

Friday 19th October 2018

## Chad Vale joins the Floss4Funding campaign!

On 19 October, parents, children, teachers and politicians from all over the country have danced their socks off in the country's first ever mass floss in protest at school funding cuts. Tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of people are expected to take part, showing unity and determination in the on-going battle to get the government to acknowledge, and then reverse, the cuts.

Jointly organised by the independent parent-led Fair Funding for All Schools and Save Our Schools campaigns, the Day of Action will see hips and arms swinging from Devon and Cornwall to Birmingham and Cumbria. The dances will be posted on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with messages targeted at the Chancellor Philip Hammond MP and Damian Hinds, the Secretary of State.

Parents want to draw attention to the damaging impact that 8 per cent cuts to pupil funding since 2010 has been having on state schools across England and to call on the Chancellor to use the budget to provide a fair and sustainable funding settlement.

Campaigners in Birmingham are alarmed that local schools have seen a real terms spending cut of nearly £50 million between 2014/15-2020. Currently, 361 out of 364 Birmingham school are set to lose money by 2020. Although the infographic to the right details the impact of the cuts in Brighton and Hove, many Birmingham schools are now facing similar issues.

The national day of action follows recent protests by headteachers, with over 2,000 demonstrating outside Downing Street on 28 September, and last week's parliamentary event, where children from round the country reduced MPs to tears with their stories of how the cuts are affecting them personally.

In a letter on 8 October 2018, the UK Statistics Authority admonished the Department for Education for its misleading use of school funding data stating that Ministers had "exaggerated" and "misrepresented" claims on changes to school funding in a way that does not "help to promote trust and confidence in official data, and indeed risks undermining them"

We hope that our Chad Vale Flossing film will help to raise awareness of the difficult financial positions many schools are (or will be) in and are asking you to contact your local MP to request that the chancellor looks again at education spending in the forthcoming budget.

Thank-you to everyone who flossed– if you wanted to do your own video at home, we will happily publish it on our Chad Vale twitter feed!

More information can be found at [saveourschools.uk](http://saveourschools.uk)



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

Day	Date	Time	Event
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	All day	Reception Halloween Day (please dress to scare!)
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
Wednesday	7th Nov	All day	Reception Diwali Day (please dress to impress!)
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
Tuesday	4th Dec	2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity Performance (£1 per ticket going towards Reception Xmas Workshop)
Wednesday	5th Dec	2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity Performance (£1 per ticket going towards Reception Xmas Workshop)
Tuesday	11th Dec	3.45-4.45pm	Reception Christmas Parent Workshop
Wednesday	12th Dec	3.45-4.45pm	Reception Christmas Parent Workshop
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

The Curriculum and Community Sub Committee met on the 8 October. We met with Connie and Sam our Y6 pupil governors who gave us lots of information about all of the wonderful projects they've been getting on with. They spoke about their determination in fulfilling their election promises such as Chad Valers recommending library books to each other which will encourage wider reading. Watch out for posters and reading lists outside classroom doors! Sam spoke to us about the School Council's plans in wanting to raise more money for an animal-related charity. There are lots of fun-filled activities in the pipeline with even the Floss being mentioned so be prepared in getting your dancing shoes on!

Connie then spoke to us about the School Council's involvement in the curriculum at Chad Vale. She spoke to us about the school councillors and subject ambassadors with a questionnaire being planned so that students get an opportunity to have their say in the types of activities and learning that are on offer to them. As ever, we got a chance to hear directly from the students of Chad Vale and were able to ask them lots of questions about how they've got on so far- I'm pleased to hear about all of their plans to make the school even better and really enjoyed listening to them- Connie and Sam did a fantastic job.

Mr Sansom took the governors through the School Development Plan for this academic year and the School Evaluation Form- two documents that are extremely important for us to work through so we can see how the school is getting on with helping our children make as much progress as they can.

