

Because when I read, the world's just better.

Friday 19th January



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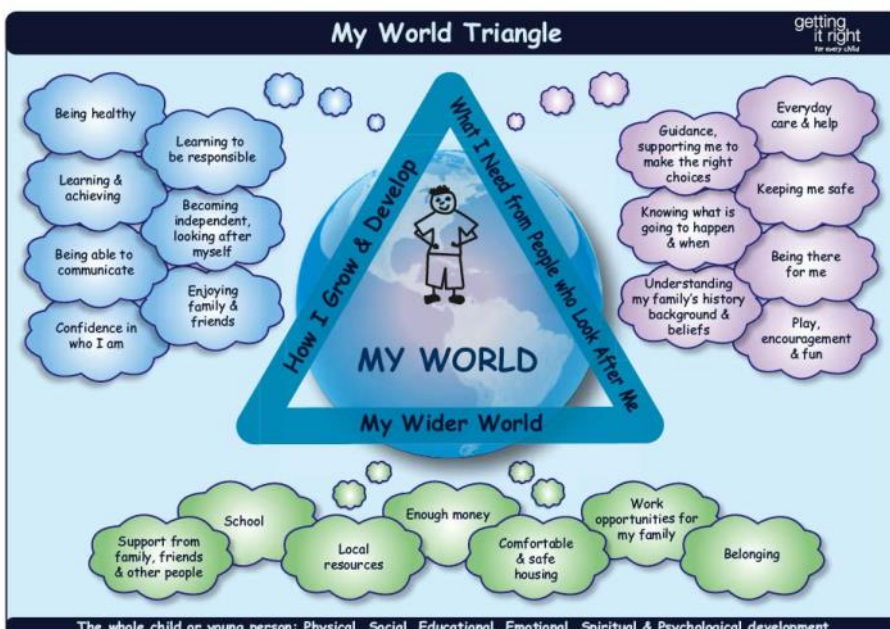
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The library is OPEN!

It's been an exciting week at Chad Vale as we officially opened our brand new library. We'd like to thank all the children and parents who have participated in the range of events linked with the new library, particularly those who dressed up as their favourite book character on Wednesday and the parents who came in for our family reading session yesterday. There are some photos on the website. Please ask your child to share their new library book with you; our aim is that every child will have a library book by the end of January and then will have a weekly library session to change or read it. Please also take every opportunity to read with (and to) your child; there's lots of evidence to support the benefits of reading with your child and it is such an enjoyable thing to do!

The staff this week have received their annual safeguarding training, so there's been lots of talk about the things we do in school to help keep the children safe and protected from harm and how we promote their welfare on a day-to-day basis. We have a range of policies and procedures in school to support this (all available on the website) and staff are always on high alert for any children who may be feeling sad, anxious or worried about something. We are very fortunate to know our children very well, and we can normally spot when something isn't right and do something about it. It's worth asking your child who their 'trusted adults' are in school, as we've talked a lot about this over the last couple of years and it's a system that is well used. Each child should have at least 3 adults they would trust to go and speak to, if they need to.

As a school, we are able to access a wide range of additional support for children and parents who need it. Known as 'Early Help' we aim to find out what any problems are and find good solutions to solve this. If you think you might benefit from a conversation about how we can support your child or family, please do come and talk to us. The diagram below is a good illustration of everything we are interested in about your child!



Worried? Sad?

Need to talk?



Tell your trusted adult...

Diary Dates 2018: please also check the online diary on our website

Tues 23rd January	9-11am	4Chad visit to Gurdwara
Mon 29th January	All day	Y2 trip to Selly Manor
Tues 30th January	All day	Year 6 trip to Aston Hall
Thur 1st February	All day	4Vale Pizza Express Trip
Mon 5th February	All week	Internet Safety Week
Mon 12th February	All week	Y6 Residential to Condover Hall
Mon 12th February	2.30pm	Violin Club Performance in assembly!
Wed 14th February	All week	4Vale visit to Gurdwara
Fri 16th February	3.30pm	Break up for half term holiday
Half term Holiday 19-23rd February		
Monday 26th February	8.45am	Back to School
Thursday 1st March	All day	World Book Day
Mon 5th March	4-6.45pm	Parents Evenings
Weds 7th March	5-7.45pm	Parents Evenings
Mon 12th March	All week	Assessment Week and Shakespeare Week
Mon 19th March	All week	Science Week
Mon 19th March	9-11.30	5Chad visit to Birmingham Central Mosque
Tues 20th March	9-11.30	5Vale visit to Birmingham Central Mosque
Thurs 22nd March	All day	Polar Explorer Day

Try to be on time for school please!

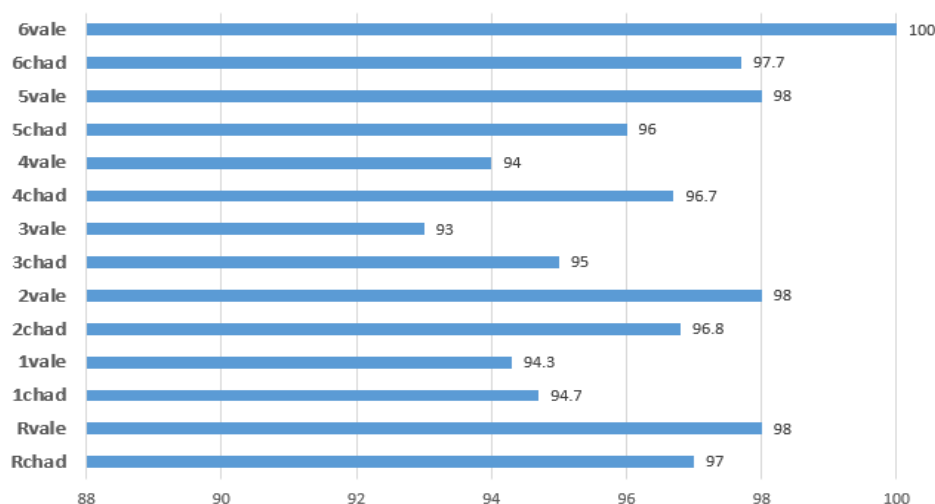
We've noticed children arriving quite late for school recently which is disruptive to lessons and learning for those who are here on time. Could you please try to make sure that you set off in good time so that you can arrive on time:

Line-up Time is 8.40am (parents need to stay and supervise until the teachers come out to collect)

Teachers collect at 8.45am (parents can leave once the teachers have arrived)



Attendance % this week



**100% Attendance
6Vale Well done!**

**Improvement Required:
3Vale, 4Vale, 1Vale**

**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**

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