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'Eggs'citing News

Thank-you to all the teachers, parent helpers and children who took part in a very exciting week of learning outside the classroom. This week children have visited Stratford, Cadbury World, the Birmingham Back-to-Backs and The Big Bang Science Fair, as well as visiting our very own eggs, that have rapidly hatched into chicks outside the Y2 classroom. School trips are one of the most memorable aspects of education and this week we've made memories that will last a lifetime. Here's a small selection of pictures, sourced from our Twitter feed; visit @chadvaleprimary to see more!



Attendance and Lates this week

This week's	RC	RV	1C	1V	2C	2V	3C	3V	4C	4V	5C	5V	6C
Attendance (%)	93.7	97.7	82.0	95.7	96.7	95.7	88.3	95.0	95.0	95.2	97.3	96.0	94.8
Lates (number)	1	2	2	2	0	3	1	6	1	1	1	2	10



At the end of each half term we monitor our children's attendance. Letters will be sent out to the parents of any children that have less than 93% attendance to ensure that you are aware of how much time your child has missed from school. We will then follow the following 4 stage procedure:

STAGE 1: Attendance is below 93% - Parents will receive letter 1 explaining this and offering support. Their child's attendance will continue to be monitored over the next term.

STAGE 2: If a child's attendance has not improved at this point a second letter will be sent to parents stating that illness absences will no longer be authorised without medical proof and attendance monitoring will continue.

STAGE 3: At the next half term if a child's attendance has not improved there will be a third letter inviting parents to meet with Miss Crombie to complete an Attendance Action Plan in order to identify ways in which we may work together to improve a child's attendance in school.

STAGE 4: If the Attendance Action Plan is unsuccessful in increasing a child's attendance in school we may need to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service who will consider taking legal action, including prosecution and financial fines.

Please remember under the terms of the 1996 Education Act, it is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure regular school attendance of their child. The government specifies that children who attend school less than 90% of the time are classed as 'persistent absentees' and this level of absence can have negative consequences for your child both academically and socially.

If you currently pay for our healthy school meals, the cost for next term is £66 per child. Please make any cheques payable to 'Chad Vale Primary School' writing your child's name and 'school meals' on the back. You may also pay online via the School Gateway. For more details see Miss Green in the office.

If your child decides to change their school meal pattern please let the office know so they can adjust accordingly to prevent any unnecessary dinner bills.

Pizza Day will be on Thursday next week—Thursday 24th March 2016



Dates for your Diary

Event

Monday 21st March 2016—Thursday 24th March 2016	Y1 Business Challenge
Monday 21st March 2016—3.00pm	Spring Festival
Monday 21st March 2016—5.30pm	Finance Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 23rd March 2016—3.00pm-5.00pm	KS1 Easter Disco
Wednesday 23rd March 2016	No Tabla Class
Thursday 24th March 2016	Silly Sock Day— <i>Please donate £1 for Autism West Midlands</i>
Thursday 24th March 2016	School breaks up for Easter Holidays
Monday 11th April 2016	Back to School for Children

Healthy & Active @ Chad Vale

Inter Form Sport - Level 1 Games

Play Leaders

This year a number of our Year 5 pupils have been volunteering at lunchtimes to lead play activities and games with our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils. They have proved very popular with our younger pupils, who have been introduced to games like Skittles and Hot Potato by the Play Leaders. Last Monday we took 8 Year 5s to Shenley Academy, where they took part in a Play Leaders Course. On the course they were taught how to lead a variety of playtime games. The 8 play leaders have brought these new activities back to Chad Vale and we have seen our youngest pupils playing a games like Monkey Football and Time Bomb in their lunch times over the past 2 weeks. Keep up the good work Play leaders!

Hockey

Since our last report three more Inter Form Hockey Fixtures have been played. Two weeks ago the game between 6 Chad and 6 Vale ended in a 1-1 draw. The bad weather last Wednesday forced the Year 2 game to be played indoors, but couldn't dampen the players' spirits! A closely contested game between 2 Chad and 2 Vale saw the lead change hands on several occasions. Vale opened up an early lead but were pegged back by Chad who led 9-8 going into the final minutes of the game. However, 2 Vale refused to be beaten & scored 2 late goals to secure a thrilling 10-9 victory! The Year 5 fixture was played last Thursday and another exciting, see-saw contest finished in a 2-2 draw. A win and two draws enabled Vale to add five more points to their overall total and open up an eight point lead over their Chad rivals.

