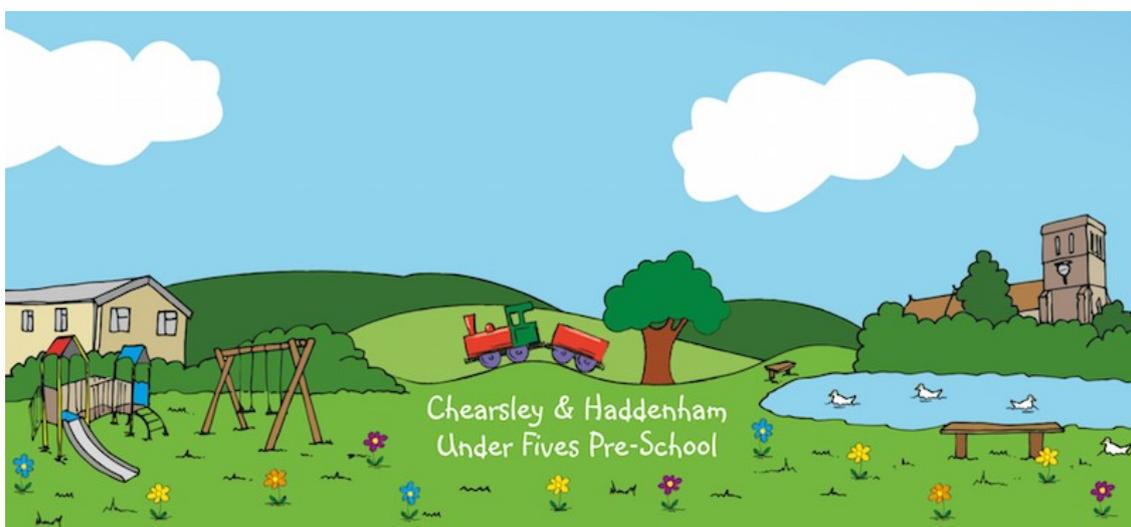


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The CHUF Courier - Issue 16

Welcome everyone to the 16th and last issue of the 'CHUF Courier'. Thank you for being there for the last 17 weeks we really appreciate it!

We do hope that the 'CHUF Courier' has given you a few ideas to help keep you busy whilst you have been at home, and to stay in touch with CHUF and your friends at pre-school over this really difficult time. For those of you leaving CHUF to start big school or moving on to pastures new, we wish you all the very best in your new adventures and we will miss you all. Do keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on, we would really love to hear from you.

For the CHUF children not leaving us in July, we look forward to welcoming you back to CHUF in September and seeing how much you have all grown as well as hearing about what you have been up to. An updated version of our procedures and protocols letter will be issued to all those staying before the end of term which will outline how we envisage day to day life at CHUF in light of the Government's updated guidance issued at the start of this month. Whilst lockdown is being eased the threat of further outbreaks of Coronavirus will remain with us for the foreseeable future, and as such we need to continue to make CHUF as safe a place as possible for our Children, Parents, Staff, and the wider community.

Our CHUF Gallery

Thank you for all the wonderful pictures that you have sent to us since lockdown began in March. They have been wonderful to see and to share with our small pre-school community, and we know that they have brought a smile to many people especially the

CHUF ladies who have missed you all. Below are the last set of brilliant pictures we have to share with you, we hope they keep you smiling right the way through the Summer:

(All Pictures removed due to displaying children's faces)

Messages to our CHUF Friends:

As outlined in our last two editions of the CHUF Courier we thought it would be a great opportunity in our last issue to pass on your messages to your friends at CHUF whom you may not have seen for a very long time, and with some of you moving on to school you might also not get to see before the end of term to say goodbye. Thank you for all your wonderful messages:

(Comments removed as child specific)

Some of Our Lockdown Achievements:

Below are just a few of your amazing achievements during lockdown. We would like to say a massive well done to absolutely every CHUF Child, their Parents, Siblings, Families, & Friends for just how amazing you have all been, and the support you have given each other through some very difficult and tough times:

C (Hadd) has been doing a lot of baking and cooking during lockdown & has decided she would like to be a baker when she grows up. She also grew lettuce, carrots and beetroot in the garden.

