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## 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 the children have been braving the cold snap, and venturing outside as part of our Stick Man learning activities. We have been on lots of welly walks to collect sticks of all shapes and sizes, sticks to draw with, sticks to make music with, sticks to float, sticks to build dens with, and all sorts of sticks in between! We also enjoyed a little bit of bark rubbing in our welly walks this week too.



Once back inside, the children have been experimenting with floating sticks, learning lots of new tap sticks songs, using their sticks as natural paintbrushes, and investigating the different types of marks the different sticks made.

Our maths focus for this half term continues to be numbers and counting, and the children have been enjoying various stickman related number and counting activities.

Some of the children have also been thinking about the people on their own families, and drawing their own family trees.



### The week ahead . . .

Next Week we will be carrying on with our Stick Man themed activities, as the book suggests . . . we will be making stick flags for sandcastles, we will be weaving nests for swans, and releasing sticks from the ice.

We will be cooking again on Tuesday afternoon next week, making some delicious stick man treats (yum yum!) and towards the end of the week, we will be looking towards Christmas with some Santa themed crafts.

And finally, we will be looking at another book by the same author, there are so many Julia Donaldson books to choose, but we will be having a dive into 'The Christmas Pine' which is another beautiful story which celebrates the tradition between Norway and Great Britain, and the gift of a Christmas Tree each year.

Alongside this we will be throwing lots of energy into our nativity play practice . . . as is traditional, we have no idea how we will be ready our performance on the 13<sup>th</sup> !?!

But fingers crossed the magic of Christmas won't let us down!!

Emails will be sent out at the beginning of next week, with details of children's roles, costumes and lines, as well as details for drop off and parent's tickets on the day.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all there!!



## 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](http://www.chelfordpreschool.org)

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

## Events this term . . .

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm-6pm. Chelford Primary School Christmas Fair

Christmas Nativity Play . . . Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

This year our Nativity Play, 'Christmas Counts', will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Primary School Admissions Deadline

To apply online, go to [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx) or call 0300 1235012.

## Supporting Learning at Home . . .

### Weekly Maths Challenge!

Foot steps in the snow!!

How many footsteps from your door to the end of the garden?

What happens if you take bigger steps?

What happens if you take smaller steps?



### Stick Man Home Learning Ideas

As well as sharing the story together you could try:

Decorate some shiny scales and give them away to family and friends. You may like to write a little message on the back about why your child wants to give them the 'special' shiny scale.



Go and visit the local pet shop to see all the colourful fish.

## 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 . . .

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