letters/letters.html](http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news_events/letters/letters.html)

## PTA News

**Bonfire Night** - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Gates open at 4.45pm, bonfire lit at 5.00pm and fireworks at 6pm. Tickets £10 per family in advance, £12 on the gate or £3 per person. To make the event happen and run safely, we rely on **volunteers** and we do need lots of you to help. Details will go up outside school, but you can also sign up for more information online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/6KDuleBAAbQjE3Fc42>

**Christmas** - This year our children have designed their own Christmas cards. Parents will be able to purchase cards, tea-towels, bags and mugs whilst raising funds for school. Details to follow.

## Puddleducks Chilli & Band

Puddleducks Playgroup will be hosting a "Day of the Dead" themed Chilli and Band night on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 to included dinner. Tickets will be sold outside school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

# REACH

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded REACH certificates this week.

## Year 1

Elsie - Achieve  
Ewan - Achieve  
Alison - effort  
Caelyn - Effort

## Year 2

Dylan - Effort  
Milo - Respect  
Immy - Achieve  
Jude - Challenge

## Year 3

Ozzie - Respect  
Charlie - Challenge  
Orla - Respect  
Esther - Respect

## Year 4

Liam - Respect  
Lennie - Effort  
William - Achieve  
Hunter - Challenge

## Year 5

Rosa - Effort  
Maddie - Effort  
Lennie - Effort  
Phoebe - Effort

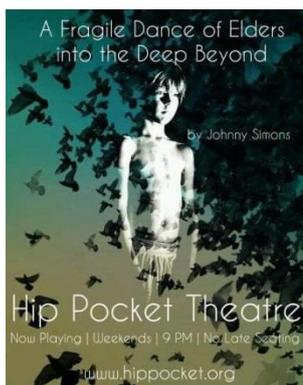
## Year 6

Charlie R - Respect  
All of Year 6 for Respect for excellent behaviour and attitude at Viney Hill

### Y6 on their Residential Trip



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River's play

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 4.30 - 7.00pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Marling Open Evening

Y1 at the woods

Harvest Festival

Half Term

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