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Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a 5 week and 4 day half term. With term recommencing on Monday 25th February, and we break up for Easter on Thursday 4th April 2019. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: www.chuf.co.uk. Term dates for the academic year 2019/20 are available on our website and copies will be placed in all existing CHUF children's trays in the Summer term for your reference for those with children who aren't leaving CHUF to start school..

CHUF's Easter Bunny Hop Challenge

You will be receiving a letter in the next few days regarding the CHUF Easter Bunny Hop Challenge. All children will be taking part in the Bunny Hop, and hopping will commence in **Haddenham W/C 25th March** and in **Chearsley W/C 1st April 2019**. We would love it, if you, your family and friends would take part in sponsoring your child to 'Hop'. This is an event that we have been running at CHUF for a number of years, the children love taking part. All fundraising goes to buying new equipment and learning experiences for both the CHUF settings. As we are a charity run organisation this is one of our key fundraising events. This year, we are again using the 'My Donate' page which is now open and ready for your donations: <http://mydonate.bt.com/events/chufhop/484186> If you could send this link to family and friends so they can sponsor your child that would be fantastic. We hope that as per the last couple of years this online form makes it easier for you. Please could all sponsorship monies be registered on the 'My Donate' page **by Friday 6th April 2019**.

New Committee Members Plea

A big thank you to everyone that responded to our plea for new Committee Members last half term. If anyone else feels that they might like to join the committee please do get in touch by emailing : info@chufpreschool.co.uk. We welcome people to just give what time they can and attend meetings. No background experience is necessary - all that you need is enthusiasm and to attend a few meetings - we meet formally twice a term for approximately 1-1.5 hours, as well as for the AGM. The Manager and staff do all the hard work!

The Pre-school relies on Parents and Carers as volunteers to make it extra special. We want to do everything we can to ensure that CHUF remains a not-for-profit organisation as it provides such a fantastic affordable provision of pre-school education to the community. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people and it can provide a lot of personal satisfaction and learning. If you are interested in joining the Committee or finding out more, we would love to hear from you.

Parent Rota

As you may be aware we run a Parent Rota in both of our settings, this is a great opportunity for Parents and Carers to come in and see what happens during a session and to help out (No special skills required). The children really love having Parent's and Carers coming in. If you think that you would like to come in for a session please sign up to the Parent Rota which is displayed on the Parent Notice Board in each setting. If you can't do any of the dates suggested but would still like to help please speak to any of the Supervisors, who will be happy to find an alternative date that works for you.

Fantastic Fundraising at CHUF

As promised in our last Newsletter due to some fantastic fundraising organised by our committee prior to Christmas and supported by our wonderful parents we are now able to let you know what we have been able purchase with some of this fundraising:

Haddenham have purchased a wigwam, artificial grass for a 'Tuff Spot', a new picket fence with legs to divide up sections for play, new cars and other vehicles, and new grab bags. Most of these items have been purchased with a view to improving our patio area in Haddenham.

Chearsley have purchased a dark tent, Rockets and Spacemen (To enhance their Space

Equipment Resources), new threading toys, a bug hotel, pirate ship and new cushions for the home corner.

Some of these items have already arrived and are in use, and others you will notice arriving over the coming weeks. Once again, thank you so much for your support, it is greatly appreciated and the children really do love playing with any new toys and equipment.

Tax Free Childcare Scheme

As many of you will be aware the Government set up a Tax-Free Childcare Scheme in April 2017. This scheme enables eligible Parents to get up to £2,000.00 per child per year towards their childcare costs. CHUF have tried to register to accept payments since the inception of the scheme, but have encountered problems with obtaining our UTR (Unique Taxpayer Reference) and so as yet we are not registered. We understand that other Charity run Pre-school's have also encountered similar problems.

Please be assured that we are continuing to ensure that CHUF is registered to accept payments. However, we envisage that we are unlikely to be registered within the next few weeks. So if you feel that you have missed out by CHUF not being registered to accept these payments, you may be eligible for compensation. Please see the attached link for more details.

[http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childcare-service-compensation.](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childcare-service-compensation)

If you have any queries regarding this please email CHUF at : info@chufpreschool.co.uk.

Healthy Snack Donations at CHUF

As per previous newsletters at CHUF we aim to promote healthy eating as much as possible, and we like to reflect this in what we offer at snack times. We ask for donations to enable the children to try as many different types of healthy food as possible, and also by asking for donations we are able to keep our session fee's lower. We buy as much as we can but very much welcome donations of any of the following: Oat cakes, rice cakes, crackers, crumpets, breadsticks, cereals such as Cheerios, any fruit or veg, dips such as houmous, or anything else healthy that you can think of. Alternatively, there is a donation pot on the signing in tables in both settings for you to contribute a small amount of money towards snack if you are unable to bring any items in but would still like to contribute to snack time. We would like to thank all our very generous Parents and Carers who continue to support our snack policy, it's much appreciated.

Outdoor Clothing

During the winter months your child needs to bring in appropriate outdoor clothing to CHUF each day. We try to spend time outside during each session, unless the weather is particularly adverse. Warm outdoor clothing should include items as mittens, hats, scarves and wellies. Please can you make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Many Thanks.

Payment of Fees

Payment of Fee monies are welcome in cash, cheque (Made payable to CHUF) or internet payment into our Lloyds account as follows:

Sort code: 30-98-56

Account Number: 00503068

Account Name: Chearsley & Haddenham Under Fives

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 Fees 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 two weeks of being billed.

The Staff at CHUF

Anne Barker- Manager, Child Protection Officer, Sally Smith- Administrator

Cheri Mackey- Supervisor (Ch), Kirsty Johnson- Supervisor (H), Debbie Fleetwood- Supervisor (H),

Karen Elder- Supervisor (Ch), Kasia Kowalska- Supervisor (H), Nikki Lucas- SENCO (H),

Debbie Turvery- (CH), Su Smith- (Ch), Karen Ford- (Ch), Fiona Distin- (H), Jen Akehurst- (H),

Emma Deere- Child Protection Officer, Behaviour Co-ordinator & SENCO (Ch),

Sara Heap- SENCO (H), Sarah Wassall (H/Ch).



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