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Friday 20th October

School Fund launches after half term

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who came to parents' evenings this week to talk to the teachers about your child's learning, progress and targets. It was a very high turnout, as usual, and we received lots of positive feedback from across the school. We have lots of happy children and parents. One notable conversation that I had with a parent was about how well we prepare our Chad Valers for their next step in education when they move to secondary school. He is a teacher at one local secondary who received four of our Chad Vale children in September as new Year 7's. He talked about how well prepared the Chad Vale children were; academically, socially, emotionally and how quickly they had settled into their new school. He also shared a wonderful example of one of our ex-children standing up to another child who had said something unkind to a peer. It was wonderful to hear that the 'Chad Vale Way' goes beyond our school gates and is being modelled and demonstrated by the next generation of young Birmingham citizens. It brought a tear to my eye to hear this and made me very proud!

School Fund

You will be receiving an official looking letter on our return from the half term holidays telling you all about our arrangements for school fund. As you'll be aware, schools across Birmingham (and beyond) continue to struggle with the lack of funding and increased costs that have now really started to have an impact. Despite some additional funding from the government recently, there is still a huge void in the delegated funding to schools, and whilst we maintain the pressure on government, we require an immediate solution to ensure that the children don't notice anything different.

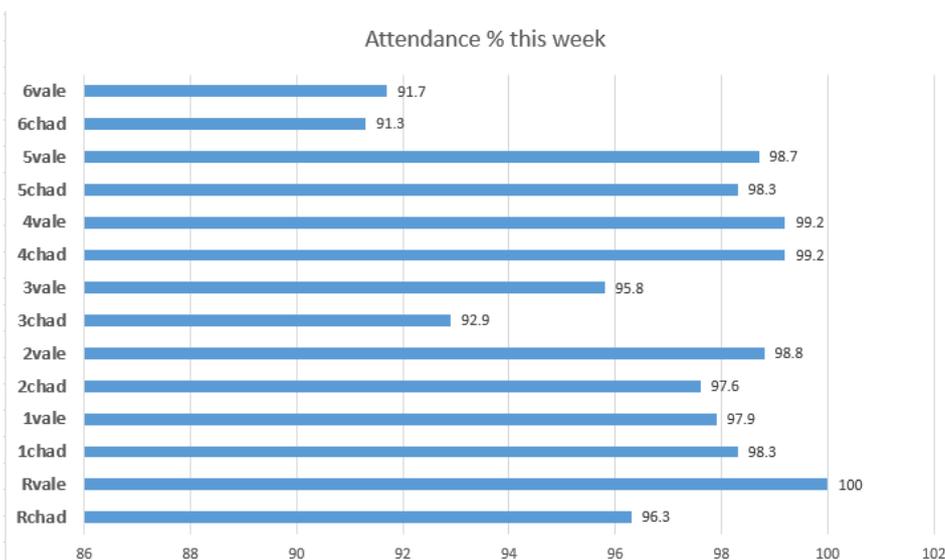
Our school fund launches after half term and parents may wish to make a small weekly donation towards helping fund some of the 'extras' that have been historically paid out of the main school budget. Following consultation, the suggested amount is £2 per pupil, per week. This is purely a guide and you may wish to give more, less, or nothing at all. We will not be tracking who has paid, nor chasing anyone who doesn't pay and we have set up a range of options for how to pay, which will be detailed in the letter. It is not a decision that was taken lightly as we strongly believe that schools should be fully funded by the government. If the funding crisis is solved in the future, we will of course tell you, and stop asking you for donations!

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and enjoy the exciting events of Halloween and bonfire night. Please stay safe and warm if you are watching fireworks and enjoy the quality time with your children and families. We are back in school on Monday 30th October!

Competition Time– Design our New Library!

We are hoping to create a wonderful library space over the next few weeks and need the children's help! Using a blank piece of A4 paper (available from your teachers) please draw and colour what you'd like to see. Think about a theme and what characters you might want on the walls. Closing date is 20th November. Please email to Ms Khan (n.khan@chadvale.bham.sch.uk) or hand them to her directly. See page 4 for pictures of the library at the moment; 3D or creative models of the space welcome!

