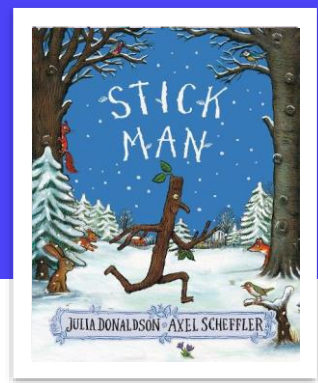


8TH DECEMBER 2023



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 once again been looking at the book *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson.

The children have been exploring symmetry, by painting, folding and printing to make flags for our stick masts, although sadly the weather has been a bit too cold and wet to make the sandcastles!! It has however been perfect for releasing sticks from the ice!



In the story, stick man is used to make a nest for a swan, and so this week the children have been using their fine and gross motor coordination to weave different sorts of nests. On Tuesday we had great fun cooking stick man nests with chocolate and shredded wheat, yummy!

We have also been practicing our nativity play over and over again!! Fingers crossed practice makes perfect!! And we are really looking forward to showing our families next week.



On Friday this week, the children looked at another story by the author Julia Donaldson, and we shared the beautiful story, 'The Christmas Pine' which celebrates the tradition between Norway and Great Britain, and the gift of a Christmas Tree each year. The children talked about their own Christmas trees and made some lovely Christmas tree crafts to take home.



The week ahead . . .

Next Week we will be diverting from our focus book, and instead we will be enjoying a number of lovely Christmas stories, and enjoying lots of Christmas activities to get us in the festive spirit! (There will no doubt be lots of glitter involved!)

We will be making decorations, creating Christmas crafts, and cooking festive goodies. We are also hoping to turn our role play area into a special Christmas Post Office!!

We will however continue with our focus nursery rhyme, which will be *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* to take us nicely into Christmas.

Nativity Reminder . . .

With any luck you should have received your child's costume for the nativity play on Wednesday next week!

Please encourage your child to wear this at home, and tell them how wonderful and amazing they look, so that they will feel excited and confident to wear it on the day.



Please can all children come to preschool wearing their costumes at 9.15am on the morning of the nativity.



News Flash!!!

It has finally happened, after lots of problems and more technical emails than I could get my head around . . . our website is finally up and running!!

Please check it out at www.chelfordpreschool.org

Keep your eye on the website in the future, for news, updates and information!!

Events this term . . .

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. Please don't forget to let me know whether your child will be able to attend and if so, how many seats you will require. Please come early and buy lots of raffle tickets!!

15th January 2024 - Primary School Admissions Deadline

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

Supporting Learning at Home . . .

Weekly Maths Challenge!

How many windows are in your house?

How many are upstairs?

How many are downstairs?

Are there more windows upstairs or downstairs?



Home Learning Ideas

The Three Wise Men followed a star to find the stable where the baby Jesus lay. Have a look at the stars with a grown-up. Can you find the brightest star? What else can you see in the night sky?



Santa is packing his bag for his journey delivering presents. Draw some of the things he could put in it to help him have a comfortable journey.

IMPORTANT - Requests to change or increase sessions . . .

Hopefully everyone will have received an email this week about our recent review and changes to the way we allocate new admissions and parent's requests to change or increase their current sessions.

We are getting busier every year, and we fully anticipate being oversubscribed from September 2024. In the past, requests to change or increase sessions has been pretty informal, but it is becoming more and more important to ensure that the process is clear, transparent and fair and ultimately easier to manage.

Children's sessions will automatically stay the same into each new term, however; **if you require any changes or increase to your child's sessions either now or at any point in the future, you must complete a Request to Change Form, even if you have already emailed or discussed this with us.**

Please refer to our admissions policy which has been emailed to all parent's this week. You can also find our admissions policy on the website, or if you have any questions please drop us a line or ask any member of the team.

Reminders . . .

At the end of this term, we will be sending the invoices for the term ahead, as well as any extra sessions taken during this term. If you have not already done so, please make sure that your Autumn Term invoice has been settled in full.

