

The Chantry School Newsletter

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Important dates for your diary:

- Mon 11 to Fri. 15 July— Activities week
 - Mon 11 to Fri. 15 July—Y10 Work Experience week
 - Mon 18 July— Y7-10 Progress Checks issued
 - Tues 19 July— Sports Day
 - **Thu. 21 July— school closes earlier for pupils at 12.30pm**
 - Fri. 22 July—Prof. Dev Day (5)
 - Thu. 25 August – GCSE results issued
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- Thu.1 September Professional Development Day (1)
 - Fri. 2 September Professional Development Day (2)
 - **Pupils return to school on Mon. 5 September.**

Friends

By the time you read this, the Friends' planning group will already have had great fun sloshing £3000 into ten departments to purchase such items as new goals, on line resources for pupils to access at home and bespoke art equipment. The reason we have been able to do this is because of *your support and generosity* for events and activities over this last year e.g. Rags to Riches, raffles, refreshments at Grease etc. THANK YOU so much. It has been brilliant for us to be able to act on your behalf and ask for 'bids' from the Departments for what items they feel would be of benefit. Here is a picture of some trampoline ends that the Friends have contributed to for the PE Department.:

As you know, our little slogan is 'Get Involved! Keep Informed!' and we are so glad that you have. We can always do with more practical help, however, so please email us



Dear Parents/Carer

We have come to the end of another very busy school year, and it is time to both reflect on and celebrate the work and achievements of the young people at the school. We have recently enjoyed a wonderful Ball at the The Birche, at Shelsley Beauchamp, where we said a farewell to the outgoing pupils in Y11. We will, of course, see them again for results day in the summer and we wish each one of them well with their next steps in education or training. The year group were a real pleasure to work with, and responded well to our work with them in preparation for exams. They certainly made the most of their time whilst at The Chantry School, and we will be encouraging the Y6 pupils who visit us next week to do the same when they start in September. I do believe that the more you put in to your school experience, the more you will get out; the reports in the newsletter of exchanges, sport, volunteering all demonstrate where pupils can gain widely from their time with us.

Someone who has put a huge amount into the school is Bob Allison. He is leaving us after 33 years at The Chantry. You can read more about him inside, but I would like to record my thanks, and those of three

headteachers before me, for his unwavering commitment and enthusiasm for educating young people in our community for so long. We wish him well on his new adventure to China.

Parents will have received a survey towards the end of this term. Please do take time to complete and return. Your comments are always welcome, and help us to improve and enhance what we can offer to the young people.

I hope parents are aware of our charity run taking place on 20th July? All our pupils are being asked to 'Run for Anna' to remember Anna Wilkinson who sadly passed away this year. We are supporting her family in raising funds to establish a charitable trust. More details within; please support as generously as you are able.

My thanks to all of our community – pupils, parents, staff, governors and Friends (see below) for their hard work and support over this year. I wish you all a restful and very enjoyable summer holiday.

Andy Dickenson
Headteacher

at friends@chantry.worcs.sch.uk if you are interested. Also, keep your eyes open for emails and text messages that come from the school with specific requests for help from time to time - *Teamwork makes the dream work!*

A number of stalwart and very active parents who have supported pretty much everything we've done over the last few years will be stepping down from the Friends this term due to their children leaving school (you know who you are!) and we are going to miss them very much. We wish you and yours every success and THANK YOU for all that you have invested in the life of the school through the Friends. Have a great summer!

Lorna Davies and Paul Wilcox,
Co-chairs of Chantry Friends.

Reminder: Car Boot at The Cob House on 4th August - pitch fees to The Chantry School.



Goodbyes

Bob Allison

Bob is well known in The Chantry community having taught at the school since 1983. Indeed, he has taught many of the parents who now have children at the school. Prior to this he was at Nunnery Wood School for seven years. After 40 years of teaching, enthusing and educating about Geography and Geology, Bob is about to start a new adventure in China. Bob has developed a lot of 'International Schools' work in recent years. Our link with China has grown substantially, and now Bob is to take up a teaching post in Yangzhou. He has worked with unfailing enthusiasm, warmth and sincerity whilst at The Chantry and is held in high regard. He has given back to the community, working with primary pupils, local geology groups, established our Applefest – and probably much more than I am aware of in a long and busy career. We will miss him, but wish him well in his new adventure. He leaves with the sincerest of thanks for his huge contribution to the school and its community.

Also leaving us this summer is Miss Emma Coyle, Science teacher. We would like to thank her for all her contributions to school and send our best wishes for the future.