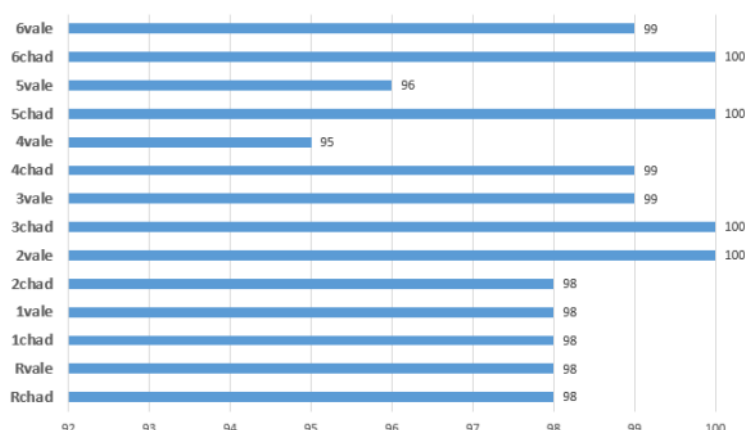
**We will be meeting for a full Governors meeting on the 22nd October.**



**Well Done:**

**100% 6Chad, 5Chad, 3Chad and 2Vale.**  
**Also a special mention to 2Chad for last week's 100% attendance**

Attendance % week beginning 15.10.18





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## Pop-up Christmas Gift Shop- can you help?

Dear Parents/carers,

We are planning to open a 'pop-up gift shop' in December where the children can purchase and wrap a gift that they can then give to you or a loved one over the festive season. Money raised from this will go towards School Fund.

This is where we need your help as we need enough donations of new items that would make suitable gifts. If you have anything suitable that you would like to donate, please read on!

You can start sending your gift donations into school now and they will be stored safely until the opening of the gift shop. Please ensure that the gifts are suitable for the children to wrap and that they do not contain nuts, food or alcohol.

We will send out another letter confirming the opening of the gift shop.

If we don't get enough donations to open a shop, then we plan to run a raffle in December, where the children can buy tickets and win one of the gifts.

Thank you for your help,

Mrs. Shaw





# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT

## Chad Vale Primary School



We hosted our Coffee Morning our way by buying, baking, serving up and sharing a delicious spread – and our fantastic team effort raised an amazing

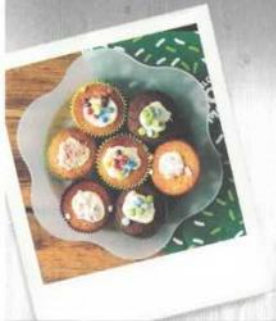
**£177.35**

Every single item on our table, and every one of you who poured a drink, cut a piece of cake, plated up a tasty selection or dropped some dosh in the coin box has helped change lives.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**  
**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

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## SEN Creative Clay

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Wednesday 31 October 2018 / 10.00am — 12.00pm

[Book Now](#)

**6+ year olds**

**£5 per child, booking essential**

Join ceramic designer maker and tutor Wendy Tournay for this accessible creative clay workshop for families with special educational needs. Explore the exhibition before the gallery opens and then create your own clay tiles inspired by the work of Polly Apfelbaum. Tickets include one accompanying adult, siblings welcome to book additional places.

Please book online or call Ikon Shop on 0121 248 0711. Online booking closes at 5pm on Tuesday 30 October.

[+ Google Calendar](#) [+ iCal Export](#)







To celebrate this important and exciting festival, Chad Vale will be:

- hosting a delicious Diwali lunch
- inviting you to wear smart clothes suitable for a celebration
- delivering a special assembly to mark the occasion

**Tuesday 6th November 2018**

**Chad Vale Primary School**

**RRS Link: Article 14 - We have the right to choose our own religion and beliefs.**

**For more information please contact Mr. Patel on [p.patel@chadvale.bham.sch.uk](mailto:p.patel@chadvale.bham.sch.uk)**

