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Do you want to build a snowman? (You might get the chance this weekend!)

We've had a packed week of creative learning at Chad Vale this week with the Life Caravan arriving to teach the children about a range of health issues. Children learned about their bodies and exercise; medicines and drugs; feelings and bullying; their brains and food; positive choices and smoking; friendships and alcohol and risky behaviours and illegal drugs. These sessions were extremely well received by the children and teachers and there was a great turn-out at the parent sessions on Monday morning. Life Caravan teachers were highly complimentary of the children's behaviour and contributions to these sessions. Thank-you and well done everyone!

It's the season where all the media is predicting a 'snow-bomb of epic proportions to devastate the smooth running of all public services' so we'd like to issue a reminder about how we inform you about snow closures. We will only close the school where it is unsafe to continue keeping it open (and, very rarely, as a 'blanket closure', where ALL Birmingham schools are closed by the council). Should the need arise to close the school, a message will be posted on the front page of our school website, Twitter, Facebook and Schoolcomms emails/texts will be sent. To ensure you get these messages, please check the school office have your most up-to-date email address and mobile number (you can email updates to l.green@chadvale.bham.sch.uk with your new details, your child's name and class). All school closures will also be announced on Radio WM and Free Radio, so please listen out if it's snowing hard in the morning, or has done overnight. Please **DO** check the school website in the first instance as this will be the fastest source of information (www.chadvale.bham.sch.uk). Please **DO NOT** call the school if you have already checked the website as it prevents other calls being made or received. Thank-you!

Educate and Celebrate January Update 1

On Monday evening the Governing body's Curriculum and Community committee met. Most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the *Educate and Celebrate* programme. Prior to the meeting, governors read all the emails Mr. Sansom has received about the programme (both positive and negative). We discussed at length the program's content and its delivery, its legal basis and the impact that it will have in school.



After careful consideration the governors decided, unanimously, to support the programme in its entirety but have asked Mr. Sansom to make further enquiries about whether parents will have a 'right of withdrawal' from the whole or parts of the program under the Education Act (1996). Legally, parents have a right of withdrawal from Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) so we have asked for further clarification from Mr Sansom and his team as to whether *Educate and Celebrate* is SRE or whether it forms part of the school's wider legal duty to provide education about the Equality Act (2010) and under the Education Act (1996 Section 78) which details schools duties to teach Personal, Social, Moral and Health Education (PSMHE), from which there is no 'right of withdrawal'.

Mr Sansom has been having discussions with the local authority and Birmingham City Council's Legal Department and the governors will be able to issue further information soon.

Healthy & Active @ Chad Vale

Inter Form Sport - Level 1 Games

Volleyball

Last week Chad closed the gap on Vale in the overall standings with an impressive victory in the Year 6 basketball match. A closely contested game finished with Chad winning by 4 sets to 2.

In this week's fixture Sports Leaders from Y6 officiated the game between 5Chad and 5Vale. Vale raced out into an early lead taking the first 3 sets thanks to some very strong serving from Rhys Hemmings. Chad slowly came into the match taking the fourth and fifth sets, but Vale won the sixth set and looked set for victory. Chad won the seventh set and completed a fantastic comeback to win the eighth set and draw the match 4-4.



Handball

Having lost the volleyball fixture last week, Vale regained their 6 point lead in the overall standing with a victory in the dodgeball fixture. After practicing in their PE lessons both teams were very excited and raring to go. There could only be one winner though and 3 Chad secured a deserved victory, winning by 2 games to one.

This week's dodgeball fixture between 4 Chad and 4 Vale finished in an exciting 4-4 draw!

Inter Form Sport - Level 2 Games

Basketball

Last Thursday we took two Year 6 teams to Shenley Academy to compete in the Shenley Partnership Basketball competition. The tournament was split across 2 venues with our teams competing in separate leagues. Both the A and B team performed extremely well, impressing both Mr. Bowen and Miss. Crombie with the quality of their play and their excellent sportsmanship.



Both teams finished the tournament with identical winning records (played 5, won 3, lost 2), but with the top 2 teams from each league qualifying for the knock-out phases of the competition our teams fell frustratingly short, as the A and B teams both finished in 3rd place in their leagues.

Although disappointed, the players involved had a great time and are looking forward to playing more basketball and representing the school again in the South Birmingham Basketball League at Baverstock Academy on the 22nd January.

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs:

Our Sport Clubs began again this week and we are proud to say that we have once again have filled over 150 places.

Day	Club	Staff	Finish
Monday	Y3-4 Football	Mr Collins & Mr Fenech	8.2.16
	Y1-2 Golf	Tom Hefford	8.2.16
Tuesday	Y4-6 Girls Breakfast Club	AVFC & Kidz.comm	9.2.16
	Rec Multi Skills	Mr. Fenech	9.2.16
	Y4-6 Football	Mr. Bowen	9.2.16
Wednesday	Y1-2 Multi Skills	Mr Collins	10.2.16
Thursday	Y3-4 Arrows Archery	Premier Sport	24.3.16

If you would like any more information about our extra-curricular sports clubs please speak to Mr. Bowen or enquire at the school office.



A reminder that all Children should be supervised by parents/carers in the morning until 8.45am.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the staff and pupils of Chad Vale Primary School for taking part in Anti-Bullying Week and doing your part to stop bullying.

The PPTA will be running a pop-up shop for refreshments after school every Thursday and Friday of this half term.



Would you like to have amazing wildlife like hedgehogs, wild flowers attracting butterflies and lots of different birds visiting our field? If so, help us and Team 4 Nature create a wildlife garden and outdoor learning area.

Starting on 25th January, the children will do a short sponsored birdwatch on the field. The week before, they will bring home a sponsorship form. Please give whatever you can. On 10th February, Team 4 Nature will also do a 25 mile walk around Birmingham. The walk will start and finish at Chad Vale. All money raised from this will also go towards the wildlife garden. If you have any questions, please ask Mr Clark.

Congratulations to all the children who came to school in an active way, such as by scooter, walking or 'parking and striding', during December. Over 1200 journeys to school were active ones! **The winning class was 1 Vale with 285 active journeys**, who were presented with the Walk to School Trophy and get to keep it during this month. Let's keep up all this super activity and walking to school!



If you currently pay for our healthy school meals, the cost for this half term is **£58** 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.



Attendance and Lates this week



This week's	RC	RV	1C	1V	2C	2V	3C	3V	4C	4V	5C	5V	6C
Attendance (%)	98.7	97.0	99.0	96.7	97.7	97.0	98.7	93.4	88.3	96.1	98.0	97.3	95.8
Lates (number)	5	5	1	5	4	7	5	9	9	10	9	12	8

Dates for your Diary

Event

Tuesday 19th January 2016	Eco Committee going to Harborne Reserve
Wednesday 20th January 2016	KS1 HOTA Day
Friday 22nd January 2016	Y6 Basketball Tournament
Monday 25th January 2016	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 25th January 2016	Boys 4-A-Side Football Competition