

## Mock Trials

You may recall in last week's newsletter, I mentioned that pupils from Year 6 took part in the Stroud District Mock Trials. Well, the final results have just been announced and we are delighted to say that the Chalford Hill team were awarded third place overall! In addition, Amy H was awarded 1st place in the court artist element of the competition. Congratulations Amy and to everyone involved.

## Cross country

On Monday a team of juniors headed to TK for a cross country meeting. The weather stayed dry for what was a thrilling race. It was great to see such determination in everyone's endeavours, with everyone giving of their best. The standard was high so we were delighted with a number of good placings including Izzy (1<sup>st</sup>) and Bella (3<sup>rd</sup>) in Y6, and Martha (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Lauren (3<sup>rd</sup>) in Y4. Well done to all the children who participated and were a credit to the school in effort and attitude. A massive thank you to Mrs Gayer, Mr Jarvis and all parents who came along to support.

## Governor Visit - Outdoor Learning

Earlier this week, we had great pleasure in welcoming one of our governors, Sian Edwards, to see our Year 2 children taking part in one of their outdoor learning lessons. She was extremely impressed by the vocabulary and knowledge the children had about the natural environment and the sheer enthusiasm they showed towards their learning. It is wonderful to see that our children are clearly benefiting from such opportunities.

## World Poetry Day & World Down Syndrome Day (WDS) - 21st March 2019

Yesterday, Mrs Smith held an assembly to raise awareness of WDS and encouraged us all to reflect on the fact there is such beauty in differences. In recognition of this, it was lovely to see so many children (and staff) wearing different socks to school. Taking these ideas on board, we then challenged the children to mark World Poetry Day by creating their own poems on the theme of socks. It has been amazing to see such a variety of poems produced and how creative the children have been. We look forward to displaying the children's sock poems up on a washing line that will run the length of the corridors. Thanks also to Makaton club who showed us all how to sign to 'It Must Be Love' by Madness.

## Arrival and Departure

A number of children are choosing to play in the 'new' playground in the garden when they arrive for school in the morning. Apart from the fact that they can't be supervised there, we've had problems with children missing the start-of-school signal and playing on other children's scooters, which obviously isn't fair.

We've reminded the children in assembly that when they arrive in the morning, they should come directly into the main playground and stay there until the school day starts. Also that they (and younger siblings) should not be playing in that area after school. We'd be hugely grateful if you could remind your child of this until good habits have been re-established. Thank you! As a reminder, the school gate opens at 8.35am so any child arriving before that time should be supervised by their parent/carer. The gate shuts at 8.45am.

## CHANGE OF DATE - Summer Fete

Due to the availability of performers, this year's summer fete will now be held on **Saturday 29th June**.

## School Lunches

Please remember that your child's menu is due in on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April (4-7pm)

You can sign up for Parents' Evenings on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

We wish to prioritise the children getting into class as normal. Once the children are in school, parents will be directed through the side gate at **8.50am** and into the hall where sign-up sheets will be available. We do have to limit the number of parents into the hall at one time. Parents who are not dropping off at school on these days will be able to phone the office **after 9.30am** on 01453 883123. Sign up boards will be available in the office at the end of the day on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Term Dates

The term dates and inset dates for 2019-2020 have been agreed and sent out. If you missed the parentmail, you can see the term dates on the website:

[http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/term\\_dates/term\\_dates.html](http://www.chalfordhill.gloucs.sch.uk/parents/term_dates/term_dates.html)

## Online Safety - Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement

One of our key responsibilities is that of safeguarding our children, one element of which is E-safety. We are required to have an E-Safety Policy which includes having an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for both pupils & staff. We have recently updated our AUP and will send out copies next week. As you might expect, we believe our pupils' access to technology should be safe. This AUP is intended to promote safety & ensure:

- Children have the opportunity to gain the many benefits of using digital technologies
- Children will be responsible users and stay safe while using digital technologies
- School ICT systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems or users at risk.

The school will try to ensure that pupils will have good access to ICT to enhance their learning and will in return, expect the pupils to agree to be responsible users. With this in mind, we would ask that you take time to read through the Acceptable Use Agreement with your child and discuss any questions they have. If this proves difficult or you would like further guidance, please contact the school and we would be pleased to help. Please forward all signed agreements to the school office.

## Letters

The following letters were sent out this week:

- ALL - Pupil Acceptable Use Policy
- Y5 - Viney Hill Residential letter
- ALL - Summer Menu letter

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

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

## PTA News

Don't forget it is Quiz Night next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. Tickets are £10 each including chilli and can be bought online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/stroud/chalford-hill-primary-school/chalford-hill-quiz-night>

# REACH

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

## Reception

Betsy	Effort
Ollie	Respect
Leo	Effort
Aj	Achieve
Kitty	Achieve

## Year 1

Eliza	Achieve
Woody	Effort
Hazel	Respect
Sophie	Respect

## Year 2

Henry	Respect
Immy	Effort
Riley	Respect
Theo	Effort

## Year 3

Joe	Achieve
Harper	Achieve
Ruby	Effort
Sam	Effort

## Year 4

Freya	Challenge
Molly	Respect
Chelsey	Achieve
Clem	Effort

## Year 5

Evan	Achieve
Florrie	Achieve
Maddie	Achieve
Kasper	Achieve

## Year 6

Sam	Achieve
Amy	Achieve
Max	Effort
Izzy	Respect

## Dates for your Diary

ALL – Book Fair	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Y1 trip to the woods	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
ALL – RE Day	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
PTA Quiz Night	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
ALL – Parents’ Evenings	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Y2 trip to the woods	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Y3 Country Dance Festival	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm