



Friday 1st February 2019

Snow Closure Info

As the temperature has dropped around the country this week and with many schools closing due to snow we'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of our arrangements for Chad Vale should this happen in Birmingham over the next few weeks. Firstly, we aim to remain open wherever this is possible, and recognise that snow provides lots of exciting opportunities for learning— where it is safe to do, we will always stay open. Last year (for the first time in a long while) Birmingham local authority made a decision on behalf of all schools to close on 2 separate occasions. This 'blanket closure' was designed to reduce traffic on the roads and to increase safety in and around the 500+ schools in Birmingham. Where the local authority issue a 'blanket closure' this will be communicated widely.

Where a blanket closure is not in place, schools are advised to check their own local conditions and the Head Teacher (and Chair of Governors) will make any decision to close. If we have made this decision, we will inform the local authority, BBC WM and Free Radio so that you can be informed as soon as possible. Where it is possible or practical, we will try to announce any school closures the evening before. Should the weather begin to deteriorate we recommend that you check the following sources of information:

1. **Updates on local media/radio. Tune in to BBC WM or Free Radio as these are the 'approved' radio stations to carry this information or check their websites**
2. **Updates on local Twitter feeds, particularly the 'Birmingham Updates' page**
3. **The homepage of the Chad Vale website (www.chadvale.bham.sch.uk)**
4. **The Chad Vale twitter feed (@chadvaleprimary)**
5. **A text message from our Schoolcomms system will also inform you of any closure**

We would urge you to please NOT call the school in case of a closure as its unlikely there will be anyone available to take your call. This is also a good opportunity to ensure that our school office have your correct mobile phone number— the emergency closure text message will be sent to all 'Priority 1' parents. If you have changed your number in the last 6 months and you haven't told us, please write it down with your name (and the name of one of your children) and hand this into the office. We will then update our records accordingly.

Thank-you for your support on this matter— roll on the summer!

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

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	4th Feb	All week	Y6 residential trip to Manor Adventure
Monday	4th Feb	All week	Book Fair Week
Tuesday	5th Feb	All day	Chinese New Year– dress to impress/smart clothes (optional)
Thursday	7th Feb	9-12	Y4 visit to Gurdwara
Wednesday	13th Feb	9-12	Y5/6 trip to Lordswood Girls to watch performance
Friday	15th Feb	3.30pm	BREAK UP HALF TERM
Monday	25th Feb	All day	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday	26th Feb	8.45am	Back to school
Monday	4th March	4-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday	6th March	4-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday	7th Mar	All day	World Book Day
Tuesday	12th Mar	am	Y5 to visit mosque
Tuesday	19th Mar	All day	Y6 trip to Galleries of Justice
Wednesday	20th Mar	All day	Y2 trip to Cadbury World (TBC)
Friday	12th April	3.30pm	BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday	29th April	All day	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday	30th April	8.45am	Back to school
Friday	24th May	3.30pm	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday	3rd June	8.45am	Back to school
Thurs	6th June	All day	Y5 to Sarehole Mill (TBC)
Monday	10th June	All week	Art Week
Thursday	13th June	All day	Class Photos Day
Friday	12th July	All day	Spanish Day
Friday	19th July	3.30pm	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
Monday	2nd Sep	All day	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday	3rd Sep	8.45am	Back to school