Diary Dates– please also check the online diary on our website		
Mon 30th Oct	All day	Back to School for Children
Mon 30th Oct	All day	Y2 Trip to Cadbury World
Tues 31st Oct	8.30-10:30	School Nurse Drop-in sessions
Weds 1st Nov	morning	Flu Jabs for R-Y4 children and Y6 NHS Height and Weight checks
Thur 2nd Nov	All day	School Photographs (individual/siblings)
w/b Mon 6th Nov	TBC	Reception 2018 intake open afternoons
Tues 7th Nov	All day	Year 4 Egyptian Day
Tues/Wed/Thur 7/8/9th Nov	2-3pm	Reception 2018 intake Open Days
Wed 8th Nov	morning	KS1 Into Film Festival Trip
Thurs 9th Nov	morning	Y3 cinema Trip
Mon 13th Nov	All week	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 15th Nov	morning	Y5 cinema trip
Fri 17th Nov	All day	Children in Need: wear spots and bring a £1!
Tues 21st Nov	morning	Y2 trip to Pagoda
Thur 30th Nov	All day	Y4 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Fri 1st Dec	morning	Y3 trip to St John's Church
Mon 4th Dec	All week	Autumn Assessment Week Y1-6
Tue 5th Dec	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Chad)
Wed 6th Dec	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Vale)
Thurs 7th Dec	All day	Y3 trip to Lapworth Museum
Mon 11th Dec	All day	Y1 Trip to Wonderland Telford
Mon 11 Dec	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Chad)
Tue 12 Dec	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Vale)
Mon 18th Dec	9-11.30	Reception Vale to St Augustine Church
Tue 19th Dec	9-11.30	Reception Chad to St Augustine Church
Fri 22nd Dec	All day	School Breaks up for Christmas
Monday 8th January 2018	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th January 2018	All day	Back to school for children



Congratulations RVale 100% attendance this week!

Improvement Required:

Year 6 and Year 3

Coming soon: Library Grand Opening, start thinking about what book character you want to dress up as!

Our ref: AA/JT/Oct2017

October 2017

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2018

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by **4 December 2017**. The final closing date for the receipt of applications is **15 January 2018**. We would strongly recommend that you visit your preferred schools and ensure that you read The 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2018 Information' prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools hold open days and evenings where parents and children can visit and talk to teachers and current pupils. Both documents are available to view online at the above website

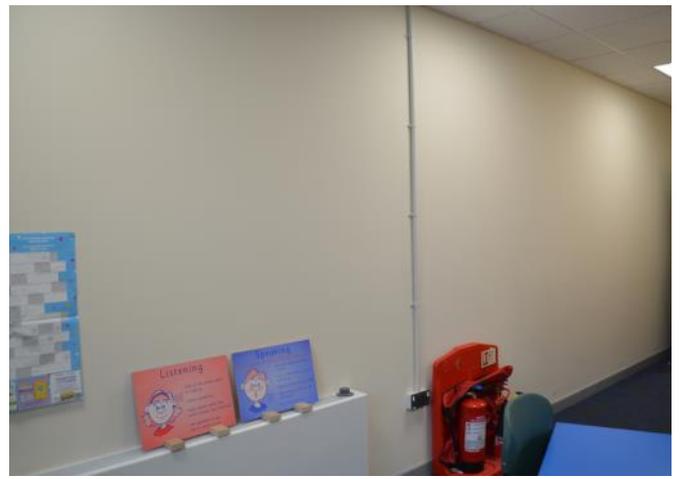
Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will receive an acknowledgment letter through the post. If you have not received an acknowledgement by (15 January 2018), then you should call the Children's Advice and Support Service to confirm that your application has been received.

All parents/carers will be sent an offer letter by first class post on 16 April 2018, to arrive 17 April 2018. Online applicants will be sent an offer by email on 16 April 2018, which you will receive ahead of your postal notification. Remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any computer with internet access – such as in a library, an internet café or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Mitchell
Interim Operational Manager
Schools Admissions



These photos may help you with the library design competition. We have lots of 'blank canvas' walls and need the children's ideas to make our library look amazing! Please see more details on page one of the newsletter.