



Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year. Many thanks from all of us for the lovely gifts and cards that were received at the end of term.

A very warm welcome to all of our new starters this half term, we hope the children settle in well, please let us know if you have any questions.

In December both teams trialed a new Nursery Software system called Tapestry and they all found it to be much more user-friendly so we are hoping to switch over from EY Log to Tapestry this month.

We are also in the process of setting up a new Facebook page, this will be for parents of the Haddenham setting as we feel it will be easier and clearer for everybody if the two settings have their own Facebook pages. So Chearsley parents can continue using the same page but Haddenham parents will be sent new details as soon as it is ready.

We will be sending out a survey for all parents to complete this half term and the staff will be conducting a survey with each child too as part of our ongoing self-evaluation. We would be very grateful if you could complete these as your feedback is important to us and helps us to improve our service.

Term Dates:

This is a 6 week and 3 day half term. With term recommencing on Wednesday 5th January and we

break up for Half Term on **Friday 18th February**. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed and downloaded from our website: <http://www.chuf.co.uk>.

Covid Updates

At Chuf we are continuing to be vigilant regarding the COVID 19 virus. Our procedures and protocols are still in place and we are taking as many steps as possible to keep everyone safe. The latest guidelines from the government are below. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate in contacting the setting.

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, you must continue to self-isolate.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but you have a positive Lateral Flow or PCR test result, you must stay at home and self-isolate.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself.

If you have been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine, you are less likely to become severely ill if you catch COVID-19. You are also less likely to spread COVID-19 to other people, but it is still possible for this to happen.

Therefore:

If you are aged 18 years 6 months or over and you are not fully vaccinated* and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate.

If you are fully vaccinated* or aged under 18 years and 6 months, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are not legally required to self-isolate. However, you are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, and to self-isolate if any of these test results is positive.

*You are fully vaccinated 14 days after having received 2 doses of an approved vaccine (such as Pfizer/BioNTech, AstraZeneca or Moderna/Spikevax) or one dose of the single-dose Janssen vaccine.

LFD tests are very good at identifying people who have high levels of coronavirus and are most likely to pass on infection to others, even if you do not have symptoms. However if you do have symptoms you need to have a PCR test even if the Lateral Flow test is negative.

Planning

In Haddenham our theme this half term is Hygge (pronounced Hoo-ga), which is a Danish lifestyle trend promoting positive wellbeing, the feeling of comfort, coziness and contentment. The room has been transformed and is now softly lit with fairy lights and has cosy corners with cushions and blankets.

In Chearsley we will be learning about dinosaurs and space. We are excited to have been able to purchase some great resources for these topics with allocated funding and also some new tricycles which we hope the children will enjoy.

The Winter Months

During the Winter months please ensure your child has plenty of layers with them as we have to keep the rooms well ventilated due to Covid restrictions and this can feel a little chilly. Also please bring either wellies or indoor shoes to CHUF to try to prevent the spread of mud and dirt around the settings. On a more general note please can you ensure that all items, such as spare clothes, shoes, wellies, lunch boxes and water bottles etc, are all labelled with your child's name. Currently a lot of items are not labelled, and this causes confusion, and when items are misplaced, they are not returned to their owners as quickly as we would like. Please note that we would strongly advise that your child is not sent into CHUF in any precious/expensive clothing, as although we do everything possible to ensure that your child's clothing remains 'paint free' (The children are actively encouraged to wear an apron when doing any messy activity), it is not always possible to stop all spillages/stains from happening. The paint we source where possible is washable and child friendly, but all the bottles carry a warning that the paint may stain.

Reception Admission - September 2022

All Parents with children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 seeking a place for their child during the next academic year **must make their application no later than 17th January 2022**. Parents can apply online at : <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/apply-for-a-school-place/>. 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 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 who might have 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 any 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.

Ad-Hoc Bookings

We do still have spaces available in some sessions so if you would like to book any extra sessions for your child please drop us an email. Ad-hoc bookings will appear on the next half term's invoice unless you choose to pay in cash/cheque on the day, cost is £16.50 per session.

Fundraising at CHUF

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Bauble Lottery. The lucky winner has received their cash prize of £50 and the £50 raised has been shared between the two settings to be spent on resources for the children. In Chearsley we are looking to buy some giant floor puzzles and in Haddenham we will see what the results of the children's survey show before deciding what to buy.

While fundraising events are difficult to organise with Covid restrictions we hope to continue the lottery every month. Thank you to those of you that have already secured your numbers for the whole year. We still have plenty of numbers available so please drop us an email if you would like a chance to win - cost £2 per month and you can either play each month or secure your number for the full year. The money raised will help to provide new and exciting resources for your children and you could win a £50 cash prize each month!

We would like to say thank you so much for your continued support which enables us to enrich your child's experiences at CHUF, it is much appreciated.

Payment of Fees

Invoices will be sent out via email within the first two weeks of each half term. Payment of Fees are welcome 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 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

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