

Friday 8th December

Nativity 2017 Photo Special

Our reception classes performed their amazing nativity play this week and after the initial shock of the dress rehearsal where they first experienced a real-life audience with hundreds of pairs of eyes watching their every move, they rose to the challenge in their first real show to the parents. It was a superb example of the learning that they have done since starting Chad Vale and we were treated to some lovely singing and acting, spectacular costumes and lots of excellent waving, when they spotted you in the audience! On page two, we have created a montage of photos, many more are available on the school website. Thank-you to everyone who came to watch the performance; your support is invaluable and so important for the children.

In other good news this week, we were visited by Tanita from Birmingham Children's Hospital to present a thank-you cheque for the money we raised in the summer term at our Teddy Bear's picnic. She told us all about how the charity donations to BCH help children from Birmingham and beyond and passed on a massive thank-you to all the children who were involved.



Birmingham measles cases prompt MMR vaccination call

People in Birmingham are being encouraged to check that they, their children and teenagers have had two doses of MMR vaccine following confirmation of cases of measles within the city.

Public Health England (PHE) West Midlands is working with Birmingham City Council and local NHS partners to make sure that anyone in the city who needs an MMR vaccination is aware. Most of the recent cases had not received the required two doses of MMR vaccine. If children and young adults have missed these vaccinations in the past, it's important to take up the vaccine now from GPs, particularly in light of the recent cases in Birmingham. Parents should check their child's Red Book to see if they've received MMR vaccinations as scheduled, or check with their GP surgery if they are unsure.

Measles symptoms to be aware of include:

- high fever
- sore, red, watery eyes
- coughing
- aching and feeling generally unwell
- a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.



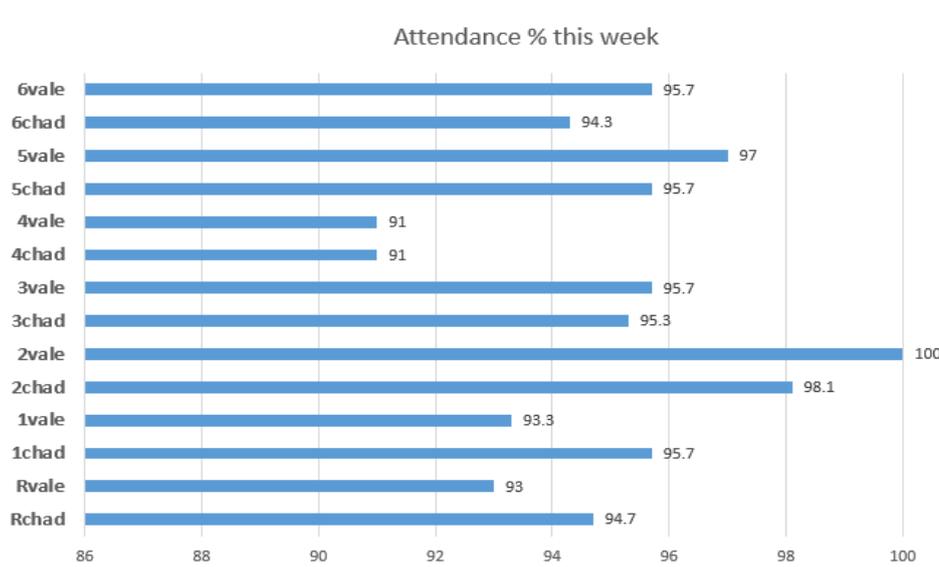
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Diary Dates– please also check the online diary on our website		
Mon 11th December 2017	All day	Y1 Trip to Wonderland Telford
Mon 11th December 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Chad)
Tues 12th December 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Vale)
Tues 15th December 2017	All day	Reception trip to Thomasland
Mon 18th December 2017	9-11.30	Reception Vale to St Augustine Church
Tues 19th December 2017	9-11.30	Reception Chad to St Augustine Church
Wed 20th December 2017	Dinner	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 22nd December 2017	All day	School Breaks up for Christmas
Mon 8th January 2018	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day
Tues 9th January 2018	All day	Back to school for children
Wed 10th January 2018	All day	School nurses in for Reception Height/Weight/Hearing tests
Thurs 11th January 2018	All day	School nurses in for Reception Height/Weight/Hearing tests

Snow Closure Information!

