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CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

Parent Bulletin
Friday 16th December 2022



Diary Dates for Next Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023:

Start of Term 3

Wednesday 5th January 2023:

Sixth Form Open Evening
18:00 - 20:00 (6pm - 8pm)

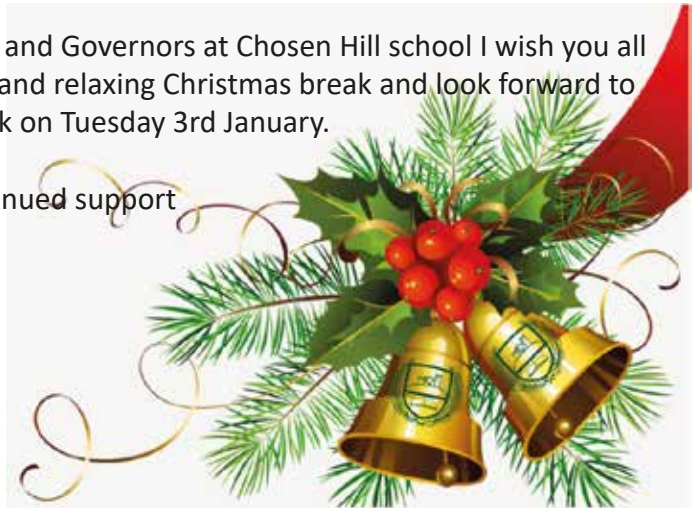
After an exhausting week battling with ice and snow I am very pleased to be wishing you all a very happy, restful Christmas. Thank you for your support when having to make difficult decisions about closing the school, please be assured that these are never taken lightly and always with the safety of students and staff as the priority.

Despite the disruption over the last week this has been an amazing term filled with opportunities for students to develop and showcase their passion, interests and skills as well as develop confidence in their knowledge, understanding and confidence in lessons. The dance show, Christmas service, celebration assemblies and year group talent shows have been a frenetic but fun end to the term.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Chosen Hill school I wish you all a very happy, enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 3rd January.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Pauling
Headteacher



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www.chosenhillschool.co.uk

Learning Tip:

The Pomodoro Technique

In the 1980s Francesco Cirillo invented a technique in Italy to help people study. Using a kitchen timer shaped like a tomato ("pomodoro" means tomato in Italian), he found he could concentrate better by studying in short stretches.

Here's how to apply the Pomodoro technique:

1. Decide on the task that you'll work on
2. Set the timer for 25 minutes
3. Work on the task
4. Stop working when the timer rings
5. Put a checkmark on a piece of paper
6. If you have fewer than four checkmarks, take a 3- to 5-minute break, then repeat from Step 1
7. After four pomodoros, take a 15- to 30-minute break
8. Draw a line through the four checkmarks and start counting your checkmarks afresh

Working at Chosen Hill School - Vacancies

Vacancy

Pupil Premium Manager

Link to Advert

[Eteach](#)

Closing Date

8th January 2023

TERM DATES:

Term dates, including INSET days, can be found on the School Website in 'Parents and Students', using the Quick Links menu at the top of the page and in the 'Useful Links' at the bottom of the page.



Data Collection

Due to GDPR regulations and as we want to help the environment, we will no longer be sending out data collection sheets.

However, we still need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child, e.g. medical details (new allergies), change of address, change of phone numbers, court orders, name changes etc. It'll be up to you to keep us informed of any changes, you can do this via the School Gateway App, please see below for activation and login instructions. Instructions on how to check and request changes are [here](#).

Using School Gateway is our preferred method of updating information, or you can email the school office on office@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk.



End of Term Reminder

School will finish at 12:50 on Friday 16th December 2022.

Buses will leave the school at 1pm.



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Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections

UKHSA is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that you should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If your child has scarlet fever, they should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

If your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

For more information visit the [UKHSA website](#).



CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

**We would like to invite you
to our**

Sixth Form Open Evening

**Thursday 5th January 2023
from 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Scan the QR code below to
access our
PROSPECTUS**



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Student Leadership at Chosen Hill School



Head Student Team



CARNE House Captains



MASEFIELD House Captains



SCOTT House Captains



WHITTLE House Captains

Fundraising, Gloucestershire Bundles

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our Gloucestershire Bundles fundraiser. At the point of delivering we were informed that they had received their 860th request for a package and were about to hit the shops.

