

CHIPS

This summer, funding from Tongham Parish Council supported 14 children aged 5-11 years-old living in or attending school in Tongham to have an unforgettable holiday experience at CHIPS Guildford full of new activities, friendships and lots of fun! Our playscheme, running for 3 weeks from Ash Grange Primary School, welcomed over 100 children from across Ash and Tongham to explore the world - with the children cooking delicious food from other countries to discover different flavours, learning how to play steel drums, and taking part in lots of different arts and crafts including creating Grecian mosaics, Aboriginal dot paintings and weaving Egyptian wicker fish! It was wonderful to see the children grow in confidence, improve their resilience and social skills plus develop their understanding of different places and cultures. They also got super active – taking part in archery, den building and street dance (to name but a few activities!) plus lots and lots of outdoor games! With Section 137 funding, combined with funding granted by Club4 HAF (Surrey County Council), Surrey Councillors' Carla Morson and Fiona White, The National Lottery and Tesco's, the majority of the children joining us from Tongham were able to attend at no cost to their family with the remainder paying a very subsidised rate of £10 per day - every child that attended was also offered a free, daily, nutritious cooked 2-course lunch. We are very grateful to Tongham Parish Council for your support and the difference you have helped us make this summer. As families told us: CHIPS is a fantastic group of people which have helped our daughter try new things, improve her skills and gave her the chance to play with other children outside of a school environment. Thank you for providing a safe and happy environment for my two children - this has meant I have been able to continue working. We just don't have any support through the holidays and there is not enough annual leave to cover all the school holidays.

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