Please note that any Chad Vale school closure will be communicated to you via Schoolcomms (our text messaging service) and will mention 'Chad Vale'. We will also post information on our Twitter and Facebook pages and our website straight afterwards. Please do not believe any information from parent Whatsapp groups, as some parents received messages from older siblings' schools and assumed they meant Chad Vale. We remained open today, which was the right decision, we hope you'll agree!

Please remember your £2 School Fund donation on Monday mornings. Please pay direct to the office or speak to them about the other options (e.g. paying monthly or annually). We have committed £1600 so far to Education City subscriptions and would also like to use School Fund to further develop the new library.



**100% Attendance:
2Vale :-)**

**Improvement Required:
Reception + Y4**

Don't forget pick up time for everyone is now back to 3.30pm



Arts News



Art Week is nearly here!



As members of the Creative Arts Council, we have decided on a marvellous theme for January's Art Week: 'Weird and Wonderful'!

We were inspired by the incredible science/nature programme 'Blue Planet' (BBC1 at 8pm on Sundays, also available on iplayer). So, if you have a chance, why not take a peek?

Art Club

Did you know there are currently two after-school art clubs for years 1 to 4 being run by one of our very own mums (Emil's mum in 2V), who is also a professional artist? Take a look at some of the children's creations ...



By Tina Momtahan and Felix Cawsey, Creative Arts Council

Are you a parent of primary school aged children?

Do you live in the Harborne or Edgbaston area?

Firecracker Films is making a new observational documentary series for Channel 4 about 'playdates'.

The series will follow three kids and their parents, all from the area, as they open their doors to their unknown neighbours' children and invite them over for a playdate for the first time.

If you are interested in taking part please contact **020 7478 7494** or email playdates@firecrackerfilms.com

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, as amended, you agree and give your consent to the holding and processing of personal data relating to you in any form, whether obtained or held in writing, electronically or otherwise) by Firecracker Films in connection with the programme.

PPTA Christmas Hamper Appeal

The PPTA are collecting items for our very popular Christmas Hampers. These hampers will be raffled before we break up for Christmas and you could win one, full of exciting treats! Please help to make your year group hamper the BEST one to win, by donating an item using the colour theme below:

Reception: RED

Year 1: GREEN

Year 2: BLUE

Year 3: YELLOW

Year 4: SILVER

Year 5: PURPLE

Year 6: BLACK AND WHITE



Healthy and Active Sports and Games News

Level 2 Games. Inter School Sport Basketball Competition

Our Y6 basketball team started a busy week for our school teams as they travelled over to Kings Heath Boys School last Tuesday evening to take part in the first round of the South Birmingham Schools Basketball Competition. Hoping to emulate the success of last year's side, who reached the finals, the team got off to a tough start as their first two fixtures were against the two strongest teams in the competition. In their first match they took on defending Champions, Hollywood 'A' team. Hollywood raced out to a quick start & fully deserved their 9-0 half time lead. Chad Vale fought back in the second half with baskets from Yusuf & Avneet, but it wasn't enough to prevent Hollywood from claiming a 15-4 victory.

In their second game the team played a skill full Yardley Wood Primary School team. A competitive first half ended 4-4, but four unanswered baskets in the second half saw Yardley Wood earn a 12-4 victory. Despite the defeats the players enjoyed competing & look forward to returning to Kings Heath on 12th December for the second round of fixtures.

