

### Friday 29th September

# THINK before you PARK!



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Thank-you to all of our parents and carers who have been parking safely and legally around the school site. As you will be aware, parking outside our school (and all other Harborne schools) is an ongoing issue and we continue to remind Chad Vale parents to make good choices when they park up outside our school.

The main issues of concern for us in school are:

- 1. Illegal parking/dropping off children on double yellow lines or the white keep clear zig-zags
- 2. Inconsiderate/illegal parking on the pavements around school preventing parents with buggies or prams from walking safely on the path
- 3. Inconsiderate blocking of local residents drives during pick-up and collection times (2 residents on Nursery Road are emergency doctors and need to be able leave their houses quickly during an emergency call)
- 4. Driving or parking cars on the school drive

We have had extensive discussions over the years with the local police, the parking enforcement teams of the local authority, our local residents and our own children and parents, who all agree that, although the vast majority of our Chad Vale parents park safely and legally, there remains a small minority of parents/carers who continually flout the rules, apologise, but go on to repeat this every day. This is highly frustrating for everyone involved. We do not want a serious accident where a Chad Vale parent or child gets injured or killed due to poor or dangerous parking.

Over the next few months you will be seeing an increase in activity around school linked to safer parking. You will receive a leaflet today in your child's bag entitled 'Cars and Kids Don't Mix'. Please take some time to read this. We'll be carrying out our



own parking patrols around the school gates and there will be an increased presence from traffic wardens and the police. We'll also be talking to the children about reminding you to park safely and legally and to think, before you park.

We positively encourage different ways of travelling to school and would like to see more use of our bike and scooter sheds. Over the next month we'll be carrying out some surveys with the children in order to create a brand-new school travel plan that we hope will help to identify other ways to improve this issue for our school community.

Diary Dates- please also check the online diary on our website		
Thu 28 Sep 2017	All day	Year 3 Trip to Frank Chapman Centre
Wed 11 Oct 2017	All day	Year 6 Chad Trip to Lapworth Museum
Thu 12 Oct 2017	All day	Year 6 Vale Trip Lapworth Museum
Mon 16 Oct 2017	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 18 Oct 2017	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 19 Oct 2017	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 20 Oct 2017	All day	Break up for Half Term
Mon 30 Oct 2017	All day	Back to School for Children
Thu 2 Nov 2017	All day	School Photographs (individual/siblings)
w/b Mon 6th Nov 2017	TBC	Reception 2018 intake open afternoons
Wed 8th Nov 2017	morning	KS1 Into Film Festival Trip
Fri 10th Nov 2017	morning	Flu vaccinations for YR-4
Tue 5 Dec 2017	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Chad)
Wed 6 Dec 2017	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Vale)
Mon 11 Dec 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Chad)
Tue 12 Dec 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Vale)
Fri 22 Dec 2017	All day	School Breaks up for Christmas
Monday 8th January	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th January	All day	Back to school for children

CHAD VALE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART ALUMNA

TEREZA BUSKOVA

## WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning November 2017 Tereza Buskova (MA Fine Art, RCA) will be Chad Vale's artist in residence. After school she will deliver a series of workshops to encourage a fresh perspective on art. Each week the children taking part will explore the works of a different major artist to inform their creation of new piece in every workshop. This is a rare opportunity to have fun and learn under the tuition of a successful contemporary artist. The term time classes are kept small to allow Tereza to get to know all the children well.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Workshops start 15.30 and end 16.45
- Total number of workshops is 6
  Frequency of workshops is weekly
- Tuesday workshops for YEAR 3 & 4 begin 3rd of November and end 7th of December 2017
- • Wednesday workshops for YEAR 1 & 2 begin 4th of November and end 8th of December 2017

#### PRICING

- £7 per class (1hour 15 min)
- All materials provided
  Payment in advance for total series of 6 workshops to be made at school office up to 1 week before the first workshop (Accepting cash or cheques to Tereza Hurlow)
- · Limited spaces (13 children per class) first come, first served basis

For general enquiries & bookings by email tereza.buskova@network.rca.ac.uk or phone 07792825001



#### Harvest Thanks!

Thank-you so much for all of the kind donations for our Harvest Festival. We donated a car-full of food today to Birmingham Central Foodbank in Hockley, who were very happy to receive such a generous donation.

Mud, mud, not so glorious mud...

We are aware of the growing mud issue on the field and are working to improve this situation by making changes to the playtime and dinnertime rotas and cordoning off certain areas outside so that children are not coming home caked in mud! We apologise if you and your washing machines have been affected by this problem.

Some children have been bringing wellingtons and changing into these for playtimes—this is a great idea at the moment! We'd also like to remind parents that children are more than welcome to change their smart school shoes just before dinnertime into old trainers that are ok to get muddy.



