

Harvest

Well done and thank you to everyone for their super contributions to our Harvest Assembly. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was observing candidates as part of the teacher appointment. However, Mr Jarvis informed me of how creative and confident the children were in both their presentations and singing. The Y6 made beautiful cards to accompany the food parcels that they distributed around the village, all of which were gratefully received. The remaining food was sent to Stroud Food Bank, who were equally appreciative.

Staffing

After an extremely rigorous interview process, I am pleased to inform you that Robert Baird has been appointed as Y4 class teacher commencing in January. Both through his teaching and at interview, Mr Baird proved he is exactly the right person to join our Chalford Hill team. Amongst many other things, he brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in both maths and computing. Mr Baird will be visiting next half term, spending time in class and liaising closely with Mr Thomas to ensure a smooth transition.

New! Brass Band

A number of children are currently having brass lessons with Mrs Godwin. Her enthusiasm for music is such that she is commencing a Brass Band on a Friday lunchtime. Any children currently playing a brass instrument are invited to join. Fingers crossed, we may get to see the band perform in a music assembly in the not too distant future?

Sports Captains

Our sports captains took part in their first training session with Mr Price, head of PE at TK, this week. The children focused on the organisation and delivery of small-sided games. They will continue their training after half term, after which we look forward to seeing them put their skills into practice.

Poppies

To raise money for the Poppy Appeal, there will be various items going on sale before and after school from Tuesday 30th October to Friday 9th November.

Children's Writing Competition

If you are looking for something for your child(ren) to do over half term, they may like to enter a Children's Writing Competition organised by Stroud Book Festival and sponsored by Renishaw.

You can find full information on our website here: <https://stroudbookfestival.org.uk/childrens-writing-competition/>

Football

Please read our report on the recent Football Festival for children in Year 3, 4 and 5.

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news_events/sporting_events/sporting_events.html

Letters

The following letters were sent out this week:

- Y1 and Y6 activity: Jonathan's Jungle

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

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news_events/letters/letters.html

Reception

YR enjoy playtime

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/yr/yr_fun.html

Year 2

Year 2 use Ipads to research human and physical geography, work in teams in PE and concentrate hard on their amazing stories.

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y2/y2_fun.html

Year 5 make Egyptian Headdresses

http://chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y5/y5_fun.html

PTA News

Bonfire Night - Sunday 4th 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/6KDuleBAbQjE3Fc42>

Success Stories

Well done to River (Y4) who has had a very creative Summer in America. He created and published original comics and sold over 75 copies! River was also cast in his first play "A Fragile Dance Of Elders IntoThe Deep Beyond" which was written and directed by his grandfather at his theatre.

Half term

This term seems to have flown by, yet looking back through the calendar so much has been achieved. Next half term is looking equally as busy with the Y4 Viking workshop, the Y2 & Y4 Westonbirt trip and our open morning; not forgetting our annual carol service, Christmas performance and celebrations.

I trust you all have a good half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 30th October (NB: Monday 29th October is INSET for staff).

REACH

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

Year 1

Rory - Challenge
Hazel - Challenge
Rowan - challenge
Red - Achieve

Year 2

Finn - Respect
Arthur - Effort
Dylan - Effort
Madeleine - Achieve
Henry - Achieve

Year 3

Leo - Achieve
Olly - Effort
Noah - Effort
Sam - Respect

Year 4

Isabella - Respect
Chelsey - Effort
Chris - Achieve
Molly - Challenge

Year 5

Florrie - Effort
Lucy - Effort
Jennie - Effort
Saffie - Effort

Year 6

Scarlett - Respect
Evie - Effort
Laurie - Effort
Darcy - Achieve



Y6 Harvest delivery to the village



Y6 Sports Captains

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October

Half Term

Monday 29th October

INSET

Tuesday 30th October

Y1 in the woods

Thursday 1st November

Y3 swimming

Tuesday 13th November

Open Morning for prospective parents