Hellos

This term we welcomed Allison Bill, our new Business Manager, two new Lunchtime Supervisors—Jo Daly and Karen Kirby and Mark Carwardine, our new Network Manager. We warmly welcome them all to the school and hope they all enjoy their time here.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The French Exchange Trip 2016

On the 28th of April 2016, a group of pupils from The Chantry School set off to Chaumont, a small town in France, at around 4:30 in the morning. Our journey there included 14.5 hours of travelling, 90 minutes of which we were on a ferry. We finally arrived at the school at about 7.00 in the evening, and we headed back to our families' homes for a long nights sleep after the tiring journey.

The next day we went to the school. It was a very strange experience

because their school and their lessons were very different to ours. Their school day was a lot longer than ours; they started school at 8am/9am depending on their timetable and finished school at 5pm.

On the 3rd day our group of approximately 15 pupils went on a tour around Chaumont, learning about the history of the buildings.

Our tour was completed around lunchtime so we spent the afternoon with our French families.

The day afterwards, we went to a theme park called 'Nigloland'. Everyone seemed to enjoy this theme park the most out of all the days because we were able to go off in groups and go on the rides we wanted to, when we wanted to.

On the final day the pupils went to the Champagne region to visit a town called Troyes. One of the retired teachers from the French school gave us a historical tour around the town. Then in the afternoon we went to a Champagne factory, it was really interesting, finding out how it was made and how long it took!

In the evening the French school and everyone who took part in the exchange brought in some food and we had a final meal with our French families. We went back to their houses, and left in the morning.

This trip really helped me extend my French vocabulary, because when you are living with French family, you are exposed to French constantly. At first, this felt a bit intimidating, but doing activities with our English friends made it a much easier experience. The family also translated some sentences that they were often using, so this made it easier for me to understand, and learn.

Molly Hill, 8Ank

German Exchange Trip - June 2016

From the Sunday, June 12th through to the Saturday, June 18th 2016, myself and 25 other pupils (aged 12 to 15), accompanied by 3 teachers, travelled to Germany on an exchange with the Goethe-Gymnasium in Bensheim. A town located merely three quarters of an hour away from Frankfurt.

On our arrival, we were greeted by our exchange partners and their families; they were all so welcoming, so easy to talk to, as if you had known them for years! Instead of two minutes! For the rest of the day we went home with our families, getting

to know each other, and many of us explored the local area for the first time. The following day, we accompanied our exchange partners to school and had the pleasure to experience, first-hand, a normal day in a German School. It was amazing to see how different their day was to ours. In German schools they have a five to ten minute break between each lesson and often the day is done and dusted by one o'clock! This is just one of the many differences.

Whilst on our wonderful exchange trip, we also visited Heidelberg, a spectacular city with so much history. We explored its castle, the sights from there were beyond breathtaking. We also visited Frankfurt, one of the major cities in Germany for business and pretty much everything else! Some of the streets were so beautiful, so brilliantly decorated. On the same day, we also played dodgeball in a tournament of mixed teams (German and English students), it was great fun! My team won! Another outing was to pay a visit to the local primary school. We engaged with their classes as well; communicating with the pupils in German, wherever possible.

One of the highlights of the trip was on the Friday, when we went to the Kletterwald (Climbing wood) and embarked on many courses up in the trees, with a range of difficulties that were suitable for all to partake in the experience. Afterwards, we were treated to a farewell party!

Personally, the best part of the trip was the relationship that I built with my exchange partner and her family, a friendship that will last forever, not just for 6 days. Our families have all been in contact with each other, and will continue to do so. It was emotional as we left, but it just goes to show how good a trip it was.

Tommy Fouweather 9Cots

Clifton Primary PTA Quiz :

Monday, 11th July 2016 : 7.30 for 8.00pm. Teams of 4/6 at £4.00 per person. Win amazing prizes!



FUNDRAISING

'Anna's Run' on Wednesday, 20th July 2016

On Wednesday 20th July the whole school, pupils and staff, will be taking part in a charity run in memory of Anna Wilkinson. Anna was a pupil at the school for five years, leaving last summer. She sadly passed away earlier this year. We want to support her family in raising funds to establish a charitable trust in her name. Please do give as generously as you feel able. We will follow the run, after school at 3.45 pm, with a tree planting on the school site so we will have a permanent memorial to Anna. Her friends, and the wider community, are most welcome to join her family and members of the school at this time.

