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Term Dates:

Welcome back to those of you that have been able to re-join us at CHUF. We appreciate that this is not the start to the new year that any of us had planned or hoped for, and we are sorry that not all of our CHUF children will be re-joining us. But we understand completely, and we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we are able too.

We can confirm that this is a 5 week and 3 day half term. Term recommenced on Wednesday 6th January, and we break up for half term on Friday 12th February. Thank you to everyone who responded very quickly to our emails earlier this week, which enabled us to ensure that we were able to re-open as planned despite the current circumstances.

Copies of CHUF term dates for the whole academic year can be viewed at our website: <https://www.chuf.co.uk/data/documents/Term-Dates-2020-21.pdf> .

Due to the current circumstances we have not been joined by all our planned new starters this term but we are pleased to welcome 2 new starters to CHUF, Lily Newman & Callie Quesnell. We do hope you all enjoy your time with us at CHUF.

Working in Partnership with Parents:

As you will be aware due to the current circumstances we are working with reduced staffing numbers in both settings but have opened as per Government guidelines to **all** those children still requiring a place at CHUF during this current lockdown.

In order to keep both of our settings open and running we are relying on Parents and

Carers ensuring that children are **not** brought into the setting if they are showing any symptoms at all of Covid or have been in contact with anyone else who is showing symptoms. A test should be booked as soon as possible, and your child should isolate until the results are known (They should of course continue to isolate if they test positive). It is highly likely that if we have any further cases CHUF will have to shut the affected setting, as we have no staffing contingency for such a scenario. This would mean that CHUF Parents who are critical/ key workers would not be able to access their much-needed place, so we urge you to be as cautious as possible. Indeed, if at all possible, we would like any child that is under the weather at all to be kept at home until they are better (Even if in usual circumstances you would normally send your child to CHUF eg) if they are suffering from a runny nose or cold etc). If you are in any doubt at all, please do not send your child to CHUF. If all Parents could keep the bigger picture in mind that would be wonderful and will hopefully benefit us all and enable us to keep open. Many Thanks.

A Plea....

Please can we ask that children are sent into both settings wearing warm, comfortable (Named) clothes that are okay to get mucky, as we will be trying to be outside as much as possible. Windows and doors will also remain open to aid ventilation.

A Big Thank You

The CHUF ladies would like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely cards and Christmas presents you so kindly gave them at the end of last term. They were hugely appreciated!

Goodbye & Good Luck:

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Nikki Lucas in our Haddenham setting. Nikki has been with CHUF for over 10 years and will be greatly missed by both the staff and children, for her infectious smile and endless enthusiasm. Nikki has left CHUF to work as a Learning Support Assistant in a local school. We wish Nikki all the very best in her new job, come back and visit us soon!

Fundraising at CHUF:

Whilst we have not many of our usual fundraising activities due to the current situation, we are pleased to let you know that we have raised the following amounts over the last term. £175.00 was raised from the purchase of the children's photo's taken earlier in the Autumn Term by Rebecca, & £120.90 from the ordering of the children's Christmas cards and mugs etc. All proceeds from these fundraising activities will go towards new equipment at both

settings for your children to enjoy. Thank you so much for your continued support through these difficult times.

Children In Need day on Friday 13th November also saw Chearsley CHUF raising £28.60 from their 'Crazy Hair' day. Unfortunately, Haddenham were unable to participate this year due to the closure of the setting temporarily due to several confirmed Covid cases amongst the staff. Well done to everyone at Chearsley who participated, we loved seeing your 'Crazy Hair'.

Healthy Snack Time at CHUF

At CHUF we aim to promote healthy eating from an early age, 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 food as possible, and also be asking for donations we are able to keep our session fee's lower. We buy as much as possible but very much welcome donations of any of the following: Fruit, Vegetables, Oat Cakes, Rice Cakes, Crackers, Crumpets, Breadsticks, Cereals such as Cheerios, Dips such as Houmous, or anything else healthy that you can think of. Alternatively, there is a donation pot in both settings for you to contribute a small amount of money towards snack if you are unable to bring in any items but would still like to contribute to snack time.

Lunch Box Items

Please can we ask you if you are providing small items such as grapes or mini sausages etc in your child's lunch box that you provide them cut up, as unfortunately they are a potential choking risk. Whilst the ladies under normal circumstances are happy to cut these up for your child, presently we are trying to reduce any unnecessary contact with your child's lunch. We can reassure you that any contact made is as sterile as possible (Staff will have fresh gloves, as well as having freshly washed hands before donning the gloves).

CHUF's Facebook Page

Please can we encourage as many Parents as possible to like / follow our facebook page: CHUF (Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives). This is a quick and easy way to keep in touch with what's happening in your child's setting. Many Thanks.

Plea For Any Spare Tablets You No Longer Need?

As you will know we currently use the EyLog system to record your child's progress whilst at CHUF's. We use tablets that have been wiped of everything and don't have access to the internet , and just have the EyLog programme uploaded for the staff. At present the staff share tablets as we don't have enough tablets for each member of staff to use one

solely. Therefore, we were wondering if anyone had any old tablets that were surplus to requirements that you would be happy to donate to CHUF. Thank you so much!

Payment of Fee's

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

Sort Code: 30-98-56

Account Number: 00503068

Account Name: Cheersley & 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 Fees 1st Half Autumn. Without these details it is exceptionally hard to match up payments with monies outstanding, and this 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, Karen Elder- Supervisor (Ch), Debbie Turvey- Supervisor (Ch), Emma Deere- Supervisor, SENCO, Child Protection Officer & Behaviour Co-ordinator (Ch), Debbie Fleetwood- Supervisor (H), Kasia Kowalska- Supervisor (H), Su Smith (Ch), Lauren Godfrey (Ch), Fiona Distin (H), Sara Heap- SENCO (H), Sarah Wassall (H), Laura Stockwell (H), Kimmy Nicoll (H).



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