

Funding Letter

Thank you to those parents who have already contacted me with emails of support following the funding letter issued earlier this week. It is essential that we lobby our MP if we are to address the funding disparity in Gloucestershire. Financing in all schools across the county is being stretched to the limit, which will inevitably impact on the provision that schools can offer. The governors and I therefore request that parents take a moment to write / email our MP, David Drew, expressing their concerns. We request that this is done by Tuesday 29th January as he has secured a Westminster Hall debate on school funding in Gloucestershire on Wednesday 30 January. Our MP can be contacted on david.drew.mp@parliament.uk. Thank you once again for your support.

School Council

Mr Jarvis and I met with the school council to discuss future plans for our learning centre. Thanks to our extremely generous and hardworking PTA we are able to purchase a suite of mobile netbooks, enabling us to provide the computing curriculum within the class setting. This means we will be able to turn the existing IT suite into a space for a library and research area. The staff are busy planning a number of significant changes to the layout of the in order to make the library much more accessible. We look forward to seeing things progress over the coming months.

County Final - Sportshall Athletics

Well done to pupils from Y5/6 who represented the school at the county final on Monday. Mrs Attwood reported that the pupils' behaviour and effort were a real credit to the school. As a result, the children secured 4th place. Congratulations - we are proud of you all.

GLOW work group - Multiplication Tables

Multiplication tables is a key element of the Maths Curriculum for Year 2 onwards. It is essential that children are able to recall their tables up to 12x12 fluently by the end of Year 4, in order to fully access the curriculum moving into Years 5 and 6. As a school we will be looking closely at the strategies used to teach as well as practise multiplication tables. Earlier this week, Mrs Bradshaw met with other colleagues from across the county to look at different approaches which we will be considering in staff meetings over the coming weeks. Watch this space. More exciting news to follow....

Young Voices 2019

On Thursday the 17th of January, the Chalford Hill School choir travelled to the Genting Arena in Birmingham to take part in Young Voices 2019. Following weeks of practice and a whole afternoon there, we performed a range of songs which included a pop melody, a Greatest Showman mashup, Viva La Vida and Thank you for the Days. As soon as we arrived, we went straight into the arena where the teachers showed us where we would be sitting. The conductor made his way in and we had our first practice altogether. Following this, we all found somewhere to have our tea and were given our T-shirts to wear that evening, along with a tiny torch that we would use later to light up the arena. At 7pm, the audience came in and the concert began at 7.30. The atmosphere was astonishing due to the amount of people there and all the tiny lights. After an amazing performance by thousands of children (and a few celebrities!), we got home at 11pm, tired but happy to have taken part.

Mason and Ben I, Year 6

Milk Bottle Plea

In support of our Polar Explorers topic, Reception class are busy building an igloo that we can play in. To fit us all in it turns out that we need a lot of milk bottles! Please could you send in any washed out 4 pint milk bottles with lids on and not squashed. Please send to reception class via the YR gate or take to the school office. Thank you.

Reception Class request

If you are having any 'clear outs' at home over the coming weeks, we could do with any washed socks and pants for our 'spares' collection in the Reception class which is rapidly diminishing. We would also welcome any small cars or musical instruments that you may no longer require.

Website Update

The PTA pages have been updated with all their new fundraising initiatives which can raise money for the school as well as help less waste end up in landfill.

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/pta/fundraising_opportunities.html

Young Voices - Choir club sing at the Genting Arena in Birmingham

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

Reception class enjoy exploring the apparatus in PE, independent learning in the classroom and become polar explorers in the woods

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

Y1 visit the woods

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y1/y1_photos.html

Y2 build Castles

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y2/y2_photos.html

Y6 K'Nex

http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/our_children/classes/y6/y6_photos.html

Letters

The following letter was sent out this week:

- Year 4 - DT Project

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

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

PTA News

Recycle with Michael: - Monday 28th January. Please bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, toys DVD's and books to the school before 9am. The Salvation Army gives the school a certain amount of money per kilogram and then sells the items. If you don't have enough Recycle with Michael bags, just use bin bags. Thank you.

REACH

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

Reception

Luca Effort
Eowyn Effort
Winnie Effort
Plum Effort
Kitty Effort

Year 1

Woody Achieve
Rowan Achieve
Archie H-M Achieve
Ewan Challenge

Year 2

All of Year 2 for Challenge

Year 3

Amelia Respect
Olly Effort
Max Challenge
Josie Effort

Year 4

River Effort
Toby Challenge
Jacob Achieve
Freya Effort

Year 5

Lennie Respect
Molly Achieve
Laurie Effort
Maddie Effort

Year 6

Meg Respect
Finn Respect
Charlie R Effort
Evie-May Challenge



Young Voices

Dates for your Diary

Y2 at the woods Tuesday 29th January
ALL – Music Assembly Wednesday 30th January

ALL – Parents' Evenings Tuesday 2nd April and
Thursday 4th April