

ACTIVITY DAYS...

PE - Friday

MUSIC - Monday

The Theme is...
"Ourselves"



DISPLAY TABLE

Please bring **one** item that is the correct colour

WEEK 1	blue
WEEK 2	green
WEEK 3	purple
WEEK 4	yellow
WEEK 5	orange
WEEK 6	red
WEEK 7	pink

Important - dates

AGM meeting to be arranged
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Pre-school closes for half term after the session on Friday 23rd October and opens on Monday 2nd November

Welcome back to our **new Pre-school at Chelford C E Primary School**. We hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break and feel rested and ready for the start of another school year.

A warm welcome to all the new children Lilly, Freya, Jasper, Jessica, Emily and Alfie. We are sure that they will soon settle into the pre-school routines and we look forward to watching them grow and develop over the next two years.

Our theme this half term is "Ourselves" and we have lots of activities planned for the children to explore. The children will be painting self portraits, and creating face collages using a variety of materials and paper plates. We will be reading the story "My Mum and Dad make me Laugh" by Nick Sharratt and using "small group time" to enable the children to chat about their families and what makes them laugh.

As we will be welcoming lots of new little two year olds, we will be exploring and investigating lots of messy resources, sand, water, gloop, paint, play dough and glue. Should be lots of fun!!

"Outside play"

One of the main EYFS principles under the heading "Enabling Environments" emphasises that "the outside environment plays a key role in supporting and extending children's learning and development"

We are now in the fortunate position to have our own enclosed outside play area so will now have the opportunity go outside every day.

Named pegs will be provided so that the children's' coats can be hung up and their wellies can be safely stored at pre-school.

PE kits can also be left at pre-school.

Cleaning

Many thanks to all the parents who took pre-school equipment home to clean. The help was very much appreciated.

The committee and staff work very hard to raise funds so that all the children are able to benefit from modern, exciting, and good quality resources.

As most of our committee members have now resigned, their children having gone to school, we desperately need new members with new ideas and lots of enthusiasm. We work as a team and obviously the more members we have the easier the task. Meetings are usually once or twice a term and are held in the evening. We are pleased to welcome Hedley's daddy Mark on to the committee as our future chairperson.

Vacancy

We need a new secretary to take the minutes at our committee meetings

Mum helpers will no longer be required to fill in a "Mums rota"

The classroom at the school is smaller than the village hall and therefore OFSTED have registered the provision to provide care for up to 18 children instead of our previous number 24. The staff will not need to go out of the room as the kitchen area, storage areas and toilets are all on site.

However if any parents would like to help at any time they would be **very welcome** and their help would be appreciated.

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Library books. With effect from **Monday 7th September** we will be restarting our weekly pre-school library. The children are given the opportunity to select a book and take it home to share with other family members. The book is changed once a week, usually at the beginning of the week and taken home in a named folder. The children who will be starting school next year will also be given a comments book to draw pictures and practise mark-making in. In our experience most of the children have loved showing us their books and chatting about what they have drawn, often a picture of what they have been doing over the weekend or a picture relating to the story book they have just read.

Telephone - As we do not have a land line yet please telephone the pre-school on Jane's mobile 07821220346

Out side of pre-school hours contact Jane on her home number 01625 860 902

Please do not hesitate to speak to the staff if you have any queries about any aspect of life in Pre-school.

Jane Rebecca Janet Rachel

Tuesday - lunch and afternoon sessions

One of the many advantages of now being located within the school is that we are now able to offer morning, lunchtime and afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and are pleased that up to now 11 children will be attending the full day sessions. The children will need to bring a picnic lunch with them. We are hoping to extend this provision to 2 / 3 days per week depending on the needs of parents/carers. If you would be interested in us extending the provision then please fill in the form below and give it to Jane or Rebecca



Child's Name		Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Please tick days you would like lunch and pm sessions to be available			