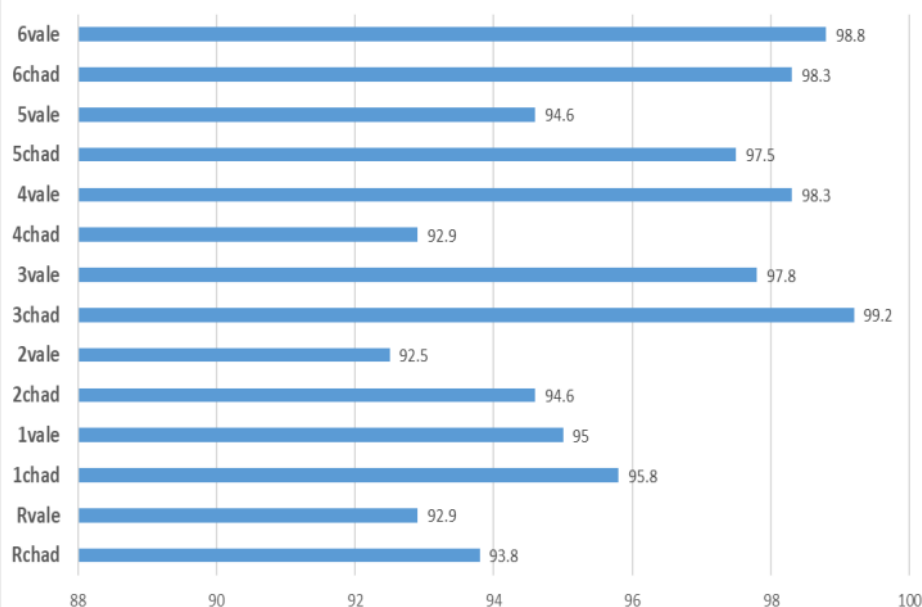
WELL DONE

3C 99.2%

**IMPROVEMENT
REQUIRED**

RV, RC, 2V, 4C

Attendance % this week



Whole School Attendance YEAR TO DATE 96.9%

Whole School Attendance THIS WEEK 95.6%



Healthy & Active @ Chad Vale

Level 2 Games Inter Form Sport Competition Basketball

Following their success last week, our Y6 basketball team returned to Kings Heath Boys' School on Tuesday evening to compete in the final round of the South Birmingham Schools Basketball Competition. Filled with confidence from their performances in the previous round the team started well & earned a hard fought 8-6 victory over St Martin's School. Felix Cawsey continued his excellent shooting & led the team to a tight 4-2 over Chilcote School in the second game. Nusaibah Nisar, Ibrahim Yousufazi added to the baskets scored by Felix & Ixmael Reyes in the third match of the night.



Despite a fantastic a performance we fell to a 14-12 defeat to a very strong Hollywood School. Our record of two wins from three games was identical to our fourth opponents, Kings Norton School. Both teams knew that victory would secure second place in the league & an end to end contest ensued. Kings Norton twice took the lead & twice Chad Vale battled back to level the scores. With only a minute remaining Kings Norton scored a decisive third basket, which gave them a two point lead that they held onto to secure victory. Despite the disappointment of losing the final match the team were proud of the bronze medal they won. They were also delighted to find out that their third place finish in the league secured them a place in the play-offs played between the top three teams in the South Birmingham League & the top three teams in the Kings Norton Partnership League. We look forward to letting you know how the team gets on in the play-offs!

Level 1 Games Inter Form Sport Competition Volleyball

On Wednesday afternoon 5C & 5V braved the cold weather to play out an entertaining draw in the Year 5 Volleyball fixture. 5C claimed victory in the first game 11-5 & looked set to take all three points until 5V battled back to level the match with a 13-11 win in the second game. With each side earning one point towards their total Chad maintain their sixteen point lead in the overall standings.

Chad now lead the overall standings 33-17.





PPTA NEWS

JANUARY 2019

Chad Vale PPTA is open to all parents and carers and we welcome any ideas and help for our fundraising activities. All our activities provide much needed funds for the school and help to enhance the experiences of both children and staff. Meetings are held once a term and are advertised via Marvellous Me and the school newsletter.

The PPTA committee for the 2018-19 year is:

Chair: Hannah Eno
 Vice Chair: Becky Swindells
 Secretary: vacant
 Treasurer: Emma King
 Publicity: Ali Robinson
 Sponsorship: Hannah Eno, Amy McLauchlan

If you have an active [WhatsApp](#) group in your class, we encourage communication between yourselves about homework and trips, parties and PPTA activities! Please note these groups should remain mindful of the School's values of respect and tolerance. Any constructive criticism or concerns about your child's education should always be directed to your children's teachers.

This year we have raised:

Lollipop sales	£165.50
Uniform sales	£68.95
Hallowe'en Disco	£434.87
Hallowe'en cake sale	£337.70
Santa's Grotto	£625.18
Christmas Hampers	£375.94
Sweet Sale	£123.94

With your generous help we have also raised the following for charities:

Macmillan	£177.35
Children in Need	£385.49



This year we are supporting:

New books in classes across school
 Living Eggs for Reception, Years 1 and 2
 Choir tuition for Years 3, 4 and
 Dance classes for Year 4
 Class library in Year 5
 A children's author to read to children
 Fabric for decorating the hall during celebrations
 Year 6 hoodies and final show
 Stage lighting improvements in main hall

We are currently considering a number of exciting proposals from the school and welcome input from parents and carers!

Forthcoming events Spring/Summer:

Valentine's cake sale (fundraising for Little Hearts Matter) – 15 February

KS1 Easter Disco and Bonnet competition - date tbc

Chad Vale Runners do the Birmingham 10K (parents and staff welcome) – 26 May

Children's quiz – date tbc

Parent/staff quiz night – date tbc

Summer fete – July date tbc



If you want to get running for the Birmingham 10k in May please join our group CV Runners on Facebook or register your interest with

chairppta@gmail.com We'll be training from school at least once a week and you'll get to know other parents/carers as well as raising money for the school!

Everything we achieve is thanks to our amazing PPTA team, and all the teachers and staff who help make it happen - and every one of you who have participated in or supported our events! THANK YOU!!



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Walk to School Active Journey League Table

W/b 28th Jan 19	1C	1V	2C	2V	3C	3V	4C	4V	5C	5V	6C	6V
Active Journeys to school for the week	135	79	4	102	17	27	53	24	108	89	24	0
Final total Active Journeys to school for January	335	192	50	255	135	71	77	71	449	162	136	0

Mr Clark says: "Congratulations to 5C. Lots of classes showed a marked improvement. Remember, next month, the class with the best improvement will win the extra Goldentime! Bring it on, 5C!"