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Welcome back!



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Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year! At Chad Vale, we try to make sure that we keep you updated on a regular basis about events, news and information, and this newsletter is the most important one for you to check and read each week. Alongside the newsletter (which is sent direct to you via email) is our busy and popular social media newsfeeds. Please follow @chadvaleprimary on Twitter or search for us on Facebook. Here, you'll be able to access updates and see photos of exciting things that have happened each day. We are proud to be a 'welcoming school' and maintain an open-door policy should you ever need to talk to your child's teachers or other senior staff. We do, however, aim to develop independence as soon as possible and would appreciate you saying goodbye to your child on the playground. Your child can then enter school with their teachers at 8.45am and you can escape quickly! This also really helps to improve safety and security on our corridors during this busy time.

We welcomed our brand new reception children this week (as well as some new children in other year groups) and the teachers have talked to the children about the school golden rules (see last page of the newsletter), which you may wish to adopt at home! Individual classes have also set their own additional classroom rules and you should be receiving a copy of these, along with their timetables over the next few days.

To help all Chad Vale parents and carers understand the school's expectations, we have adopted a Chad Vale version of the local authority 'Parent Code of Conduct'. Please read this document carefully (see over) as you are automatically bound by its requirements now that you are part of the Chad Vale family! If you have any questions about it, please do get in touch.

Myself, Miss Crombie or Mr Dubberley will always endeavour to be on gate duty every day, before and after school. We are there to quickly discuss any worries, problems, and hopefully to hear how wonderful everything is for your child at Chad Vale.

Chad Vale had an extremely successful year last year, with excellent results in the national tests, a good Ofsted inspection and lots of very happy children and parents. We aim to continue to improve and develop and will be giving you more information about our school development plan in the coming weeks. I hope you and your children have a wonderful year at our lovely school, and I look forward to seeing you on the gate!



Chad Vale Primary School Parent/Carer Code of Conduct 2018

At Chad Vale Primary School we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Follow our school's safeguarding procedures, ensure that everyone is protected from harm and **immediately** report anything that they believe is putting anyone at risk
- Respect and demonstrate the caring family ethos of our school in line with the School Code
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour
- Not raise concerns relating to members of staff in front of your children
- Park safely, legally and responsibly in our local community and to not use the school drive or turning circle when dropping off or collecting children at any time

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including team matches
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence

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- Damaging or destroying school property
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/ staff at the school on Facebook, Whatsapp or any other social media sites. Any concerns you may have about people involved with the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences)
- Contacting other parents to gain information about other children in school
- Smoking, vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property
- Dogs being brought on to school premises

How we will respond to behaviour that is unacceptable under this code of conduct

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school will establish the facts and attempt to remedy the situation through a meeting with a senior teacher. We will raise our concerns and gain reassurance that the conduct will not be repeated.

In some cases the School will seek the advice of the Local Authority before responding to the unacceptable conduct. This may lead to the School, or the Local Authority acting on behalf of the School, writing to the individual concerned to make it clear that their conduct is unacceptable and warn them that further action will be taken if it is repeated, which may result in the individual being barred from the school premises. The individual concerned is entitled to make representations to the School's Governing Board about the letter and the warning given.

Questions and concerns about this Code of Conduct

We are grateful for your support in maintaining our caring and safe environment; we welcome your feedback on this Code of Conduct and are willing to discuss any aspect that you may be unclear about.

The contact for questions and queries about the Code of Conduct is Paul Sansom (Head Teacher).

The School's published procedure for making complaints is available on our school website. We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the wider Chad Vale Family.

Diary Dates 2018-19: please also check the online diary on our website								
Day	Date	Time	Event					
Monday	17th Sep	3.30-4pm	1Chad Parent Information Meeting					
Wednesday	19th Sep	All day	Scootability Training for Y1					
Wednesday	19th Sep	9-9.30am	Y2 Parent Meeting (in 2Chad)					
Thursday	20th Sep	All day	Y3 trip to Frank Chapman Centre					
Thursday	27th Sep	All day	Y1 trip to Blakesley Hall					
Tuesday	2nd Oct	All day	School Photo Day (individuals and sibling groups) Full uniform please!					
Monday	8th Oct	5.30-9pm	Governing Body Meetings (Curriculum and Community then Finance/Premises)					
Wednesday	10th Oct	All day	6Chad Trip to Lapworth Museum					
Thursday	11th Oct	All day	6Vale Trip to Lapworth Museum					
Thursday	11th Oct	All day	Y2 to Botanical Gardens					
Tuesday	16th Oct	1.45-3pm	Reception 2019 intake Open Afternoons/tours					
Tuesday	16th Oct	5-7.30pm	Parents Evening (please pre-book your 10 min appointment on letter nearer time)					
Wednesday	17th Oct	1.45-3pm	Reception 2019 intake Open Afternoons/tours					
Thursday	18th Oct	1.45-3pm	Reception 2019 intake Open Afternoons/tours					
Thursday	18th Oct	4-6.30pm	Parents Evening (please pre-book your 10 min appointment on letter nearer time)					
Monday	22nd Oct	ALL WEEK	Drama and Music Week					
Monday	22nd Oct	6-9pm	Full Governing Body Meeting					
Wednesday	24th Oct	All day	Flu Vaccines (nasal) from School Nurse Team for YR-Y5 children					
Friday	26th Oct	3.30pm	BREAK UP HALF TERM					
Monday	5th Nov	All day	SCHOOL CLOSED: Teacher Training Day					
Tuesday	6th Nov	8.45am	Back to school for children					
Thursday	8th Nov	All day	Y4 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery					
Thursday	22nd Nov	All day	Y3 trip to Lapworth Museum					
Thursday	29th Nov	All day	Y6 trip to Aston Hall					
Wednesday	19th Dec	TBC	Chad Vale's Winter Talent Show					
Friday	21st Dec	3.30pm	BREAK UP CHRISTMAS					
Mon	7th Jan	8.45am	Back to school for children					

KS2 Outcomes 2018

This is 'first release' data and is subject to change.

