

Friday 15th December



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Snow Day Fun!

Thank-you for your understanding this week and for coping so well with our unforeseen closures due to the adverse weather. It is rare that the local authority issue a blanket closure of all Birmingham schools (the last one we remember was about 6 years ago) and we believe that it was the right decision to make in order to keep the roads running for the emergency services and minimise any possible accidents on the way or into school. Tuesday was a more difficult decision, and handed over to individual head teachers. The majority made the decision to stay closed following site visits, and I appreciate very much the understanding that all parents have shown in agreeing that this was also the correct decision. We've had lots of lovely comments on email, social media and face-to-face thanking the Chad Vale team for preparing the school for Wednesday, and attendance has been high, despite the difficulties many have faced in travelling to school on the untreated side roads. We hope that you were able to access all the appropriate information about the school closures and that you successfully received a text message from us on both of the closure days. If you didn't receive these texts, now would be a good time to update or check the mobile numbers that we hold for you on the system. We enjoyed seeing your pictures on our Twitter feed, here are some of our favourites:













Diary Dates 2017-18: please also check the online diary on our website		
Mon 18th December	9-11.30	Reception Vale to St Augustine Church
Tues 19th December	9-11.30	Reception visit to Thomasland (2nd attempt!)
Wed 20th December	Dinner	Christmas Dinner Day (wear your jumpers again if you want!)
Fri 22nd December	All day	School Breaks up for Christmas
Mon 8th January	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day
Tues 9th January	All day	Back to school for children
Wed 10th January	All day	School nurses in for Reception Height/Weight/Hearing tests
Wed 10th January	All day	4Chad Pizza Express Trip
Fri 12th January	All day	School nurses in for Reception Height/Weight/Hearing tests
Monday 15th January	5.30pm	Governing Body Meetings
Tues 23rd January	9-11am	4Chad visit to Gurdwara
Wed 24th January	9-11am	1Chad visit to Synagogue
Thur 25th January	9-11am	1Vale visit to Synagogue
Tues 30th January	All day	Year 6 trip to Aston Hall
Thur 1st February	All day	4Chad Pizza Express Trip
Mon 5th February	All week	Internet Safety Week
Mon 12th February	All week	Y6 Residential to Condover Hall
Wed 14th February	All week	4Vale visit to Gurdwara
Fri 16th February	3.30pm	Break up for half term holiday

School Uniform Update for January

Please note that from January, jeans are no longer suitable school uniform. We are also in a position to begin offering ties, please enquire at the school office. Please note that school shoes should be black, smart and polishable (not trainers!).

Goodbye and good luck to Miss Cashmore!

After 11 years at Chad Vale, on Friday we will be saying a sad goodbye to Miss Cashmore who was successful in securing her dream job at a school specialising in children with autism. As one of our long serving (and very popular) teachers, Miss Cashmore has taught across the whole age range of school, including a number of years as our SENDCo. Lots of children will have many happy, lasting memories of Miss Cashmore and I know it's been an incredibly difficult decision for her to make the transition from her Chad Vale family and move onto pastures new. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her the best of luck for the future. We will be welcoming Mr Pollak (one of our experienced and popular ex-supply teachers) onto the team in January, and he will be taking over the teaching of Y5V.

