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Educate & Celebrate at Chad Vale: Update

Following a great deal of discussion with parents, teachers, pupils and governors and after seeking further clarification from Birmingham City Council’s Legal Services, we are now ready to start using the Educate & Celebrate materials at Chad Vale.

Birmingham City Council’s Legal Team confirmed to us that the Educate & Celebrate program falls under the school’s duty to teach PSMHE (Personal, Social, Moral, Health and Economic Education) because it covers the whole range of ‘protected characteristics’ under the Equality Act 2010. PSMHE is also part of the National Curriculum, which we teach at Chad Vale, ensuring all children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. The Educate and Celebrate materials are not included in our duties to provide ‘Sex and Relationships Education’ (SRE) and therefore parents cannot withdraw their children from the Educate and Celebrate program.

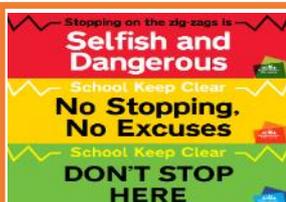
We strongly believe that these books will enhance our school ethos and equip our children for life in Modern Britain and Birmingham and would like to thank all of the parents who sent emails before Christmas with questions or comments about the program. We recognise that some of the issues covered within the program are sensitive and seek to assure you that any questions children have will be answered in an age appropriate way. We decided to remove two of the books in the program as a result of parental feedback (*‘This Day in June’* and *‘The Princess Boy’*) and we currently have no intention of replacing them. The full list of books is available on the ‘Educate and Celebrate’ page on our website or can be viewed on the display board in the main entrance. Updated PSMHE and SRE Policies are available on our school website from the ‘School Policies’ page.



We have been reviewing our current subscriptions to the variety of educational software companies we use and unfortunately we have decided to end our whole school subscription to Mathletics. We carried out a survey among the children and it appeared that very few children are actively using it at home, and in order to save approximately £2000 we have decided not to renew.

If your child was an avid user of Mathletics, home access is available and you can sign up for a free 10 day trial of their ‘home user’ account at:

<http://west.trial.mathletics.com>



Parking seems much improved this week following last week’s newsletter. Thank-you to everyone who is parking legally, safely and carefully in our school community.

Healthy & Active @ Chad Vale

Inter Form Sport - Level 1 Games

Volleyball

Over the past two weeks 2 more Inter Form Volleyball matches have been played. 4 Chad played out an exciting 3-3 draw last Wednesday, while this Wednesday 3 Chad looked set to win the match before 3 Vale staged a fantastic comeback to tie the game at 2 sets each.

Dodgeball

Fighting to close the gap in the overall standings 5 Chad defeated 5 Vale by 2 games to 1 in the lunch time dodgeball match last week. However, 6 Vale won a thrilling contest this week defeating 6 Chad in the deciding game to win 6 games to 5 and regain their 6 point lead in the overall standings.

Team	Won	Drew	Lost	Points
Vale	10	6	8	36
Chad	8	6	10	30

Inter Form Sport - Level 2 Games

Y6 Basketball: South Birmingham League.

Last Friday our Y6 team travelled to Baverstock Academy to play against Hollywood Primary and The Oaks Primary School. The team performed very well, winning both games and qualifying for the next round. We will update you on the results next week!

Harborne District Indoor Football.

Following a difficult start to the season the team produced a series of fantastic displays in the tournament at the Futsal Centre last Monday. With Elijah playing superbly in goal and Kevin marshalling the defence the team looked solid, allowing Romy and Gethin to provide the attacking threat. 2 victories showed the progress the team have made over the winter, whilst their character and determination were reflected in late equalisers scored against Harborne Primary and Our Lady of Fatima. This left the team fighting for first place in the tournament, but defeats to Four Dwellings and eventual champions, Green Meadow, saw the boys finish in a very respectable 4th place. Well done boys.



Perry Beeches Sport Wednesdays Y5 Dodgeball Tournament

On Wednesday we took 2 teams, 5Chad and 5Vale, to compete in the dodgeball competition at the NIA. The tournament gave the teams a chance to use some of the Dodgeball skills they have been developing in PE. Both teams impressed Mrs Saini with their performances and attitude. By winning all of their games the 5 Chad teams finished in first place and have been invited back to compete in the finals being played on February 10th! Congratulations guys!!



A reminder that all Children should be supervised by parents/carers in the morning until 8.45am.



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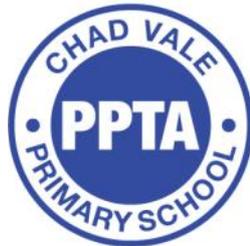


Congratulations to all staff and pupils for achieving the Health for Life award! This award recognises all the fantastic things being done in school to encourage growing crops, preparing healthy meals and being physically active.

The award was collected from the Council House this week and was presented in assembly on Wednesday.



The PPTA will be running a pop-up shop for refreshments after school every Thursday and Friday of this half term.



Attendance and Lates this week



This week's	RC	RV	1C	1V	2C	2V	3C	3V	4C	4V	5C	5V	6C
Attendance (%)	95.3	99.0	97.6	98.3	99.3	98.7	96.6	88.7	92.8	97.9	86.0	100	83.5
Lates (number)	1	1	2	2	3	4	1	8	5	2	3	3	1

Dates for your Diary

Event

Monday 1st February 2016—Friday 5th February 2016

Drama Week

Monday 1st February 2016—Friday 5th February 2016

RSPB Bird Watch Week

Thursday 4th February 2016

Y6 trip to Nottingham Galleries of Justice

Monday 8th February 2016 —Friday 12th February 2016

Y5/6 residential to Condoover Hall

Monday 8th February 2016—Friday 12th February 2016

Internet Safety Week

Monday 8th February 2016

Chinese New Year