Y4 Football

Last Friday our Y4 football team travelled to Villa Park to compete in the 'Sport Superstars' football competition being hosted by Aston Villa FC. The team impressed the Chad Vale teachers & Aston Villa coaches with their skill & determination. With team captain, & top scorer, Vely leading by example, Siavash adding some important goals & Elijah making some fine saves the team reached the final. A closely contested final against Penns Primary School ended 0-0 & penalties were required to separate the teams. Unfortunately, Chad Vale were unable to convert enough of their spot kicks to secure the victory & a 3rd Chad Vale miss in the shoot-out was enough to give Penns the win. The team were very disappointed to have come so close, but were reminded by Mr Fenech how well they had played & that they had done the school proud throughout the competition.

Level 1 Games: Inter Form Sport Benchball Competition

6V were victorious in the only Inter Form sport match played this week, defeating 6C 3-0 in the Handball match played on Wednesday afternoon. Despite dominating possession for much of the game, 6C were unable to convert the chances they created, with 6V proving to be far more clinical in front of goal. The win gives Vale another 3 points in the overall standing & sees their lead grow to 21 points. **Vale now lead Chad in the overall standing 31-10.**

Congratulations!

We would like to say a very well done to Hayden Hagley (2C) who completed the Use Your Sense 5km Fun Run last weekend. I think you will agree that completing a 5km run is an impressive feat for any Chad Vale pupil, especially a Y2 pupil! Collecting money for Guide Dogs For The Blind, Hayden was able to raise more than £300 with his efforts!

Remember if your child has achieved something special in a sport they do outside of school, we would love to hear about it & share the news of their success in our weekly newsletter.

Please contact Mr Bowen (r.bowen@chadvale.bham.sch.uk) with a brief write up & a picture.



Y6 Football

Having won their Autumn League Chad Vale were invited to represent the Harborne District at the West Midlands Schools Football Competition last Saturday. The competition was split into two leagues, with the top two teams in each league qualifying for the semi-finals. Our first game, against Aston District Champions; Sacred Heart, proved to be an eye-opener for our team. A strong, skilful Sacred Heart team dominated the match, with only a sting of last ditch blocks by our defenders & impressive saves by Tom King preventing our opponents from scoring. It looked as if the team had hung on for a draw, but a late goal gave Sacred Heart the victory they deserved.

The team responded well to their first defeat of the season & an excellent solo goal by top scorer Rico Shergill was enough to earn a 1-0 against Wolverhampton District Champions; Fallings Park School. Filled with confidence from their first victory the team took the game to Clifford Bridge Academy (Coventry District Champions) in their third match. Some excellent defensive work from Inan Islam saw Chad Vale win the ball deep into the Clifford half. A perfect cross from Inan was met at the near post by Rico & swept into the Clifford goal to put the team 1-0 up. Despite squandering several other goal scoring opportunities the team held on comfortably to register their second victory of the tournament.

Going into the final match, against St Peter & St Paul School (Erdington & Saltley District Champions), Chad Vale knew that a third victory would earn them second place in the group & a place in the semi-finals. A draw could potentially have been enough, depending on how other results panned out, so the team decided to try & keep their destiny in their own hands & push for the win. Some intricate passing created a chance for Cairo Hazell, but a diving tackle was enough to prevent Cairo getting his shot on target. The match was closely fought with both midfield cancelling each other out, but with 3 minutes remaining St Peter & St Paul took the lead with a well worked goal. Chad Vale battled on & team captain, Lucas Parkes, forced a good save in the final minute. Unfortunately, we were unable to find the equaliser & with St Peter & St Paul winning their final game were consigned to third place in our league.

Competing at a higher level than they have experienced so far this season, the team did the school (& the district proud) with their only defeats coming against the two teams that reached the final of the competition. We would like to offer our congratulations to the eventual winners, St Peter & St Paul School, who will go on to represent the West Midlands at the Midlands Schools Football Championships.

Finally we would like to say a big thank to all the players, parents & teachers who gave up their Saturday morning to ensure that a Chad Vale team could compete in the tournament.

