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School success and future plans

This week we have been reviewing the plans that we made last year for improvement and are pleased to let you know that we met the targets set by the governors and our 'School Improvement Partner' (a serving Ofsted inspector). They were very pleased with our academic outcomes last year, with all of the key measures being above the national average with particular strengths in our Y1/2 Phonics check, Y6 spelling and grammar and overall progress from Y2-6. They also commented on the caring and positive atmosphere and ethos in the school, which was reinforced by a group of Y3 children bursting into the office half-way through the meeting to excitedly collect their 20 golden signature prize!

During the meeting yesterday, we set out our new School Development Plan targets which help to focus our attention on the next steps for the school. The full plan will be available in the coming weeks on our website but the 3 main priorities for the coming year will be:

1. To recognise and respond to pupils who are capable of greater depth in writing.
2. To develop further consistency of provision and support for SEND pupils
3. To develop the leadership of a more connected curriculum.

We look forward to working on these plans over the coming year and will give you updates on our progress.

We hope that you have managed to download and get Marvellous Me working on your phones. The teachers have begun to use it by sending out messages to the class (or specific children) with interesting or important information that will help them with their learning. If you are struggling, or need a username, please do get in touch with us.

School Fund Account Details

Weekly (£2 cash per child, in an envelope sent to the office)

Monthly (£8 per child, cash or cheque, made payable to 'Chad Vale School Fund')

Termly (£26 per child, cash or cheque, made payable to 'Chad Vale School Fund')

Annually (£78 per child, cash or cheque, made payable to 'Chad Vale School Fund')

Account name: **Chad Vale School Fund**, sort code: 30-19-14 account number: 02538729

For larger donations (of £100+) you may wish for us to reclaim gift aid. To make the accounting of this possible, we have set up a special account, details below:

Account name: **Chad Vale PPTA Gift Aid**, sort code: 20-08-64, account number: 70807079

MARVELLOUS ME PARENTS

MarvellousMe is a fun and motivational tool that supercharges family conversations about school and helps your child do better.



Why you should use MarvellousMe

- ★ MarvellousMe helps you to talk more easily with your child about school and practise topics together.
- ★ MarvellousMe helps you to celebrate your child's good work and reinforce the positive behaviours and values that teachers are encouraging and praising in class.
- ★ Your child will be happier, more confident and motivated, and do better when they know that you are connected with their teacher and receiving positive updates.

'At the age of 7, parental influence on learning is 6 times that of the school.'

Professor Charles Desforges,
The Impact of Parental Involvement, Parental Support and Family Education on Pupil Achievements and Adjustment.'

'Parent engagement is one of the most effective ways of improving test scores, boosting character development and confidence, and helping children become more powerful learners. The more parents and children have good conversations about their school day, the better pupils achieve.'

Bill Lucas, Professor of Learning at the University of Winchester and co-author of 'Educating Ruby.'



Getting Started

Your child's teacher will give you a unique MarvellousMe parent join code. You need this to use the app. It's best to download the MarvellousMe parent app from the **Apple** or the **GooglePlay** store.

1 Download the MarvellousMe parent app.

2 Enter your 6-digit parent join code.

3 Tap 'Sign up'.

4 Enter your name, email and make up a password.

5 Tap 'Sign up'.

6 Log in.

If you don't have a smartphone or tablet, you can sign up and log in via www.marvellousme.com. Please use Chrome as your Internet browser.

The app is very easy to use. Just tap on the icons to find your way around. There's a walk-through video and Help Centre at www.marvellousme.com, if you need any help.

Tips for parents



'Activities' tell you what your child is learning, 'Badges' tell you why the teacher has praised your child and 'Messages' keep you up to date. Think of them as conversation starters to everyday questions like: 'What did you learn at school today?' 'Were you good?' 'Have you got any messages?'



Use your new insight wisely and prompt conversations with your child at different times, such as when travelling, over dinner or at quiet times together. It's natural for children to want to unwind and play after school.



Show the MarvellousMe app to your child. It will help them to reflect on their learning and feel proud of the teacher's positive comments.

'Hi5' the teacher every time they send you an update, so they know you are engaged.

Add another child to your app by tapping 'Add Child' and entering their join code.



Share you app with family and friends by giving them the same parent join code that you used, or inviting them in 'Settings'. They will then be able to enjoy the instant updates as well.

You did very well today!

Lets practise...

Diary Dates 2018-19: please also check the online diary on our website

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tuesday	2nd Oct	All day	School Photo Day (individuals and sibling groups) Full uniform please!
Monday	8th Oct	5.30-9pm	Governing Body Meetings (Curriculum and Community then Finance/Premises)
Wednesday	10th Oct	All day	6Chad Trip to Lapworth Museum
Thursday	11th Oct	All day	6Vale Trip to Lapworth Museum
Thursday	11th Oct	All day	Y2 to Botanical Gardens
Tuesday	16th Oct	1.45-3pm	Reception 2019 intake Open Afternoons/tours
Tuesday	16th Oct	5-7.30pm	Parents Evening (please pre-book your 10 min appointment on letter nearer time)
Wednesday	17th Oct	1.45-3pm	Reception 2019 intake Open Afternoons/tours
Thursday	18th Oct	1.45-3pm	Reception 2019 intake Open Afternoons/tours
Thursday	18th Oct	4-6.30pm	Parents Evening (please pre-book your 10 min appointment on letter nearer time)
Monday	22nd Oct	ALL WEEK	Drama and Music Week
Monday	22nd Oct	6-9pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday	24th Oct	All day	Flu Vaccines (nasal) from School Nurse Team for YR-Y5 children
Friday	26th Oct	All day	Reception Halloween Day (please dress to scare!)
Friday	26th Oct	3.30pm	BREAK UP HALF TERM
Monday	5th Nov	All day	SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher Training Day
Tuesday	6th Nov	8.45am	Back to school for children
Wednesday	7th Nov	All day	Reception Diwali Day (please dress to impress!)
Thursday	8th Nov	All day	Y4 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Thursday	22nd Nov	All day	Y3 trip to Lapworth Museum
Thursday	29th Nov	All day	Y6 trip to Aston Hall
Tuesday	4th Dec	2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity Performance (£1 per ticket going towards Reception Xmas Workshop)
Wednesday	5th Dec	2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity Performance (£1 per ticket going towards Reception Xmas Workshop)
Tuesday	11th Dec	3.45-4.45pm	Reception Christmas Parent Workshop
Wednesday	12th Dec	3.45-4.45pm	Reception Christmas Parent Workshop
Wednesday	19th Dec	TBC	Chad Vale's Winter Talent Show
Friday	21st Dec	3.30pm	BREAK UP CHRISTMAS
Mon	7th Jan	8.45am	Back to school for children



Attendance Update

Attendance at school is extremely important and we are proud that our overall attendance is above the national average. To help with this, we publish weekly attendance figures for each class. The target for attendance is 100%- please check each week to see how your child's class is doing.

Attendance % week beginning 24.09.18

