

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023



## Chelford Village Preschool Newsletter

Welcome 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.

### The week ahead . . .

Next week we will be planting tomatoes.

ALL of our children will be bringing their planted tomato seeds home next week, and we would LOVE as many of you as possible to get on board and see if you can grow your own tomatoes.

Please post your updates and pictures on tapestry, and depending on how well we all get on, we might even have a 'best in show' competition later on in the year.

**In even more exciting news . . . Our incubator and eggs will arrive in preschool on Thursday next week.**

This will be a wonderful chance for the children to learn about the lifecycle of a chick at first hand, we are expecting the chicks to hatch before the end of this half term, and the chicks will be with us in preschool for a week, keep an eye on tapestry for updates and please come and see them once they arrive.

We would just like to say a huge thank you to James Gordon for helping us with this opportunity and providing the chicks and equipment. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

At the same time, we would also like to thank Grasslands Garden Centre for donating **HUGE** amounts of compost for all our planting activities this half term. We would be lost without the enormous generosity of our families. Thank you.



### Tapestry

Please don't forget to look at tapestry for more details of the things we have been learning in preschool.

. . . And don't forget to post about the things you have been doing at home, we always love seeing what our children are up to when they are away from preschool.

### We have been learning . . .

Our topic for this half term is *Things that Grow*.

This week we have been planting our very own potato plants, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that our potatoes will be ready just before the end of the school year. Keep watching for updates.

Over the half term holidays all of our caterpillars successfully emerged from their chrysalis as beautiful butterflies, and the children have enjoyed watching them in preschool before releasing them this week.

To keep us busy while we wait for our potatoes to grow, we have been enjoying one of our focus books for this half term, *Oliver's Vegetables* by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French. Inspired by the book we have been cutting, chopping, smelling, touching, feeling, describing, measuring, printing, pattern making, weighing and even painting with our veggies!! Phew!

. . . you never know we might even get round to eating a few?

This week the children have also 'planted' runner beans in sandwich bag green houses. The greenhouses are in the preschool window, so please keep checking with your children on the way into preschool for any that might sprout!!

On Friday this week we celebrated Earth Day, the children



## Events this term . . .

### Preschool Photographs Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Don't forget that we have the photographer coming to preschool on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, so wear your best smiles. If you are bringing siblings along to have their photograph taken with our preschool children, please come for 9.15am and we will try and get you photographed first.

### Coronation Celebrations – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Please come to preschool wearing something red, white and blue. We are collecting for Crackerjacks Charity, so please bring a donation.

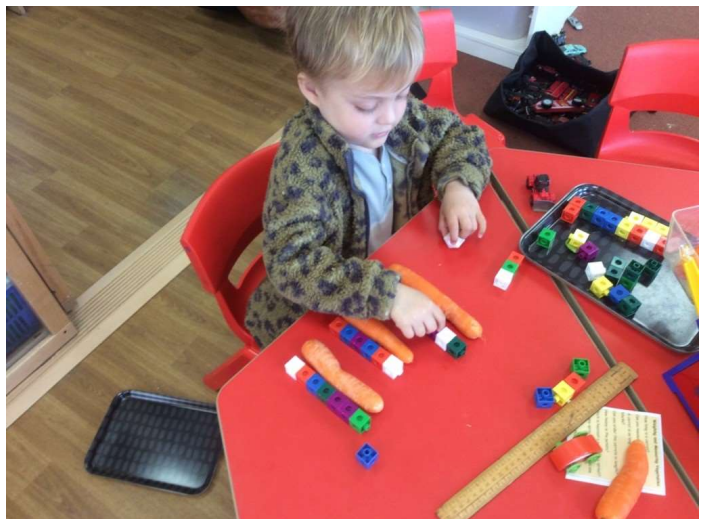
We are also holding a crown competition. Please help your child to make a crown at home and bring it in on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May for our best crown parade!

### Parents Consultation Meetings – May 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 2023

This half term we will be welcoming parents into preschool to talk about your child's progress, and their next steps. Look out for further details and dates.

### Sshhhh! In the pipeline . . .

We are currently gathering together ideas and activities to share with our parents to help you to support your child at home. We will be launching this later in the term, so look out for further details. We are really looking forward to sharing all our ideas.



### Warm Welcomes

We would like to welcome Jack Downer to preschool, Jack started with us on Friday of this week, and we are really excited to have him with us in preschool.

We would like to wish Arlo a very Happy Birthday for Tuesday next week, 25<sup>th</sup> April, and we would like to wish Kinslie-Rose a very Happy Birthday for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking forward to celebrating with you in preschool next week!!

### Birthday News

## Please Remember:

We are a nut free setting, please make sure that there are no nut products in your children's lunch boxes.

Please try and limit the number of toys that children bring from home, very often these can get lost or cause sharing issues. This excludes comforters, if you are in doubt please speak to a member of staff.

We are collecting paper towel rolls (Sorry - we cannot accept toilet rolls)