Y6 Outcomes (based on unvalidated data for KS2)	School 2018 (%)	National 2018 (%)	Comparison and school change from 2017	
	KS2 Result	3		
Expected standard Reading	78	75	Above national 8%	
Expected standard Maths	83	76	Above national 3%	
Expected standard Spelling and Grammar	93	77	Above national 5%	
Expected standard in Writing	88	78	Above national	
Expected standard (combined) Reading, Writing, Maths	81	64	Above national 14%	
High Standard (110+) attainment in Reading	39	28	10.7%	
High Standard (110+) attainment in Maths	43	24	2 SW	
High Standard (110+) attainment in Spelling and Grammar	57	34	R 12%	
Greater Depth attainment in Writing	22	20	ft 4%	
High Score Combined Reading, Writing, Maths	13	9	ft 1%	
Average scaled score in Reading	105	105	111	
Average scaled score in SPAG	111	106	ff 2	
Average scaled score in Maths	107	104	13	
Reading average progress	+1.3	0	ή ₂	
Writing average progress	+1.8	0	fl4.2	
Maths average progress	+3.1 0		02	

Notes from Statistical 1st release:

Attainment in all of reading, writing and maths (combined) is not directly comparable to previous years because of changes to writing TA frameworks. In 2017, 61% of pupils met the expected standard in all of reading, writing and maths. In 2016, this figure was 53%.

Coming soon...

- New home-school communication tool: 'Marvellous Me!'
- New online system for booking before and after-school clubs
- Please update your details and return our Data Collection sheets (issued soon)
- Updates on School Fund



Healthy & Active @ Chad Vale

Level 1 Games. Inter Form Sport Competition:-

Each year at Chad Vale we run an Inter Form Sport Competition for our KS2 pupils. Over the course of the year Chad classes play against Vale classes in each year group in a range of sports, with every pupil in KS2 having the opportunity to represent their class in at least two different sports. Each class elects their own Sport Captain who is responsible for selecting the teams for each fixture. All matches are played on Wednesday and Thursday lunch times, with Year 5 and 6 pupils using the skills they have learned in their PE lessons to officiate the matches. 3 points are awarded to the winning team and 1 point is awarded to both teams if the fixture is drawn. The points are added to a Chad total and a Vale total, with the winners being the team that has the most points at the end of the year. This year our pupils will have the opportunity to compete in the following sports:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2		
Football and Basketball	Benchball and Handball		
Spring 1	Spring 2		
Volleyball and Dodgeball	Hockey and Table Tennis		
Summer 1	Summer 2		
Tennis and Tag Rugby	Badminton and School Games Day		

Sports Captains:

Congratulations to Lamisah, Zayn, Gursehaj, Simar, Ibrahim, Amber, Isha, Sid and Eesa who have all been elected by their classmates to be class Sports Captains this year.



Extra Curricular School Sports Clubs:

This half term we have more than 120 pupils already taking part in our extra-curricular sports clubs.

Day	Clubs	Year	Staff	Start/Finish
Monday	Multi Skills	1-2	Mr Fenech	10.9-15.10.18
	Football	5-6	Mr Bowen	10.9-15.10.18
Tuesday	Football	3-4	Mr Fenech	11.9-16.10.18
Wednesday	Pre School Multi Sports*	3-6	Premier Sport	12.9-24.10.18
	Gymnastics*	1-2	Premier Sport	12.9-12.12.18
Thursday	Archery*	3-4	Premier Sport	13.9-13.12.18
	Pre School Football*	1-2	AVFC	13.9-25.10.18

*There are still places available in the highlighted clubs. Please see Mr. Bowen or ask at the school office for more details.

Congratulations:

Finally, we would like to say a massive well done to Mahdi and Muizzy Khan. They both took part in the Boys West Midlands Championship Novice Gymnastic Competition in the GMAC Centre at Alexander Stadium last weekend. They both put in fantastic performances and received medals for the combined performance in the floor, hi-bar, vault, rings and pommel events. Congratulations boys!



Our Golden Rules



- Be gentle; please don't hurt anybody.
- 2. Be kind and helpful; please don't hurt people's feelings.
 - 3. Be honest; please don't cover up the truth.
 - 4. Learn hard; try hard to do your best.
- 5. Look after property; please don't waste or damage things.
 - 6. Listen to each other; please don't interrupt.



Please come to the Chad Vale PPTA annual general meeting

Monday, 17th September, 6pm

(Library in the playground)



Everyone welcome

The PPTA is EVERYONE connected with the school in a supportive role; pupils, parents, grandparents, carers, siblings, staff, governors and the community.

We aim to raise money for items of direct benefit to the children, which the school could not otherwise afford.

Our fundraising events include: Easter egg hunts, quiz nights, raffles, coffee mornings, BBQs, Halloween discos, film nights, Christmas fairs, Santa's Grotto. In the past ten years we have provided for the school:

- A complete set of disco equipment
- 2 wireless microphones
- A large adventure playground area
- 3 new picnic benches
- A lighting and PA system and blackout blinds for the school hall
- The Friendship Stop signs for the playground
- A laminator for the Inspire workshops
- Planters and compost for the spring bulbs

New ideas are always welcome!