

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

Friday 12th January

Happy New...Year of Reading!



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Happy new year! We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing couple of weeks off with your families and that you enjoyed the Christmas holiday. We returned for the new school year on Tuesday; the children (and teachers!) have quickly settled themselves back into their routines and there has been lots of amazing art happening in school for Art Week. Please do take the opportunity to have a look at our Twitter feed for pictures and try to come into school to have a look the displays in the corridors next week. We are very proud of our artwork at Chad Vale and many of our children excel at this.

We are now ready to officially launch the brand new Chad Vale Library. As you will be aware, it was included as part of our second new build, and was created to provide an quiet area for reading, learning and reflection and to re-invigorate our library lending system which over the last few years has been in decline. Over the next couple of week our aim is to ensure that every child has a library book from school and they are given weekly opportunities to browse the library and change their book for a new one.

We have been very well supported by parents in school who have helped to unpack, sort and organise the boxes of books that have been transferred over from the old library. We'd like to thank Alison (Kesi's mum), Ambareen (Saman's mum), Marie (Amy's mum), Jayne (Louis' grandma), Uzma (Zarmeen's mum), Sherona (Subayyal's mum) and Tereza (Emil's mum) for transforming the room into one that looks like a library. We'd also like to thank Steve Palmer (ex-parent) and Gay Carter from Harborne Library who have provided advice and guidance on library computer systems and for help with cataloguing our collection of books. The PPTA have also hugely supported the new library by providing £3000 from their fundraising for our new computer system 'The Reading Cloud' which will help with lending and evaluating how well the new library is being used.

For Library Launch Week (next week), we have planned some special activities:

Tuesday 16.1.18

Local Author Jane Evans will read to children and sell her signed books at home-time from the library.

Wednesday 17.1.2018

Please send your child dressed up as a book character or a theme from a book. Please also bring in the associated book! Prizes for the most imaginative designs.

Thursday 18.1.2018 3pm-3.30pm

Family Reading Session: parents and carers are welcome to come early to their child's class to read to groups of children (or listen to the children read.) Please speak to or email your class teacher to arrange direct!

During the week Usborne's Books will be selling books at home-time in the library. They have sponsored many of your competitions and this is a great opportunity for you to add to your home library!

*You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.*

- Dr. Seuss

URGENT! School Places for September 2018

The deadline for applying for a school place at Chad Vale (or any other Birmingham school) for Reception in 2018 is Monday 15th January 2018. You need to apply, even if you already have a child here. It is also useful for us to know in the office that you intend for a sibling to start with us in reception in September. To apply online, please visit:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> or call 0121 303 1888



Cereal Boxes Required!

Y2 need your empty cereal boxes to transform into some amazing artwork. If you can help, please bring them in and give them to Mrs. Wood.

School Dinner Costs for this half term

The cost for school dinners for this half term is £60.90 if you have a dinner every day. Please make this payment to the office or via Schoolcomms. If your child has dinners on a Friday only (Pizza Day), the cost is £12.60. The daily cost for dinners is currently £2.10. Please make any cheques payable to 'Chad Vale Primary School' and write your child's name and 'school dinners' on the back.

PPTA Meeting— all welcome!


The next PPTA meeting is on Monday 15th January at 8pm in the evening at one of our parents houses (a few doors up from school). If you wish to attend, please arrive at 91 Nursery Road (no children allowed, sorry!).

School Fund

School Fund donations remain at £2 a week. Please donate at the office on a Monday. If you wish to pay for the whole term, it's £26. Please make any cheques payable to 'Chad Vale Primary School' and write your child's name and 'school fund' on the back. You can also pay by direct debit/standing order using the sort code 30-19-14 and account number 02538729. We will be providing our first income/expenditure report for School Fund in the coming weeks and would like to thank everyone who has donated. We will soon be able to accept larger donations and apply for Gift Aid; more information coming soon!

**DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
BEST LEGO BUILDER?**

LEGO MASTERS



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

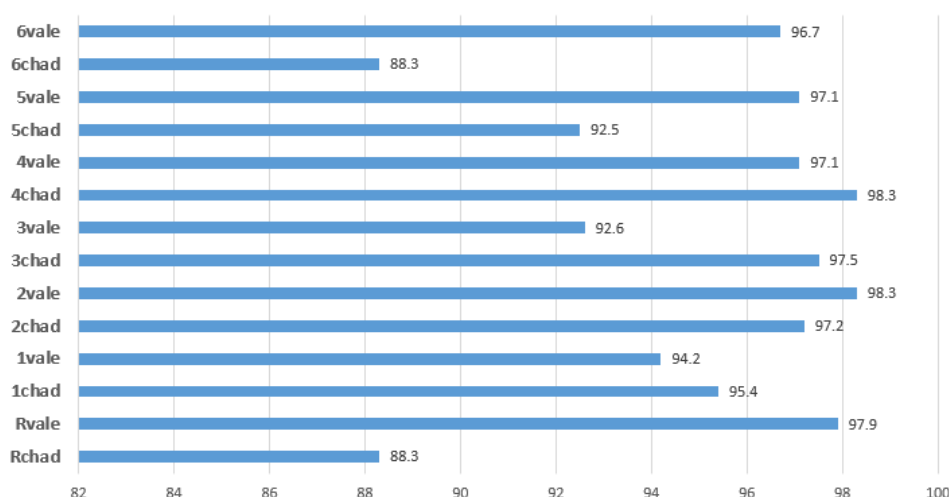
Diary Dates 2017-18: please also check the online diary on our website

Mon 8th January	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day (Talk for Writing)
Tues 9th January	All day	Back to school for children
Wed 10th January	All day	School nurses in for Reception Height/Weight/Hearing tests
Wed 10th January	All day	4Chad Pizza Express Trip
Fri 12th January	All day	School nurses in for Reception Height/Weight/Hearing tests
Monday 15th January	5.30pm	Governing Body Meetings
Monday 15th January	All week	Library Official Opening: Book sale after school each day
Monday 15th January	8pm	PPTA meeting at 91 Nursery Road (no kids please!)
Tuesday 16th January	3.30pm	Author Jane Evans selling signed books
Wed 17th January	All day	Dress as a Book Character Day!
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	4Chad Pizza Express Trip
Mon 5th February	All week	Internet Safety Week
Mon 12th February	All week	Y6 Residential to Condover Hall
Wed 14th February	All week	4Vale visit to Gurdwara
Fri 16th February	3.30pm	Break up for half term holiday
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

School Uniform Update for January

Please note that from January, jeans are no longer suitable school uniform. We are also in a position to begin offering ties, please enquire at the school office. Please note that school shoes should be black, smart and polishable (not trainers!).

Attendance % this week



**Improvement Required:
For everyone!!!**

Library Launch Week



TUESDAY

16 January 2018

Local author, Jane Evans, will read to children and sell her signed books at home time in the library.

WEDNESDAY

17 January 2018

Dress up as a character or book theme and bring the book in to school - prizes for the most imaginative designs.

THURSDAY

18 January 2018

Parents and carers are invited to come into class and read to groups or listen to children read.

DURING THE WEEK

There will be an Usborne Books sale in the library at home time.