Vale now lead the overall standings 42-34.

Local Sports Clubs

If your son or daughter takes part in an extra-curricular sport (be it Karate or Cheerleading, Rugby, Gymnastics, or anything else they enjoy that keeps them healthy and active) could you please contact Mr Bowen (r.bowen@chadvale.bham.sch.uk) and let him know where and when your children do these activities. Parents regularly ask staff if we can point them in the right direction of a good club or team for their kids, so we are trying to create a data base of club/team contact details that we can attach to the PE section on the school website. Parents who are keen for their kids to become involved in more extra-curricular sport can then see what is available locally.

Golf



If your child has taken part in one of our after school golf clubs this term, plays outside of school or would like to starting learning how to play we would like to offer them the chance to play some golf this Easter. Both Edgbaston Golf Club and Warley Woods Golf Course are running golf camps over the holidays. Please see the flyers attached for more details.





Happy Norooz

Happy Persian New Year to all!

A big thanks to the Parents that made our fabulous display in Reception.

Spring Festival



to celebrate:

Easter, Wesak, Baisaki & Holi.



Chad Vale Primary is delighted to present to you the Spring Singing Spectacular.

All welcome – please bring with you your best singing voices.

Venue- MUGA

Date – Monday 21st March - Time – 14:30-15:30



Easter Hat competition

Design an unusual Easter Hat.

To be displayed/worn on: **Monday 21st March 2016**

At: The Spring Festival—**2.30pm-3.30pm**

There will be prizes for the best hat.

Winners will be announced at the Spring Festival.



EASTER 'FUN' GOLF CAMPS

Wednesday 6th & Friday 8th April
At Warley Woods Golf Course, B67 5ED

AGES 5 – 9 YRS: 10am – 12pm
AGES 10 – 14YRS: 12.15pm – 2.15pm
£10 PER DAY OR £15 FOR BOTH DAYS



Session delivered by PGA Professional, Greg Lynch.

Please contact Greg on 07812 579 929 or email greg@glgolfacademy.com to book your child's place today!

Payment is required on booking.



EASTER HALF-TERM CHADVALE JUNIOR GOLF DAY

Are you a Chadvale junior, aged 6-11?
Then come and join our fun-filled
junior golf days this half-term!

- 4 hours coaching per day
- Games-based learning
- On-course competitions
- Indoor multi-sport activities

Wednesday 30th March
(7 places remaining)
Wednesday 6th April
(7 places remaining)
10:00-3:00pm

£40.00
(per child/day)
Lunch, Equipment &
Prizes Included

To REGISTER your child
please contact PGA Professional, Thomas Hefford
T: 07500 500 533
E: tom@davidfulchergolf.co.uk
Edgbaston Golf Club, Church Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham
B15 3TB



Inspiring Juniors to take up golf and play more often
2016
Edgbaston Junior Golf

Resource Plea

Reception are trying to develop the variety of continuous provision resources on offer to the children and would like to provide them with a wide range of interesting items to explore. If you have any of the items listed below and would be willing to donate them to Reception, could you please hand them in at the main office or to Miss Geobey in Reception Chad.

- Glass pebbles
- Wooden curtain rings
- Shells
- Rocks
- Corks
- Marbles
- Mirrors
- Picture frames
- Artificial/real plants
- Beads
- Buttons
- Cotton reels
- Fabric, sheets, material
- Any wooden/natural materials or artefacts
- Wicker baskets
- Tubs, boxes, containers



Thank you for your continued support.

The Foundation Team

Annual Chad Vale PPTA Quiz 2016

On the evening of Friday 11 March the atmosphere in the school hall bristled with anticipation as twelve teams of teachers, parents, school governors and friends convened for the third annual Chad Vale PPTA quiz once again expertly hosted by Quizmaster (and Chair of Governors) Matt Cawsey and his able assistant (and PPTA Chair) Emma Cawsey. The theme this year was 'Around the World' and contestants pitted their wits against each other in eight gruelling rounds on topics ranging from music, food tasting and general knowledge. Few were surprised when the prize for the best junk modelled famous building was awarded to Reception teacher Miss Dowd and her team for their Statue of Liberty, or when Mr Bowen's team were faultless in the sport round. Prizes abounded with every team collecting at least one raffle prize, and school governor Jane Lewis' table were rewarded with a jar of 1199 sweets for guessing almost correctly how many sweets it contained. In the end it was a close fought battle but parents will be reassured to know that their children's teachers emerged victorious with Mr Sansom's team (including Miss Crombie, Miss Latham, Mr Bowen, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Hanson) scooping the first prize of £50 in Plough vouchers. A huge thank you goes to Emma and Matt Cawsey who organised the event supported by other PPTA members, Miss Green for selling tickets, and all those who bought tickets and helped raise £344 for the PPTA which will be used to purchase equipment to enhance extracurricular activities at the school.



