

Welcome Back

I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for what is sure to be a busy and fun-packed term. The staff and I wish to thank you all for your cards, gifts and kind wishes at Christmas, they are much appreciated.

The end of 2018 was pretty hectic. In amongst the usual festivities, we also saw the retirement of Mr Thomas. He was extremely grateful for his send off and has asked me to forward a letter on his behalf. As you will see, he is clearly enjoying the wonderful guitar that so many of you contributed to as his leaving gift.

Letter from Mr Thomas...

This is just a short letter to try to express my huge gratitude to yourself and everybody else who helped to give me such a tremendous send off at the end of the year. I especially want to thank all those who contributed towards my retirement present - a magnificent guitar which I have already spent long hours playing.

I would also like to thank everyone (colleagues, children, parents, past pupils) who took the trouble to write or speak kind words to me during the last few days of term - words which I will forever treasure.

Finally, I would like to wish the whole of the Chalford Hill community a happy and successful new year and, in particular, the children of Year Four, Jen Gayer and Rob Baird.

Much love,

Paul

You will shortly receive a letter regards curriculum topics for the coming term. Also, pupils in Year 1 - Year 6 will be receiving their mid-year reports next week. As communicated in a letter before the holiday, this will not replace the spring term parents evening. These will be held later on in the term on Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th April, providing a further opportunity to update you regards your child's progress.

This term we also welcome Mr Baird to the Chalford Hill family. We hope he takes no time at all to feel at home; he is really enjoying getting to know his new class.

House Points -

A great start to the year for Coppice who earned 162 golden tickets this week for working collectively to keep to our Golden Rules:

- We are gentle,
- We are kind & helpful
- We listen
- We are honest
- We work hard
- We look after property

Quicksticks Tournament

On Wednesday the 9th of January, a group of Year 5 and 6 children went to a Quicksticks hockey tournament at Inside Football in Brimscombe. When we arrived, we were told by Mr Price which schools were playing which. Due to one school not attending, we were left with only three large schools competing as the other ten schools were classed as small. Our B team did some exceptional passing but unfortunately they lost 2-1 against Minchinhampton due to a conceded goal in the last minute. Luckily, our A team (the Eagles) managed to beat their opponents 2-1 thanks to a last minute goal. After some amazing play by both teams, our B team came second and our A team first out of the large schools. What a fabulous start to this year's sporting wall of fame!

Ben I and Mason.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs commence Monday 14th January.

PTA News

Recycle with Michael: - Monday 28th January

Letters

The following letters were sent out this week:

- Year 5 - Bikeability (Cycle Training)
- Y1 - Y6 - Scooters
- YR - Open Afternoon
- Y6 - K'nex Challenge

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

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

REACH

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

Reception

Eddy Respect
Casey Effort
Jacob Achieve
Pearl Achieve

Year 1

James Challenge
Phoenix Achieve
Imy Achieve
Anna Effort

Year 2

Rosie Achieve
Faye Achieve
Felix Achieve
Edie Achieve
Dylan Challenge

Year 3

Oscar Effort
Paige Respect
Noah Achieve
Leo Respect
Esther Respect

Year 4

Zachary Achieve
Barnaby Effort
Jack Respect
Chelsey Achieve

Year 5

Luke Effort
Rosa Effort
Harvey Effort
Jake Effort

Year 6

Amy Respect
Evie Effort
Emily Achieve
Darcy Challenge



Mr Thomas

Dates for your Diary

After School Clubs start	Monday 14 th January
Y2 in the woods	Tuesday 15 th January
Y5 K'Nex challenge	Tuesday 15 th January
Y3 Swimming	Thursday 17 th January
Young Voices	Thursday 17 th January
Y1 in the woods	Tuesday 22 nd January
Whole School RE Day	Wednesday 23 rd January



Mr Thomas' Leaving Do