They asked us to pass on a heart felt thanks to you all and are keen for us to realise just how much our donations really do help the vulnerable.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Caddy for organising and delivering the donations.



Snow Day!

On Sunday morning 11th December the snow started as the tiniest flakes, slowly drifting more like rain than snow, gradually getting larger and heavier. By 5:30pm everything was under a thick blanket of snow making travel difficult. As the evening temperature plummeted the roads became iced over making travel dangerous. At that point the decision was made to close the school for the safety of staff and students – not a decision any Headteacher takes lightly.

Over 100 schools across Gloucestershire were closed as the snow and ice continued settling.

After an exhausting day and an heroic effort from site team clearing paths, regrettably the school remained closed on Tuesday 13th December. Even though we had a snow plough arriving on site to try and clear the car parks, playground and bus turning area – the freezing temperatures and the amount of snow/ice still in situ meant that, in the interest of safety, we had to take that decision.

Students were set work on ClassCharts and, as always, rose to the occasion.

Finally we were in a position to re-open on Wednesday 14th December.

Thank you for your positive response in supporting students to complete the work set by their teachers via Class-Charts.









Trinity Arts Gold Award, An Evening of Dance

A huge well done to all involved in the dance show. What an incredible evening!!

Miss Moss and the PE department are in incredibly proud of all the hard work and effort that went into the show!

A huge thank you to the students, teachers, parents/carers, tech and sound team and to anyone else involved in helping the evening come together!

Photographs to follow.

A horizontal film strip graphic containing five movie posters: a man in a red jacket, Skyfall, Encanto, High School Musical, and La La Land.

A Night at
Chosen Hill...
Moments from the movies,
Hollywood and the red carpet

A black silhouette of a movie camera on a tripod with a large film reel in the foreground.

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Stop UK Hunger

A collection of colorful icons representing cinema: a film strip, a red and white striped popcorn bucket, a gold Oscar statuette, and two cinema tickets, one yellow and one green.

P.A.T.C.H. Christmas Hampers

Congratulations to the winners of the 5 PATCH Christmas hampers. We have raised £743 towards the laser cutter in DART. The winners have been notified by email.

Thank you for all your support, both buying tickets and donations for the hampers.

We will be looking to hold another of our popular quiz nights in the new year, so please keep an eye out for more information after the Christmas break.

If anyone would like to be more involved in PATCH, we are always grateful for any help or new members, so please email Debbie Wardlaw on dwr@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk for more information.

Happy Christmas



Christmas Shopping

Just a reminder when you are doing your Christmas shopping online, that if you go through the giving machine to get to the shop you need and select Chosen Hill as a cause, we get a donation from them. It doesn't cost you anything extra, but you will be supporting us.



**Click, Shop & #GiveForFree
each time you shop online
and raise free donations for**

Chosen Hill School

Shop via

shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk



**Scan and enter our
quick sign up code:**

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Over 2,000 of your favourite retailers are participating



House News!

We are excited to announce a brand new house event, House Renew! This fashion show will require students to design, make and model their own clothing and accessories. All materials will be upcycled to encourage sustainability and raise awareness of the damaging 'fast fashion' business. While the actual fashion show is still a while off (14th March 2023), we need to start preparations and gather materials.

If you have any unwanted or damaged items of clothing/accessories that are listed below, please have a student drop these off on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in P4, deadline is 14th December.

Only the following items please:

- Ties
- Hats
- Gloves
- Jackets
- Coats
- Jewellery
- Ball gowns

We are looking for student fashion designers, makers and models. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students, especially those that are looking for a career in fashion, art or design. For those that want to get involved, they must attend a lunchtime club on Wednesdays, starting 7th December.

Stay tuned for further updates in the coming months! This year's theme, Jungle!

World Braille Day - Wednesday 4th January 2023

It is estimated that '39 million' people across the globe are blind (World Health Organisation), however, it is also estimated that only '1 in 10' blind people can read braille (The National Federation of the Blind). World Braille Day on January 4 is celebrated to honour the birth of Braille's inventor, Louis Braille. Braille's gift to the world has brightened the lives of millions of people around the world who are blind or visually impaired, and they benefit from his work every day. The day also acknowledges that those with visual impairments deserve the same standard of human rights as everyone else.



