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Teacher Days



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As you may be aware the government asks that schools prioritise 5 days of the year outside of the time schools are open to children to develop further the skills, knowledge and practice of all teachers and teaching assistants in schools. These days are to ensure that the many government pronouncements and initiatives are implemented uniformly and that teachers are adequately prepared. This year has seen the introduction of a government dictated appraisal system. (Coming to a school near you very soon—the New National curriculum and compulsory new subjects.) In addition to this your governors wish to ensure that your children are taught by professionals with the most up-to-date knowledge and skills that are at the ‘cutting edge’ of

educational research (for example KRM—reading research and PATHS at Key Stage 1; One Day a Week School; Paths KS2) All this entails high quality delivery of professional development.

This year your teaching staff have had training on updating skills and knowledge for; KRM, Talk for Writing, Gifted and Talented, Special Educational Needs, Positive Handling of children, Creative arts, support staff appraisal and consortium wide training for Teacher Appraisal.

Of course it goes without saying that the 5 days are insufficient time for all professional development and we have to use time after school or when your child is on holiday to enhance further their skills and also have time to plan, mark, prepare, mentor and coach. I know that the vast majority of Chad Vale parents not only recognise the dedication of their child’s teachers and frequently praise them but also support them in any way they can. I recognise that Teacher Days can be very inconvenient (particularly when short notice) but I ask that you understand the necessity of such days. If you are concerned at the timing of our teacher days please do not hesitate to contact a member of the governing body and they will share your concerns with the full governing body.

A second ‘Open’ Week for prospective Chad Vale families to look around the school.

Week beginning 26th of November: Please look in the school diary and/or website for further details. Please tell your friends and neighbours.

Remember, remember, the month of Movember!

Over the next 30 days, certain Chad Vale staff will be growing a moustache as part of Movember! Please support us in raising money for cancer charities by visiting our special Mo-space website and donating either to our team, or individuals that you want to support! We are planning a special Mo-disco on the 30th November for the children- more details on next weeks newsletter.



Please donate here:
<http://uk.movember.com/team/664161>

*Knowledge is Power
Moustache is King*

Urgent

Parents/Carers who have a child in Year 6 need to make an application for their child to start Year 7 in September 2013 by **no later than Monday November 5th 2012**. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

or by contacting a member of school admissions and Pupil Placements Service on **0121 675 0555**

Schoolcomms Payment System

Finding the right change or writing a cheque for the school trip or other items for school can be tiresome and time consuming. You or your child has to take the payment/s to school, and the school office has to count and record it. At school, we have decided to use *Schoolcomms* to offer you an online payment method which puts you in control. You can access it at any time, track how much you have paid, what is outstanding and make payments directly to us using your debit or credit card.

Getting started

You will be sent a gateway invitation by email to the email address that we hold on record for you. Please remember to fill out the slip at the bottom of the letter sent to you on Wednesday to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details.

When you follow the activation link, a PIN number will be sent to your mobile phone, or alternatively you can contact the school for your PIN number to complete the activation process.

Can you help?

We are currently creating a 'Nurture Room' in an under-used area of the school. This room will be used to support those children who find the classroom environment challenging and is designed to teach them the skills they need to be able to integrate back into their normal class, with a reduction in behaviour issues and an increased confidence to learn. The main expense for this type of provision is staffing, and we have recently employed a very experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant to help run this room. We now need to kit it out, and this is where you could help. If you could provide/donate any of the items below please do let us know!

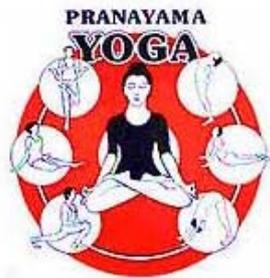
We need a:

- Sofa (contact school to arrange collection!)
- Jigsaws (please send in!)
- Fridge (contact school to arrange collection!)
- Board Games (please send in!)
- Toaster (contact school to arrange collection!)
- Cushions- any size (please send in!)
- Coffee table (contact school to arrange collection!)
- Soft toys/teddy bears...

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For more information contact sarah@simplyblended.com or 07976612210



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Please note that orders for our special packs of Christmas Cards need to be brought into the office by Monday 5th November. The PPTA earn 30% commission on any order made through school!