



**Zuzanna for being a persevering parrot when building a house for the Three Little Pigs.**

### Message from Mrs Grainger

It seems hard to believe that we are into the final week of a very long and difficult term for everybody. The extremely challenging times in early January have certainly moved forward, and we're starting to enjoy some Spring weather which lifts everyone's spirit.

The children in school continue to take things in their stride and I think that you can all be very proud of your children for adapting and responding so well. Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to wear a mask when coming on to the school grounds. This is to protect yourselves and to protect others. Thank you.

Finally, I want to remind you that the school has a responsibility to continue to track and trace any cases of COVID-19 over the Easter break. Please be aware that any test results should be reported through the MyEd app or office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk e-mail address. Please refer to the table overleaf that explains what to do.

### INSET Days

As previously stated, we consider our training days to be of highest importance. We plan these days ahead for the whole year and use them for school improvement and training. Therefore, I wish to highlight the remaining INSET days and confirm school will be closed to pupils:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### Message from Early Years

What an amazing week we have had in Early Years. This week we have been continuing to read the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. We can retell the story now using our story map to help us. We have put actions to the words to help us remember the story. We have even created our own story maps in literacy and labelled the characters. We have also been making hand printed pigs, practicing forming letters in shaving foam and gel, painted pictures of pigs and wolves, practicing addition and subtraction, practicing recognising numbers and much more.

In theme this week, we have been exploring materials. We choose our own materials to make a house for the Three Little Pigs. We turned a hairdryer into a wolf and investigated to see if our houses were strong enough. Our houses were super strong that the wolf didn't manage to blow our houses down.

Next week we will be completing lots of exciting Easter activities. We are looking forward to next week already 😊

### Reception in Need

Reception would really appreciate it if you could have a look to see if you have any spare nuts and bolts, metal tap washers, pots and pans, baking trays, different size spoons or scoops. Any donations would be very much appreciated.

### Easter Holiday Dates

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the end of the day and opens again for the Summer term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

This week in Nursery:

This week in Nursery, the children have been very creative, painting pictures of The Big Bad Wolf in 'The 3 Little Pigs' as well as some fabulous Spring Chickens painted with forks! As well as this, we have done some amazing writing, labelling our daffodil still life paintings from last week. We were so impressed with the children's writing. They are hearing beginning and end sounds in words, and learning to use the sound mat to help them identify sounds so that they can write the words.

We had a lovely morning in the forest this week, spotting more signs of Spring and looking at our runner beans which are getting taller by the day! We have a bean in the classroom that is in a plastic container, so we can see the roots forming and the stem beginning to grow. The children love to check our bean every morning to see how much it has grown in the night!

The children are getting very excited for Easter now and we have been practising our Spring Chicken song every day. Have a look on You Tube at the link and get them to sing it for you. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEey4LZLeGw>



This week in Reception

Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!  
Take a look at this week's activities...



