

Young Voices

Wow, what a day we all had yesterday. The school choir were amazing. They represented Chalford Hill brilliantly, singing whole-heartedly with such enthusiasm and skill. Thank you to all the parents who made the journey to Birmingham to come and support; to Mr Gardiner and Mrs Guest who assisted on the trip and of course to Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Rosser-Smith who ran the choir club and helped prepare them for this special occasion.

Makaton

We have set ourselves the goal of becoming a Makaton Friendly school and have already begun to integrate signing and symbols into a number of areas of school life - parents of infant children may remember the super signing during the songs in the Christmas show. We've already had the first meeting of the (over-subscribed!) Makaton after-school club and we're delighted with the children's interest. To help us raise awareness and further foster the spirit of inclusion, sixteen members of staff attended an after-school Makaton training session on Tuesday. The session was led by Sonia Sampson, a specialist tutor and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Parking / Traffic outside school

This week we have received several reports from near neighbours regards inconsiderate parking by parents/carers when dropping off or picking up children at the start and end of the school day. One instance even involved a car being parked on a local resident's driveway, preventing them gaining access to their own property. This is far from acceptable and we therefore ask that everyone thinks before parking their car. Furthermore, in our endeavour to reduce pollution, we ask parents to turn off their car engines if waiting in their cars. It is proven that car pollution does have an impact on conditions such as asthma and so your support in this would be most appreciated.

School Lunch Debt (Year 3 - Year 6)

We do hope your children are enjoying the new Spring term menu. Unfortunately, we have noticed that a number of children's lunch accounts are in debt. As explained last term, we will no longer be reminding parents on a weekly basis when they are in debt due to the amount of extra workload this creates. Instead, we suggested that you set yourself a balance alert in ParentPay via Communications>Alert Settings. If accounts remain in debt, we may have to look at alternative options such as imposing late payment charges or withdrawing the offer of school lunches. Please speak to the office staff if you would like help setting up the balance alert.

K'nex Challenge

On the 15th of January, Y6 were lucky enough to be able to participate in a K'nex workshop. Two cunning ladies (who worked for STEMWORKS) gave us a challenge where we had to complete the set task that we were given. The challenge was to design and make a durable model that had some sort of transportation to lift your given block the height of one red block. As soon as we started, the whole class burst into action with lots of ideas - maybe even hundreds! A whole two hours later, time was unfortunately up and it was time to share our marvellous models. Some people used string to lift their blocks. After everyone had shown, it was time to find out the results. The winners were...Max and Finn. Well done to everyone but an extra well done to the duo who will be representing our school in the K'nex final against other schools.

Mason and Ben I (Y6)

Chalfest

Chalfest community tickets will soon go on sale. Adult tickets are £10. Youth tickets (11-18) are £5 and children under 11 go free (please still click on the correct number of child tickets). If you live outside of Chalford Parish or Eastcombe and your child attends our school you and the people that permanently live in your home are entitled to community tickets. If this applies to you please email info@chalfest.co.uk with the names and ages of the people that live in the house as well as the name of the school.

Further ticket information can be found here <https://www.chalfest.co.uk/festival-info/>

If you live in Chalford Parish or Eastcombe you will be able to get your community tickets here <https://www.theticketfairy.com/event/chalfest-2019-20jul2019/>

Please follow the Chalfest facebook page for the most up to date information.

Request for socks!

If you have any black, grey or brown socks that are surplus to requirements (they don't have to be in a pair), please could you take them to the office for the Reception class by Wednesday 23rd January. Thank you.

PTA News

Recycle with Michael: - Monday 28th January

REACH

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

Reception

Ewan Respect
Aj Achieve
Sebby Achieve
Erin Achieve

Year 1

Caelyn Achieve
Dylan Achieve
Grace Achieve
Erin Challenge
Sophie Challenge

Year 2

Fleur E Respect
Monty E Respect
Jacob Effort
Rosie-May Achieve

Year 3

Joe Effort
Harry Effort
Owen Challenge
Orla Achieve

Year 4

William Effort
Chris Challenge
Martha Effort

Year 5

Florrie Respect
Saffie Achieve
Oscar Effort
Ella Respect

Year 6

Charlie C Respect
Rihanna Effort
Nieve Challenge
Wilf Respect

Choir

Achieve



Young Voices

Dates for your Diary

Y1 in the woods	Tuesday 22 nd January
Whole School RE Day	Wednesday 23 rd January
Y2 at the woods	Tuesday 29 th January
ALL – Music Assembly	Wednesday 30 th January
ALL – Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 2 nd April and Thursday 4 th April