Digital Leader Newsletter Column: 'Training Day'

Back at the start of June, the Digital Leaders took part in a training course provided by Brett Laniosh of Catshill Learning Partnerships. Catshill Learning Partnerships offer a wide range of school based solutions and training to maximise the use of ICT and computing, including E-Safety. Our experience was great and we learned a lot about different scenarios in school that would change the types of technology we use.

Currently, the Digital Leaders Team and The Chantry Senior Management team are working together to explore our use of technology and the range of options to enhance learning. The training programme we partook in really helped our team think about our plans for Technology in the classroom and how we could make improvements to our view for the future. Most importantly, a big issue with bringing technology into schools is the safety of pupils. Brett helped us to produce a document which gave us lots of ideas about promoting E-Safety as well as our visions for the future with technology in school. One of the ideas that came out of our brainstorming session was to partner with parents to make them aware of our advancements in school. We hope that, in the not too distant future, we can collaborate with parents to run workshops and

information evenings to make sure we provide a 360 degree communication with staff, pupils and parents to make everybody comfortable with moving forward with technology.

Matt Payne, 9Woo

Llanrug trip write up

On Monday 6th June 39 Year 8 pupils set off on the 4 hour journey to Llanrug in North Wales. They were visiting the Arete Outdoor Activity Centre alongside Miss Cooke and Mr Le Grove.

We arrived at midday and the pupils were put into their dorm rooms and activity groups for the week. Not long after we arrived we went off to complete our first activity which was rafting on the lake. The weather was glorious and we, the pupils, spent the whole time jumping out of the rafts and into the water.

Later on in the evening pupils were given their duties for the week that needed to be completed in the mornings and evenings which included: dorm inspections, setting up for meals, cleaning up after meals, locking up equipment, preparing lunches, washing and drying and many more. The pupils were excellent with their duties and showed a real sense of independence and high standards.

Throughout the week the pupils worked alongside their activity groups, instructors and teachers to complete various activities in the day including:

Gorge walking, sea kayaking, rock climbing, climbing Snowdon, sea level traversing, abseiling, canoeing, and many more.

As the weather was so warm and dry the pupils managed to make the most of being outdoors and in the water as much as possible.

The pupils also did lots of evening activities including:

Walking, playing rounders and football on the beach, just dance, table tennis, pool, orienteering and quizzes.

Throughout the week each activity group were able to gain points for their perseverance, determination, teamwork, completing duties, clean dormitories, supporting each other and helping out staff. These points went towards the opportunity to win a Llanrug hoodie for the activity group with the most points. Group 4 were the winners of the hoodies and re-

ceived them on the last day.

All of the pupils that attended the trip were a pleasure to take and the instructors at the centre were very complimentary about their efforts, attitudes and teamwork in both activities and duties around the centre.

Photos from the trip are available to view on: <http://www.aretecentre.co.uk/photos.php>

Just scroll down to find 'The Chantry School 2016'

Extra-Curricular activities

Young Gloves Karate

Congratulations to Emily Day (Y10) for selection to represent England in Frankfurt in the European Karate Championships 2016. Chosen ahead of other martial artists from all of the country, whilst competing over the past 12 months in WKU (World Karate Union) competitions, winning gold in many of them. Emily conducted herself incredibly well amongst 2000 other competitors. It is an honour and achievement for both Young Gloves Karate and the school. Well done Emily.

John O'Groats to Land's End Cycle Ride

On Tuesday, 26th July Dan Jukes Y10, (with his father Ian) will be beginning a personal challenge to ride the 950 miles from John O'Groats to Land's End over 15 days. They are raising money for two charities Cancer Research and Little Hearts Matter. They will be supported by Emma and Ben Jukes. If you would like to show your support and make a donation (it will be split 50/50 between the two charities) please visit : virgin-moneygiving.com/team/jukes.

Good luck to you all!

Martley Applefest 2016

Apples will once again be centre stage at The Chantry School in October when the seventh Applefest will be held on Saturday, 15th October between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

We will be without our talisman, Bob Allison this year, as Bob has taken a teaching post in China for ten months. Whilst we wish him well, he will certainly be missed!

This community event will celebrate our local rural culture this year and we intend to extend the variety of local produce and crafts available to purchase.

Martley Applefest is now an annual addition to the calendar and the whole community is welcome to attend. Put the date in your diary.

There will be lots of **FREE** apple based activities for the whole family, an apple themed music ensemble performed by local schools as well as the obligatory drama performance by The Chantry School pupils. Both not to be missed! A pig roast and various stalls providing refreshments will be available throughout the day. Please note there will be a cost for food and drink.

