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Please note that the contents of this newsletter were drafted prior to the announcement at the weekend of a second lockdown from Thursday 5th November. Therefore, please note that if any of the arrangements for the outlined activities below have to change we will of course let you know. Early Years settings along with Schools will of course remain open.

Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a 6 week half term. With term recommencing on Monday 2nd November, and we break up for Christmas on Friday 11th December at 12.10pm in both settings. **Please note that there is no afternoon session on the last day of term in Haddenham and no Lunch Bunch in Chearsley that day (Any advanced Lunch Bunch Bookings for that day have not been billed for that session).** Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed and downloaded from our website: <http://www.chuf.co.uk>. Details of this terms events are outlined in further detail below.

The Winter Months

The winter months are fast approaching and we still want to use our outside spaces as much as possible in both settings. Therefore we are asking Parents to bring in a spare pair of named wellies to stay in your child's setting. These will be changed into when the children play on our grassy areas and the ground is wet etc. Please can children come to CHUF wearing suitable shoes for both indoor and outdoor play (If the ground is dry then

they will not necessarily change into their wellies) so shoes ideally need to be enclosed (Eg, not sandals etc). In both settings we ask that children are appropriately dressed for the weather .Please bear in mind that in line with Government Guidelines both settings will continue to be well ventilated so please ensure your child has several layers on when required. If you have any queries regarding this please speak to any of the Supervisors in your child's setting.

Reception Admission - September 2021

All Parents with children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 seeking a place for their child during the next academic year must make their application **no later than midnight on 15 January 2021**. Updated information will be on the Buckinghamshire County Council website from the beginning of November as well as information about local schools. Parents can apply online at <http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk> from 2nd November 2020. A formal application must be made to the Admissions and Transport Team at Buckinghamshire County Council. If an application is received late it can seriously jeopardise their chances of being offered their preferred school particularly if it is a popular school. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions and Transport Team by email with your request <http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/contactadmissions>

Recording Absences

Please can we remind you that all absences should be reported on the day by calling your child's setting. It is important that we know the reason for any absence so that we can record it correctly in our registers. This has always been important especially for funded children as our registers are audited regularly and monies can be clawed back by Bucks County Council for sessions not attended if we have no reason recorded for an absence. The recording of absences is even more important at this present time for all children (Either funded or non funded) as we need to note anyone that might be self isolating or showing possible Covid-19 symptoms.

We ask that you call your child's setting rather than email as our main email address may not be monitored in time for the registers to be updated. Chearsley can be called on 01844 201858 and Haddenham on 01844 299123. If you are aware of future absences such as holidays or appointments etc, please do let us know these in advance so we can record this information, such absences can be noted by email, telephone or in person in the setting when dropping off or picking up your child. The CHUF main email address is: info@chufpreschool.co.uk.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We sadly said goodbye to Karen Ford at our Chearsley CHUF setting at the beginning of October. Karen has worked at Chearsley CHUF for 10 years and her cheerful smile and great sense of humour and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by the Parents, children and all the staff! Karen is returning in a more full time capacity to estate agency. CHUF's loss will be the housing markets gain! We wish Karen all the very best!

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Charisse Andrews to join the staff team at Chearsley CHUF. Charisse has a background of working in children's nurseries and also as a private nanny.

Children In Need

To mark this year's **Children In Need day on Friday 13th November** and to raise some money for this worthy cause CHUF are doing the following:

At **Chearsley CHUF** we are encouraging the children to participate in a '**crazy hair day**'!

For those that attend a Friday session at Chearsley CHUF please come to pre-school with a wacky hair do, the more imaginative the better!

At **Haddenham CHUF** we are encouraging the children to 'Wear Your PJ's Day'. For those that attend at Friday session at Haddenham CHUF please come to pre-school wearing your PJ's!

A donation pot will be available at both settings if you feel able to support this event. We look forward very much to seeing your crazy hair and to letting you know how much we have raised!



Fundraising at CHUF

Thank you to all those of you who have purchased your child's photograph taken earlier in the term by Rebecca. We hope you are delighted with the proofs and are able to tick off a few of the presents on the Christmas shopping list now. Orders have been placed and will be delivered in the next few weeks. We look forward to letting you know how much we have raised from the purchasing of these photos and what the settings have bought with these monies. A big thank you as well to everyone who has ordered their child's Christmas card or any other item from the Rudolph Cards range. The children's cards have been sent off and we look forward to receiving the completed orders for distribution to you very soon. Again, we look forward to updating you on how much we have been able to raise for CHUF by the purchasing of your child's fantastic artwork.

Purchases of New Equipment & Resources in both settings:

After a very generous donation from a Chearsley Parent at the start of term we have been able to purchase in Chearsley a new globe, and some more games, as well as top up our craft resources and in Haddenham they have invested the donation in revamping their book corner into an 'Enchanted Wood', by purchasing new props, a forest backdrop and grass flooring. Thank you so much for your generosity, it's greatly appreciated by both the staff and children alike! In Chearsley we have also had a small amount of extra funding specifically to be used on extra resources and the staff have purchased the following: A Duplo castle and train, 3 new puzzles, training scissors, more dry wipe pens for mark making and a dolls house lock and bell system. The children have really enjoyed playing with using the new resources. Thank you!

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to all our Parents and Carers and a massive well done to all our children for managing so brilliantly with our current procedures at drop off and pick up times due to the current restrictions we have in place in line with Government guidelines. We appreciate that these procedures are not easy for both the Parents and the children and especially for our new starters. We normally offer an 'Open Door' policy, but under the circumstances we find ourselves in at the moment we are unable to let any Parents/Carers into the setting. Please be assured that if any child is unsettled then we will

of course endeavour to settle them. If a child remains unsettled, then we will inform their Parents as soon as possible. Our staff are very experienced in settling children and will not allow a child to remain upset for any length of time and we are able to put strategies in place in order help any child settle. Once again, a big thank you to all for adhering to the new procedures, it's much appreciated.

