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## **The CHUF Courier - Issue 13**

Hello, and welcome to the 13th edition of the 'CHUF Courier', we are now more than half way through the second half of Summer Term. The partial re-opening of both the settings has gone really well so far, and we are so impressed at how well everyone has settled back into CHUF, even with so many new procedures and changes to deal with. The children have clearly been very happy to see their friends and members of staff, and the staff have been delighted to welcome them back! We can't wait to be able to have all those children not leaving us in July back in CHUF in September. We are currently eagerly awaiting further updating of Government Guidelines, that will allow us to confirm that we are able to welcome more regular numbers of children back to both CHUF settings for the start of the new academic year!

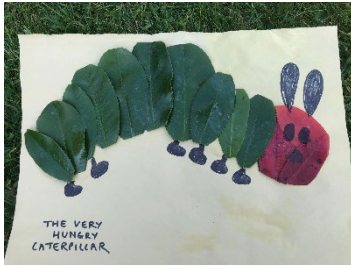
### **Our CHUF Gallery**

Thank you as always for all the amazing pictures you have sent us either by email (info@chufpreschool.co.uk) or by posting to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChearsleyandHaddenhamUnderFives/>

Please do continue to send us your children's wonderful creations and pictures of what they have been up to so that we can share them with you. They really do brighten up our day, and we know the other CHUF children love to see their friends! Below are some of the fantastic pictures we have received recently:

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### **Joke Corner**

Do you have any jokes you can share with us to make us and your fellow CHUF friends laugh? If you do please send them to: [info@chufpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@chufpreschool.co.uk). Here are a few that we have found (We'll let you decide if they are funny or not) .....

Q) What time do ducks wake up?

A) At the quack of dawn.

Q) What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A) A Palm Tree.

Q) Why was the baby strawberry crying?

A) Because her parents were in a jam.

**This Weeks Activity Suggestion:  
What's making that sound game?**



What about playing a very simple game to improve listening, as well as language and communication skills, whilst having fun? All you need for this game is a variety of everyday objects from around the house such as keys, phones, coins, alarm clocks etc. Keep the items hidden away from your child (Perhaps behind the sofa, or your child could wear a blindfold (no peeking!)). Rattle the object or make it emit the sound it usually makes and see if your child can identify what the object is? The children will need to listen very carefully to each sound and analyze it by relating it to their experience of the world. Sometimes identifying individual sounds is the key. Perhaps you could make it into a points scoring game whereby the fewer guesses it takes to guess the object correctly the greater number of points you get? You can keep score and take turns with other siblings and see who guesses the quickest?

If you are struggling to find noisy items, or perhaps all the items you have found have already been brilliantly guessed in no time then BBC Teach (school radio) has a variety of pre-recorded sounds that can be access via the following

link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listening-skills/zbc4y9q>

There are all sorts of sounds available on the website from weather sounds, inside and outside sounds to animals and music, as well as further games to progress your child's listening skills.

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## **Your Creations**

Don't forget to send us pictures of your creations or activities that you have been up to as well as any suggestions you may have, for sharing in our next edition. Please email them to our usual email address ([info@chufpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@chufpreschool.co.uk)), or post them under the comments sections of the relevant Facebook posts if applicable. We would really love to share them with everyone at CHUF. Thank you!

## **Links & Suggestions**

Here are some links to ideas and websites that you may find useful (Some of which we may have already shared on our Facebook page, so apologies for any repetition):

Our first link this week is for a 'Jolly Phonics' song that a lot of our Haddenham CHUF children will be familiar with and will enjoy singing along too:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4IfiKiQ-3I>

Our Second link this week is for a mini relaxing kids session of yoga with local lady Angela Atkinson, and can be accessed through her Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thameandlongcrendonmumsnetwork/permalink/1632307636949984/>

and our final link suggestion this week is for the National Trust's 'Children and Nature' pages. The National Trust are on a mission to reconnect a generation of children with nature and the outdoors through nature-related activities for kids;

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/children-and-nature>

And finally here is a picture of Nikki's (From Hadd CHUF) son Ethan's scarecrow entry for the Haddenham Scarecrow Festival a couple of weeks ago, it's called 'Crash Landings', We wonder how it got up there?????.....



**Stay Safe Everyone Until Next Time.....**

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