P (Hadd) has learned to ride her balance bike and all her letter sounds thanks to lockdown!

E (Cheers) in the latter part of lockdown, Elliot has spent a lot of time discovering new woodlands and rivers to play in.

M (Hadd) has been very busy during lockdown, helping Daddy gardening, crabbing with her sister, making pretty soaps, making slime and has now got a pet rabbit called cotton tail.

A (Cheers) has been very busy doing lots of wonderful drawing during lockdown.

Joke Corner

Here are our last selection of jokes for you, we'll let you decide if they are funny or not.....

Q) Why did the crab never share?

A) Because he was shellfish.

Q) What is the loudest pet you can get?

A) A trumpet.

Q) How do you cut the ocean in half?

A) With a sea-saw.

This Weeks Activity Suggestion: Cereal Box Aquarium:



For our last activity suggestion what about making a 'Cereal Box Aquarium'? As our final craft suggestion we thought you might want an activity that you could develop and add to over the Summer holidays (Equally this can be made simply and quickly should you prefer).

For this activity you will need:

A cereal or shoe box, Paint, Paint brushes, Pebbles, Shells, Sand, Coloured paper, Thread or string, Scissors, Sellotape, Glue, Green pipe cleaners & Gogley eyes.

How To Make:

- 1) With some help from a grown up cut out the front of your cereal or shoe box, so that you are left with a small frame. Seal with sellotape or glue any loose flaps or the lid (If using a shoe box) as this will make the box a stronger structure.
 - 2) Paint the outside of the box including all the outside edges whatever colour you want the outside of your aquarium to be. Wait for the paint to dry and then paint the inside of your box blue to look like water (Remember to paint not just the inside back but all the inside surfaces. Allow the paint to dry. Should you wish to you could line the inside with blue paper rather than painting if you would prefer.
 - 3) Twist several green pipe cleaners together at the bottom to make the base of your underwater plants, then cut the pipe cleaners to different lengths. Bend the pipe cleaners so that your plant looks like it's moving in the water and then fix your plant in the bottom corner of your aquarium with sellotape by bending the end of your plant over. Repeat this process and fix the second underwater plant in the opposite corner.
 - 4) Apply some glue to the bottom of your inside wall of your aquarium in between your two
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under water plants and sprinkle some sand over the glue, shake off any excess sand carefully. Add more glue to the inside base of your aquarium and stick your small pebbles in to become the sea bed, glue any shells you may have to the back wall once you have finished laying your pebbles. If you don't have any shells you could always draw and cut some out of either paper or card and colour or paint them.

5) Cut out several fish simple fish shapes in different coloured paper or card, or if you don't have different coloured paper or card, paint or colour the fish as you wish. Fix a googly eye to each fish and then attach a small amount of thread to the back of your fish with sellotape and hang your fish in your aquarium attaching the other end of the thread to the inside top of the box (Again with a small piece of sellotape). use different lengths of thread for each fish so that they give the illusion of swimming at different heights. Your aquarium is then finished!

Should you wish to develop this further you could add different fish or even jellyfish, or add more plants made out of tissue paper etc, or you could make different aquariums each with different underwater creatures in! Have a look on <http://pinterest.com> for more ideas and inspiration!

Links & Suggestions:

All three of our links this week are from Bucks County Council's resource cards and are looking at transitions especially to school, but transitions are important for children whether starting preschool, moving on to school, or as for many of our CHUF children returning to preschool after a long time away from the setting. Effective transitions are crucial at all times but during the Covid 19 Pandemic children have already experienced an unsettled period and therefore they are even more important. At CHUF we are working in partnership with Parents, schools and other settings to make this transition as smooth and as prepared for as possible in these challenging times:

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47311/200623-rmhs-mini-me-transitions.pdf>

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47310/200623-jh-getting-ready.pdf>

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47312/200623-transition-lah-hea.pdf>

.....and finally from the teams in Chearsley and Haddenham we would like to wish you all a very happy summer holidays, and wish those of you leaving CHUF for pastures new all the very best at 'big school', or your new settings. We will miss you! To those of you who are returning to CHUF in September and we haven't seen for a very long time we can't wait to see you all!





Stay Safe Everyone.....



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