

HEAD TEACHER HEADLINES:

Vol #7



Welcome to the first Headteachers headlines of the new academic year.

A warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in September and a warm welcome back to those families who were already part of the Chapel Street Community last year.

We hope everyone has settled in well. We all understand how hard it can be to leave your child with strangers. You may feel anxious, nervous and sad. These are all very normal feelings and we want to work with you to make sure the transition for you and your child into nursery is as calm as possible. If you have any concerns, your child's key worker is always on hand to talk to you and if you need a coffee and a cry, we have a great family worker team who can support you through your feelings.

I'd like to introduce our senior leadership team in this first headlines who are:



Sarah Gilbert
Head teacher



Liz Jenkins
Deputy
head/SEND CO



Sarah Cain
Family
worker



Daniel Coppin
Chair of
Governors

You will also have met a lady called Liz Hogan who is our HR manager. She has been meeting and greeting on the gate so please say hello to her. I will put her photo in the next headlines.



Please find below some information regarding the guidance that we follow at Nursery School which sets out how we teach your children.

The revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Teaching and learning in the Early Years is planned through play experiences. Children learn best when they are engaged, active and exploring.

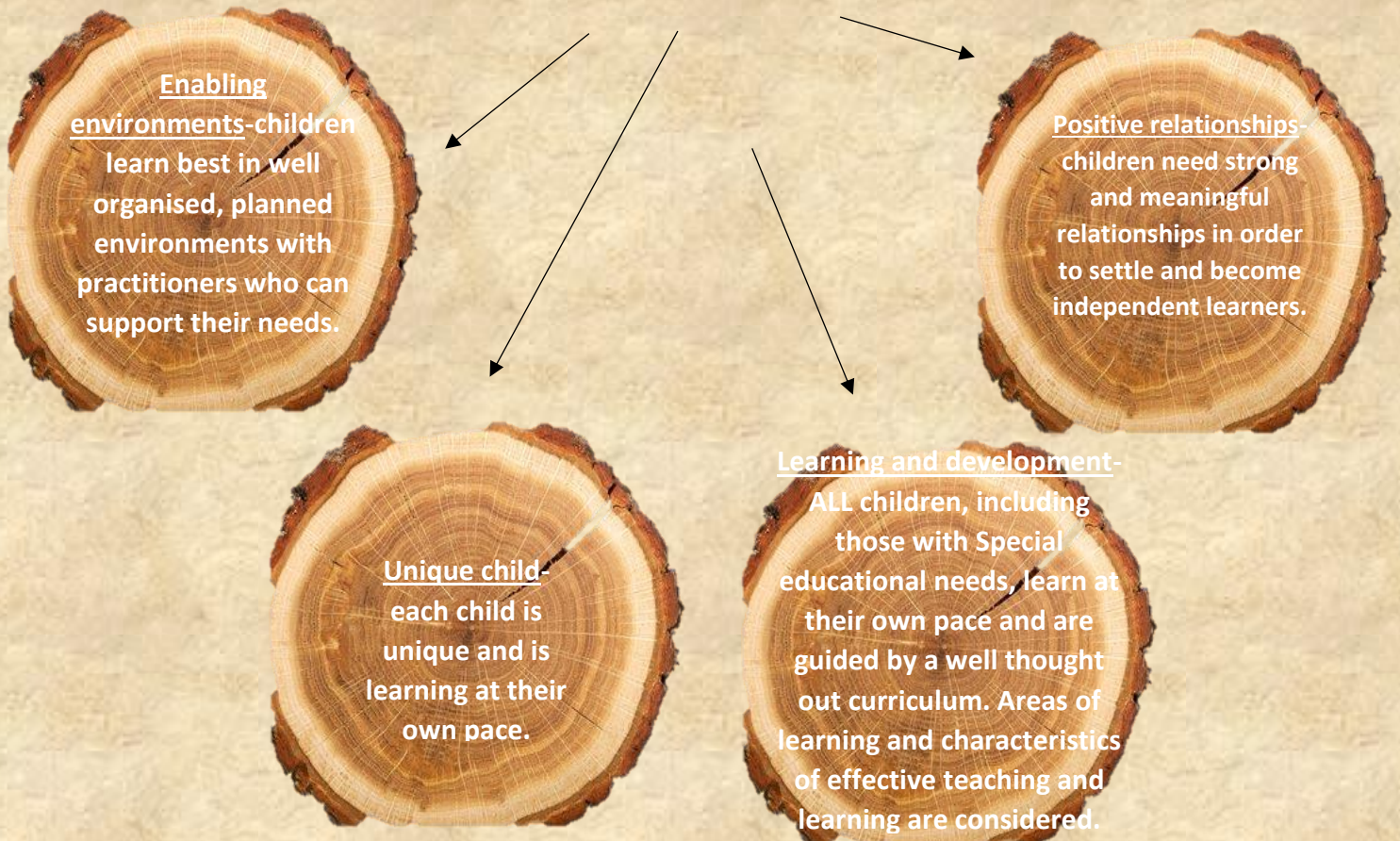
As with all other Early Years' settings, Chapel Street Nursery School use the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure that we provide:

"Quality and Consistency"- This means that children have access to outstanding teaching throughout their time at Nursery School.

"A secure Foundation"- This means our practitioners are confident where each a child is within the curriculum and can plan and assess to ensure progression.

"Partnership working"- This means we are committed to working with you as parents to ensure a smooth transition into nursery with clear communication until your children leave.

"Equality of opportunity"- This means that ALL our children at Chapel Street Nursery School are given the same opportunities. They are all supported to access our curriculum in order to move forward at their own pace.



The EYFS sets out:

Areas of learning which help us plan activities and experiences. These are separated into prime areas and specific areas.

The 3 **prime areas** are the foundation for learning. These are:

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

PHYSICAL

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

The 4 **specific areas** then build on and expand those prime areas. These are:

LITERACY

MATHEMATICS

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The 3 **characteristics of effective teaching and learning** describe how children learn.

These are:

Playing and exploring
Active learning
Creating and thinking critically



Has your child been:

Respectful like the Robin

Brave like the baboon

Courageous like the chameleon

Friendly like the fox

Kind like the kangaroo

Helpful like the hippo

Resilient like the racoon



Look out for reward points on Class dojo

VALUES EDUCATION

The children are learning about values at nursery school. This is embedded into nursery life and celebrated when a child has shown one of the values.



WE'VE GOT EXCITING NEWS!

Next week, starting Friday 20th September, our garden is being transformed. The large wooden structure in the bottom playground is being dismantled with a new structure being put in its place. The flooring will be soft artificial grass which will help to give a more natural feel to our outdoor space. Please see photos below...



The safety of our children and families is our main priority so please follow any guidance given when dropping off and collecting your children from the playground.



Date

Event

Week beg 28.10.2024

October half term-nursery closed

4.11.2024

Training day-nursery closed

10.12.2024

Parent consultation (4.00pm-5.20pm)

23.12.24→3.1.2024

Christmas holidays-nursery closed

6.1.2025

Training day-nursery closed

**New
events...**