Haddenham Setting Reminder

Please can we remind Haddenham Parents and Carers that we are unfortunately unable to allow pushchairs, bikes or scooters to be left outside the setting. Unfortunately, we just don't have the space, we also need to keep areas outside the patio and to the side of the CHUF building clear of any items as the pathways must be kept clear for deliveries and also as fire exit routes. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Christmas Activities For The Last Week of Term:

As we are sure you will all understand we are unable this year to run our usual Christmas Plays and crib service, and have our usual in person visit from a certain somebody who lives in the North Pole. But both settings are working hard to make the last week of term and the run up to Christmas as special as possible for your little ones. We have some more plans up are sleeves but will let you know about these in the coming few weeks. However, we are able to let you know the following:

Chearsley: Weds 9th Dec (Am Session Only) all children are invited to attend (Including those who do not normally attend a Wednesday Am session) for a morning of 'Festive songs, games and treats'. All children are invited to come wearing either a Christmas jumper or party outfit. A letter will be issued in the next few weeks giving more details and asking for your confirmation as to whether your child will be attending. We will be asking in this letter for a £2.00 donation towards party food. Chearsley will be able to invite all children to one party despite the current circumstances due to there being only a small number in the setting at present and all the settings children form one bubble.

Haddenham: Thurs 10th & Fri 11th Dec (2 X Am Sessions) all children will be invited to a CHUF Christmas party which will be held over 2 morning sessions due to the number of children that we have in our Haddenham setting. (If your child does not normally attend on either of these days then they will be invited to attend one of the sessions should you wish them too. There will be a small number of children who attend both mornings and therefore will attend both parties). The Haddenham CHUF Party will include a party food snack, party games, a disco and possibly a Christmas film. More details will follow in a detailed letter.

Please look out for further details in both settings including a letter with reply slip for return. The letter will be issued via your child's tray/basket in the coming weeks.

Haddenham Christmas Tree Festival:

In previous years the Haddenham CHUF children have taken part in the Christmas Tree Festival held at St Mary's Church every December. Unfortunately, this is not going ahead this year in it's usual format due understandably to the current circumstances. We are waiting to hear from the organisers of the event if they will be able to stage the festival in a different format, and will let you know any details if we are able to take part.

Christmas Card Lists: A post box will be in both settings nearer the end of term should your child wish to send any of their CHUF friends a Christmas card, a list of all the children in each setting is below:

Chearsley: Lydia P, Monty L, Cooper R, Vinnie D, Piper T, Esther-Rose D, Louis S, Antoinette H, Alice G, Dale B, Lacey O, Bella A, Will L, Lucas F-W, Lola M, Alfie F, Elizabeth S, Ella T, Monty L-B, & Max D.

Haddenham: Elliot S, Arlo D, Evelyn P, Sorley S, Alicia B, Charles H, Ben M, Daphne C-M, Rexby M-S, Summer F, Zach H, Madeleine T, Thea H, Teddy W, Teddy B, Elodie S, Jack D, Sienna P, Isaac O, Nancy B, Montana E, Tilda S-N, Sophie L, Evie B, Edward M, Erin C, Rosie H, Erin D, Harry R, Myla- Mae H, Jack T, Ernest B, Albie R, Sebastian G, Arlo S, & Bertie L.

Feedback:

If you wish to speak to your child's keycarer for feedback at any stage, please contact them to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress. Feedback is most welcome via our email address for the attention of our Manager Anne Barker (info@chufpreschool.co.uk). We would also welcome any feedback as the academic year progresses on your child's setting so that we can continue to develop our fantastic pre-school settings.

Sign up to Inloco and raise funds for CHUF

Inloco is a startup founded by two local mums. It is a new approach to childcare which lets you build your own childcare circle by sharing trusted sitters with friends in your community. Whether it's for babysitting, after school help or holiday help - Inloco gives families a simple, quick way to ask the people they trust with their children to lend a hand. It's free to

join and by signing up we get to raise upto £200 for the pre-school. Simply sign up at <http://www.myinloco.com> and add Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives to your profile. Thanks for your help.



Payment of Fees:

Payment of fee monies are welcomed in cash, cheque (Made payable to Chearsley & Haddenham Under 5's) or internet payment into our Lloyds account as follows:

Sort code: 30-98-56

Account Number: 00503068

Account Name: Chearsley & Haddenham Under 5's

Please can we remind you that payments should be annotated, in the space provided to quote what and whom the payment is in respect of, e.g. Joe Bloggs Fee's 1st Half Autumn. Without these details it is exceptionally hard to match up payments with monies outstanding, and leads to people being chased for payment unnecessarily. Payments should be made within 14 days of being billed.

The Staff at CHUF

Anne Barker- Manager, Child Protection Officer, Sally Smith- Administrator,
Karen Elder- Supervisor (Ch), Debbie Turvey- Supervisor (Ch), Emma Deere-
Supervisor, Child Protection Officer, Behaviour Co-ordinator & SENCO (Ch),
Debbie Fleetwood- Supervisor (H), Kasia Kowalska- Supervisor (H),
Nikki Lucas- Supervisor & SENCO (H), Su Smith- (Ch), Fiona Distin- (H), Lauren Godfrey
(Ch),
Sara Heap- SENCO (H), Sarah Wassall (H), Laura Stockwell (H), Kimmy Nicholl (H),
Charisse Andrews (Ch).



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