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The CHUF Courier - Issue 3

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the 'CHUF Courier', and what would normally be the start of the Easter holidays. Again, we hope that this issue finds you all as well as possible? We would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate (Especially now as we enter the School holiday period) that this newsletter and any of the suggestions included in it are just ideas and there is absolutely no pressure to do any of them, we do however hope that you will find some of the suggestions helpful and that the fantastic pictures of your children's creations included in the gallery section of the 'Courier' make you smile!

Our CHUF Gallery

Thank you for all the amazing pictures you have sent us either by email (info@chufpreschool.co.uk) or by posting on our Facebook Page

[:https://www.facebook.com/ChearsleyandHaddenhamUnderFives/](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! Below are some of the fantastic pictures we have received in the last week (No bias towards Haddenham honest! We just didn't have any Chearsley CHUF children's pictures to share this week):



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. Here are a few that we have found (We'll let you decide if they are funny or not)

Q. Who granted the fish a wish?

A. The fairy codmother.

Q. What do elves learn at school?

A. The elf-abet.

Q. How do you make toast in the jungle?

A. Put it under a Gorilla.

This Weeks Activity Suggestion:

How to make an Easter crown:

Get a strip of thin card (Long enough to fit around your child's head... you can staple or sellotape the card or paper together if you don't have any card/paper long enough). Draw zig zags along one side of the card. Then cut these along the zig zag line (Either the Parent or child can do the cutting out -depending on scissor skills of child). Cut a potato in half to make an oval /egg shape for printing. Using different coloured paint (You can experiment with mixing your colours if you wish) and then print a pattern along the crown. This could be a sequenced pattern (supports maths) or just a random pattern. You can then decorate the crown with gems, sequins or similar etc if you have any (Or anything that you may have that's suitable). Once dried, then assemble the crown using either staples or sellotape (This activity supports physical development, using media/materials and maths).

Your Creations

Don't forget to send us pictures of your creations or what 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), 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 things to do that you may find useful (Some of which we have already shared on our Facebook page, so apologies for the repetition):

Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate, and the children at Haddenham CHUF are familiar with learning a different Makaton sign each week (Usually with relevance to the topic we are doing at the time) . It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and

listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. Why not take a look at their Facebook page, their website also has lots of free resources too (See the links below):

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/TheMakatonCharity/posts/?ref=notif>

<https://www.makaton.org/>

How about trying **Cosmic Kids Yoga**? We have it on good authority that some of our CHUF children have loved this. It's Yoga, mindfulness and relaxation designed specially for kids aged 3+, used in schools and homes all over the world, there are tons of videos to choose from, told through colourful stories for children of varying ages. See the You Tube link below: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

There is a brand new 'broadcast' coming weekly from Julia Donaldson entitled Julia Donaldson and Friends. Julia is keen to share songs, stories and poems with children and families who have found themselves at home. She has enlisted the help of a number of the illustrators she works with and has pulled together a plan for getting entertainment directly into homes over the next 10 weeks.

Week 1 (2nd April): A Squash and a Squeeze Includes: A Squash and a Squeeze song performed by Julia and Malcolm Donaldson and a drawing segment from Axel Scheffler. You'll be able to watch a new episode from Julia and her friends every Thursday at 4pm on the Gruffalo Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialGruffalo/> (Although the videos will remain live as ongoing content so you can catch up anytime).

..... and finally this is Buzz (Debbie from Haddenham CHUF's) cat enjoying the sunshine!
We hope you have been enjoying it safely too!



Stay Safe Everyone Until next Time.....



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