Job Vacancies at Chad Vale

We will shortly be requiring 2 General Assistants in the school kitchens, 1 for 16 hours per week in total and the other for 13 and 1/4 hours per week in total. The job will entail preparing, cooking and serving food along with general cleaning after service.

More information is available from the school office and the closing date for applications is **Monday 11th April 2016** To informally discuss the role and its requirements, please make an appointment to see our Catering Manager, Collette Shiner.



SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

CACHE (QCF) LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE
CACHE (QCF) LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

1 YEAR PART-TIME PER LEVEL



OVERVIEW

Do you want to work with children aged 5-18?

Do you want to support their learning?

Do you want to work in a school?

Are you thinking about a teaching career?

Then this is the route for you. The Level 2 Certificate will enable you to develop the knowledge and skills needed to support teaching and learning in a school environment. It is suitable for teaching assistants, learning support assistants and special needs assistants or those in a similar role at Level 2.

The Level 3 Certificate will provide you with an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed when working directly with children or young people in the school environment. It is suitable for teaching assistants, learning support assistants or those in a similar role at Level 3. It is also suitable as initial training for those newly appointed to a Level 3 post.

COURSE CONTENT

You will be required to demonstrate your knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Child and Young Person Development
- Behaviour Management
- Communication
- Professional Relationships
- Improving Practice
- Supporting Learning Activities
- Schools as Organisations
- Equality and Diversity



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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND FURTHER STUDY

The Level 3 Certificate will enable you to apply for a teaching assistant role or enable you to develop in your current role. If you successfully complete the Level 3 Certificate, you can progress on to a relevant foundation degree or degree.

Level 3:

- A relevant Level 2 qualification
- Initial literacy and numeracy assessment with a minimum score of Level 1
- You must be volunteering or working in a school for a minimum of two days per week
- A letter of support from the school

COURSE DELIVERY AND DURATION

Each level is studied part-time over one academic year. This will include two whole school days in a classroom placement (which you need to arrange with the school of your choice), and a three hour training session per week, at one of 10 centres across the city.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

A range of assessment methods are used across the course including observation within the workplace, portfolio building and discussion. There are opportunities to have formal and informal feedback as you progress through the course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must be over 19 years of age.

Level 2:

- Initial literacy and numeracy assessment with a minimum score of Entry Level 3
- You must be volunteering or working in a school for a minimum of two days per week
- A letter of support from the school

COST OF THE COURSE

You are advised to contact UCB's Finance Department to find out what your individual circumstances are before you apply. **Tel: 0121 232 4180**

This course requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, for which there will be a charge. Information about the DBS check and how to apply for it will be sent to you.

You may be eligible for an Advanced Learning Loan to cover your fees. To apply for a loan please go to www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans.

HOW TO APPLY

Please visit our website at www.ucb.ac.uk and select the 'Apply' button on the course page. Complete the application form and submit. You will be required to bring to your interview a copy of any relevant qualifications and a letter from the school confirming that you have been offered a work placement to support your course.

All course details are on our website or you can call the Marketing team on **0121 232 4300** or email j.smith4@ucb.ac.uk for further details.

Reception & KS1 EASTER DISCO
WEDNESDAY 23RD OF MARCH 3-5PM

Popcorn
Bring fancy dress
Bag of sweets and a drink
Easter egg hunt every child wins a prize
Games, lucky dip, crafts
Easter hat parade
Make your own at home
1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

Tickets **£5**
Everything included!
100 tickets available

Buy your tickets at the office.
Older siblings should be collected at the usual time after school.
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CHAD VALE PPTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SILLY SOCK DAY
autism west midlands

We will be celebrating Silly Sock Day on...
Thursday 24th March

Wear your craziest, silliest, snazziest socks for the day and make a donation to Autism West Midlands to celebrate World Autism Awareness Month this April.

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