

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

Friday 16th February



Happy Chinese  
New Year!



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It has been an exciting last week of this half term at Chad Vale with trips, workshops, visits and a very special guest hosting our annual Spelling Bee competitions for Years 1 to 4. Mr. Dubblebee, our host, has worked hard to test the children on some very tricky words this week. Remember to use all of the new words you have learned to spell in your writing. Well done and congratulations to all of the children who have learned new spellings and taken part!

#### Spelling Bee Winners:

**Year 1:** Zia Choudhury, Harini Arunagiri, Anya Loman-Eno

**Year 2:** Jayden Kler, Hansel Oppong-Adu, Hugo Helmers

**Year 3:** Minhnh Nguyen, Heidi Licina, Oliver Reynolds

**Year 4:** Lily Assir, Jasper Collins, Haadi Khan

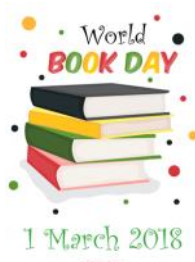
**Year 5 Spelling Bee will be held on 7th March. Year 6 date TBC!**



Year 1 parents were treated to a phonic workshop to help them support their children with their phonics learning— a big thank you to all that attended. It really does make a difference to your child's learning if they are reading and practising at home daily.

We wish you all a wonderful half term break and a very happy Chinese New Year. Welcome to the Year of the Dog. The children and staff have all worked exceptionally hard and are ready for their well deserved break. **We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 26th February** when we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with an assembly and PPTA Key Stage 2 disco (9th March)—see the poster on page 4!

## WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 1st MARCH



This year, rather than come to school dressed as a character for World Book Day, we would like to invite children to donate a book to school for our brand new school library. Children may also come in to school wearing their own clothes on this day. We will provide donation labels for children to stick inside the cover of any donated books. This will help us to keep our school library up to date with different books as we continue to raise the profile of reading in school. Thank you for your support.



## Condover Hall 2018

Some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils have spent this week on a residential trip to Condover Hall. During this week they have tried a range of outdoor activities, learned new skills, made new friends and also begun to develop important life skills in independence. Experiences such as these, are ones that are always remembered most vividly by the children as they move on from Chad Vale. So it really is a special experience for them. Here is a tiny selection of the HUNDREDS of photos that were taken during the week. There are many more in shared folders that can be found on our school Twitter feed —please do go and take a look!



## ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2018



### MONDAY

5 Do something supportive and friendly for your colleagues

12 Try to involve others and invite them to join your conversations

19 Look for the good side when other people frustrate you

26 Make positive comments to as many people as possible today



### TUESDAY

6 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

13 Smile at the people you're with and try to brighten their day

20 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

27 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why



### WEDNESDAY

7 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

14 Tell loved ones why they are so special to you

21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

### THURSDAY

1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

8 Notice the good qualities of everyone you meet today

15 Be kind especially when your first instinct is to be unkind

22 Give sincere compliments to three people you meet today

### FRIDAY

2 Ask a friend what good things have happened to them recently

9 Say friendly things to people who work in your local shop or cafe

16 Respond positively to everyone you meet today

23 Make a plan to meet up with others and do something fun

### SATURDAY

3 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

10 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

17 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

24 Take time to speak with a neighbour and get to know them

### SUNDAY

4 Get in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

11 Put away digital devices & really focus on who you're with

18 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a stranger

25 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

"People forget what you said and what you did. But they never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

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

### Half term Holiday 19th-23rd February 2018

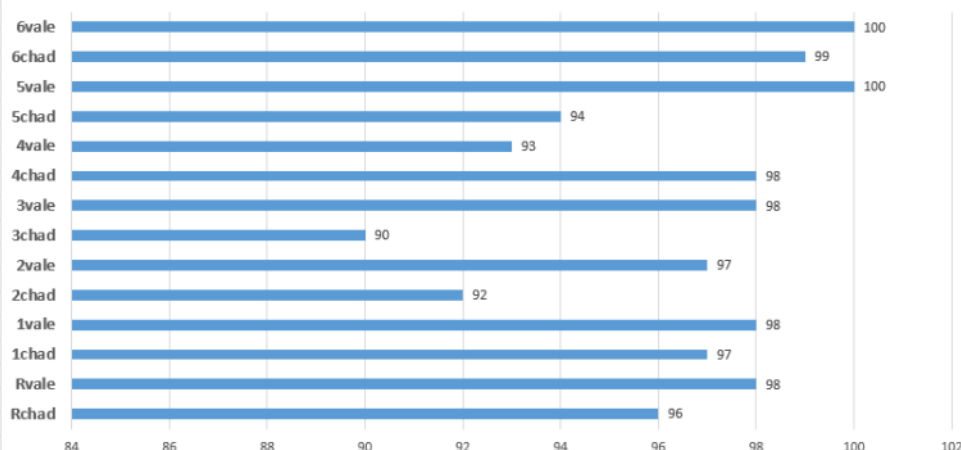
Mon 26th February	8.45am	Back to School
Mon 26th February	All week	Rights Respecting Week (RRSA)
Mon 26th February	PM	Y6C Food Nutrition Workshop UoB
Tues 27th February	PM	Y6V Food Nutrition Workshop UoB
Tues 27th February	PM	Full Governing Body Meeting
Weds 28th February	PM	Chess Club CANCELLED TODAY
Thurs 1st March	All day	World Book Day
Fri 2nd March	PM	Spanish Ambassadors to Boracho de Oro
Mon 5th March	4-6.45pm	Parents' Evening
Tues 6th March	9-10:30	School Nurse Drop-in session
Tues 6th March	10- 1	Science Ambassadors to Cofton Primary
Tues 6th March	PM	Y5C Food and Nutrition Workshop
Weds 7th March	5-7.45pm	Parents' Evening
Thurs 8th March	PM	Y5V Food and Nutrition Workshop
Fri 9th March	PM	KS2 PPTA Disco—Chinese New Year Theme
Mon 12th March	All week	Assessment Week and Shakespeare Week
Weds 14th March	All Day	Science Trip to the Big Bang Science Fair
Fri 16th March	All Day	Key Stage 2 HOTA day
Mon 19th March	All week	Science Week
Mon 19th March	PM	Full Governing Body Meeting
Mon 20th March	AM	Y5V visit to the Mosque
Mon 26th March	All Day	KS1 HOTA day

Please note that there should be **NO PARENT CARS** on the school drive between 8am and 6pm unless you have **Chad Vale Drive Pass**. This is to promote the safety of the children arriving and leaving school and after-school clubs and the WACC.



**No cars  
allowed on  
site**

Attendance % this week



**Well Done:**

**5Vale and 6Vale 100%**

**Improvement Required:**

**2Chad, 3Chad and 4Vale**





# CHINESE NEW YEAR



## KS2 DISCO



### 9 MARCH 2018

This event will fund a visit from an author



**100 tickets** -  
available from  
the office

#### TICKETS INCLUDE

Trail quiz around  
the school

Chopstick racing

Quizzes on tables  
for quiet activity

Chinese lantern making

**Please bring  
pocket money**  
for other activities  
and stalls



#### FANCY DRESS/DRESS TO IMPRESS

**Tickets  
£3**



**Time  
3.15 to  
5.15pm**