An addition to this year's event will be the opportunity to construct three oversized apples facilitated by Victoria Westaway, a RHS gold medal willow artist and wire sculptor. Local primary schools will be involved prior to the event.
www.victoriawestaway.co.uk

Craft stalls are being planned, which will include practical demonstrations. If anyone would like to book a stall, please contact:- Caroline Palethorpe—caroline@cmpconsult.co.uk

Young Leaders

The Chantry Young Leaders at the Transition Sports Day Wednesday 22nd June.

All the Young Leaders helped to organise and run the Sports Day for all the pupils who will be coming to The Chantry in September. It was a challenging day as the bad weather meant the event had to be held indoors.

Each competitor did 6 athletics activities and gained Bronze, Silver or Gold awards for their efforts. Many also ran in very competitive relay races to finish the day.

The Leaders proved they had good organisational skills and were excellent role models without exception. They received very deserving con-

gratulatory comments from all the Primary Schools.

Football mania at The Chantry
All the Pyramid Schools hold league football matches throughout the year and then come together for a grand final at The Chantry on 23rd May.

The Young Leaders had a lot to do as they refereed all the matches and did all the scoring. They had to organise the grounds for the 5 x pitches that were needed and look after all the equipment. As always they did an excellent job and were fine role models for the school.

Year 9 Young Leaders at The Summer Games

Izzy Jakeways and George Mitchell went to The Worcestershire Summer Games on 5th July. This is a huge event held at Bromsgrove School where all the schools that have qualified for the finals compete in events organised by the National Governing Bodies of Sports. These two Young Leaders have been chosen to act as Ambassadors at the Games. They represent Worcestershire West Schools and met and assisted local dignitaries during the day and help to support the teams who represent our area.

This is the 3rd year that The Chantry's good reputation for excellent Young Leaders has given us the honour to fill the role of Ambassadors at the Games.

Young Leaders Get Set Team
A few months ago some Young Leaders went on a training course for community projects and how to organise them. From that course we have put together 2 projects to benefit the community.

In the end we decided on the two activities we would do for the community. In order to do this we had to put out advisements, asking for a little bit of money to put towards refreshments and of course we needed to book the venue. So with the help of Pat Owen we were able to accomplish everything we wanted to. We also had the input of Dr. Dickenson who very kindly gave us some money to help and he also came to watch one of the events.

On the 11th May we held a tea party for people over 60. We served cake, tea, biscuits and more refreshments. Each one of us in the team mingled with the guests. This event was held at the Martley Village Hall and overall I believe it was very successful. We plan to offer more of these events later in the year.

On the 13th May we held another very exciting but very different event.

We had a story reading session for under-fives. I think most of us found this one more challenging and a little out of our comfort zone at times. Towards the end we played some games with the children and got to see their creative side when handling the musical instruments.

Thank you to Mrs. Simmonds, Pat Owen, Dr. Dickenson and the rest of the Get Set team for helping make this such a great event.

Ellie Hunstone, 8 Malvern

WINNERS 2016

BEST BAND: 'Nothing but Animals' song – Dani California.

Vocals and guitar: Ryan Darling, Lead guitar: Jack Walker, Bass guitar: Casper Mulcahy, Jake Adams: Drum Kit

BEST BAND – RUNNER UP: 'Silver Black Tails' song – Lovers on the sun. Vocals: Clover Aps, Guitar: Josh Sankey, Cajon: Sam Jarvis

BEST NEWCOMERS: 'The Unknown' song – Hymn for the weekend. Vocals: Oska Wurmlli and Faith Dickenson, Piano: George Fisher-Edwards, Guitar: Johnnie Osborne, Drum kit: Matthew Pearce

BEST VOCALIST: Freddie Edmonds song - The A Team

BEST VOCALIST RUNNER UP: Clover Aps song Lovers on the sun

BEST GUITARIST: JACK FARMER song –Dani California

BEST GUITARIST RUNNER UP: Jazz O'Grady song – The A Team

BEST DRUMMER: Jake Adams song – Dani California

BEST DRUMMER RUNNER UP: Charlie Garfield song – Are you mine?

BEST OTHER INSTRUMENT: Sam Jarvis Cajon, song – Lovers on the sun

BEST BAND IMAGE: Gemini Thomas and Matthew McKinnon – Bell

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD: Tommy Fouweather vocalist

Well done to all of our bands, thirteen this year which is a Battle of the Bands record!. *Mrs Masters*

