

Chelford Village Preschool Newsletter

Welcome back to our weekly newsletter! We hope to bring you lots of information each week about what we've been up to as well as what's happening in the term ahead.

We have been learning . . .

This week we have continued to focus our learning around our key story 'The Rainbow Fish'.

The children have had fun making CD Rainbow fish suncatchers, and we have been practicing our cutting skills and making these lovely Octopi!!

The children have been developing their fine motor control and coordination by threading pasta friendship bracelets, and we even shared the bracelets with our friends, just like the rainbow fish! Well Done everyone.



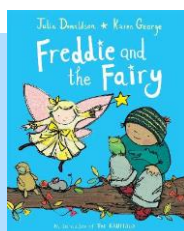
On Wednesday afternoon, we really enjoyed cooking these delicious Rainbow Fish Pitta Bread Pizza's, the classroom smelt very yummy!! We were really impressed with our budding chef's.



And finally, on Friday of this week, we were delighted to welcome one of our parents to share a very special story with our children.

Elliott's mum Stevie, came to read 'Freddie and the Fairy' by Julia Donaldson, this a beautiful story about a deaf fairy who keeps getting granting the wrong wishes and we are incredible grateful to Stevie for sharing her personal experience of being deaf with the children.

The children then sang and signed 'Twinkle Twinkle' for Stevie, making sure she could see our faces, to help her to lip read our words.



The week ahead . . .

Next Week we will be looking at a new book, Stick Man by Julia Donaldson, alongside our new nursery rhyme, '1,2, Buckle my Shoe'.

Stick Man is a much loved favourite, that will lead us into Christmas nicely! And once again we will be enjoying lots of themed learning activities.

Some of our activities next week will include, den building with sticks, using sticks to make natural paintbrushes and hopefully some sticky works of art, and we will be trying our hand at drainpipe stick races. We will also be joining in with lots of Stick Man themed crafts, and number activities.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be ramping up our nativity play practices . . fingers crossed we will be ready on time!!!

(PS We are never ready on time!!)



A huge thank you . .

I just wanted to say how touched and overwhelmed we ALL were on Tuesday morning this week by the absolute swell of parents who emailed in, and waited in line to give their feedback to the Ofsted inspector, it was both unexpected and hugely appreciated. We really felt the love and it was a such a boost to the team at the start to the day . . . Thank you so much.

We anticipate that the judgement and report will be published at some point in the last week of term, and we will be in touch again at that time with further information.

Events this term . . .

Friday 8th December 3.30pm-6pm. Chelford Primary School Christmas Fair (See Details Below)

Christmas Nativity Play Wednesday 13th December

This year our Nativity Play, 'Christmas Counts', will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 10.00am, in the school hall. As is traditional we will be holding a raffle, and refreshments will be available from 9.15am before the start of the performance.

15th January 2024 - Primary School Admissions Deadline

To apply online, go to www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx or call 0300 1235012.

Supporting Learning at Home . . .

Weekly Maths Challenge!

Stick Man lives in the family tree, with his stick lady wife and his stick children three.

This week, can you find out . . .

How many trees are in your street?

How many cars are on your street?

Are there more cars or more trees?



Stick Man Home Learning Ideas

As well as sharing the story together you could try:

Talk your children about your own 'family tree'.

Enjoy a winter walk, and see you can find the perfect stick to play poo sticks.

Snuggle down together to watch the beautiful Stick Man BBC animation.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06t09rk/stick-man>



Reminders . . .

Please don't forget to make sure that your child has nappies and wipes in their bag each day!

New Committee and staffing updates . . .

At our recent Committee AGM, Mr Brady stood down as Chairman, and Michelle Latchford has stood down as treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy and Michelle for their hard work and commitment to preschool over the last few years. They will be replaced by Eleanor Daniel (Chair) and Jess Dobell (Treasurer). I would also like to welcome Jen Downer to the preschool committee, and remind parent's that we are always looking for new committee members. If this is something you would be interested in, please talk to any member of the staff team.

Over the next few months, you may also notice a new member of the preschool team. We are delighted to welcome Belinda Lategan; Belinda originally comes from South Africa where she has owned and managed an early years setting for a number of years. Belinda's 2 children attend Chelford Primary School and she will be joining us on purely an ad hoc basis, covering staff illness and staff planning time. We are really excited to welcome Belinda to the team, she is passionate about Early Years education and will be a great fit to our already exceptional teaching team.

Chelford Primary School Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December 3.30pm-6.30pm

The PTA has asked me pass on the following news regarding their upcoming Christmas Fair. They will be selling 'Beat the Queue' tokens which can be used at a number of PTA stalls.

The tokens will be on sale in the school playground from 3.15pm on Friday 1st December. I would really encourage you to go to this event if you are able, it really does promise to be a lovely start to Christmas and something the children will really enjoy.