We will be celebrating World Braille Day on the 4th of January at Chosen Hill School. Activities will be given to Year Leads. Please find time during one LM session the first week back to engage with the Braille resources and raise awareness across the school.

Request from Food Department

Chosen Hill Food Department are after your Christmas sweets, Well the empty boxes please. If you have any of the large plastic sweet tubs, e.g. Celebrations, Heros, Quality Street, could you kindly send them to the food dept after the Christmas holidays where they will be gratefully received.





Forest Green Rovers Community

Forest Green Rovers Community - Kids Christmas Party

FGR community are hosting a Christmas party on 20/12/2022. It will be action packed with games, sports, food, crafts, disco and a visit from Santa.

Details can be accessed via this [link](#).

This activity is also part of the HAF campaign, so any children who access free school meals can claim a ticket through the Stroud HAF website.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kelly, Programme Manager:

Telephone: 07529902032

Email: christopher.kelly@fgr.co.uk

Website: www.fgr.co.uk

Fundraiser – ‘Twixmas Dip’ for Young Lives vs Cancer



Mrs Forster will be taking part in a sponsored swim on 29th December to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer. If you would like to sponsor her please do so via the link below or the or QR code on the left.

https://www.facebook.com/donate/797119068057560/?fundraiser_source=external_url



Christmas Dinner Tips from Impact Food

Whilst Christmas is a wonderful time of year with lots of family time and presents, it can also be very stressful. Our lovely Chef team have put together the ultimate Christmas go-to guide - talking you through the main elements of your Christmas dinner with some hints to reduce costs and utilise leftovers. You can either use this link... <https://youtu.be/8akdryZCvrk> or click on the link further below. Note, there are chapters you can navigate, as there may be a certain element of the Christmas dinner you are particularly keen to watch.

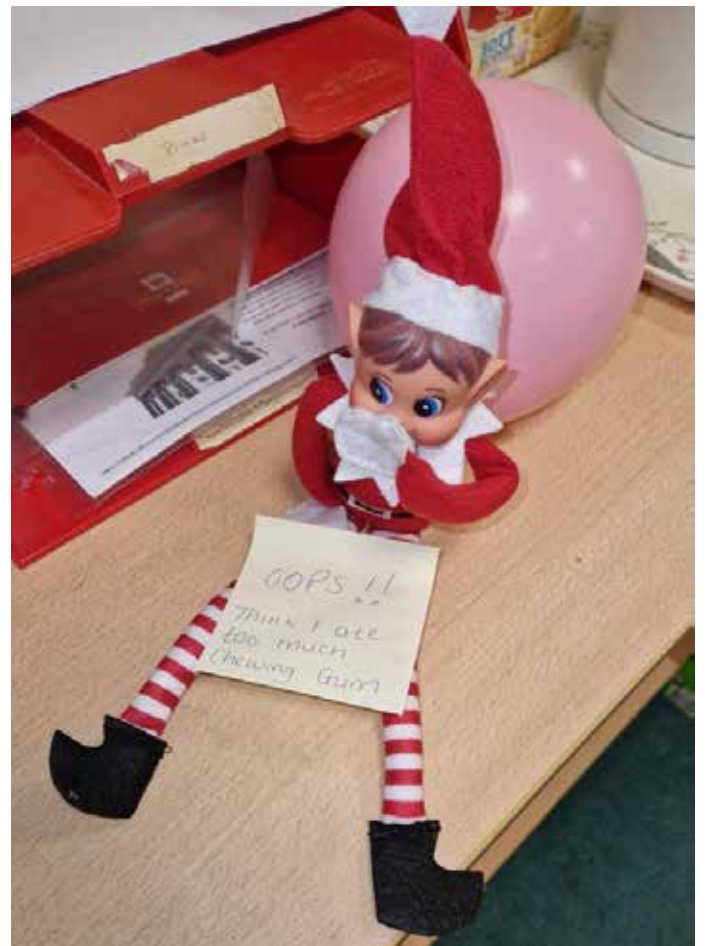
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