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Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a six-week half term. With term recommencing on Monday 19th April, and we break up for May Half Term on Friday 28th May. Both settings are also closed on **Monday 3rd May** for the bank holiday. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: <https://www.chuf.co.uk/data/documents/Term-Dates-2020-21.pdf> . Term dates for the academic year 2021/22 are now available on our website, and copies will be placed in all the CHUF children's tray's who will be staying at CHUF in September later this term for your reference.

New Starters:

We are pleased to welcome 3 new starters to CHUF Alexia Kimonos, Oliver Young, and Fergus McDonald. We hope that you enjoy your time at CHUF. We also warmly welcome back several children to both settings who have been away last term due to the current Covid situation.

CHUF's Easter Bunny Hop Challenge

The children have been very busy taking part in our sponsored Bunny Hop prior to the Easter break. A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored the children to hop for CHUF. An absolutely amazing sum of £899.08 has been raised so far. If you haven't

sponsored your child yet, or have friends or family who might still like to, then the 'CHUF Easter Bunny Hop' page is still open for donations and can be accessed at:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chufbunnyhop/?q=Bunny%20&cat=cause-autosuggest>

Your support of these events is hugely appreciated. Watch this space for details of what we have used these monies to purchase.

New Staff at Chearsley CHUF

This term we are delighted to welcome Donna Eldred to the team in Chearsley, Donna was working as one to one support in the Chearsley CHUF setting but has now been offered permanent hours. We are also really pleased to welcome Lauren Rowe to Chearsley CHUF. Lauren, one of our Haddenham parents joins us on a temporary contract. We are really excited to have both these new members of staff with us at CHUF's.

Healthy Snack Donations

The children enjoy sharing a piece of fruit or veg at snack time each day and whilst both settings always have a selection of healthy snacks to offer the children, we rely on Parents and Carers donations too, in order to keep our session fees down. Currently, we are receiving a lot fewer items than we have done in the past. We would therefore like to remind Parents and Carers if donations can be made at the start of your child's week at CHUF and if all donations can arrive still pre-packaged, e.g.) a bag of apples, or carrots, a punnet of blueberries or a box of breadsticks etc, due to the current Covid restrictions. Ideally items should be fruit or veg or other healthy snack items (Previously we were able to accept donations of individual unwrapped items of fruit/veg). These fantastic donations will then be shared amongst the children at snack time. The more imaginative and challenging the better! If you are unable to bring fresh items in but would still like to contribute, then a small financial contribution towards snack would be very gratefully received. Thank you!

Gentle Reminders....

Please can we remind all Parents and Carers dropping off at both settings that in line with our current procedures and protocols (Which all Parents have accepted and agreed too) that face coverings must be worn by all adults at drop off and pick up time. If someone collects your child on your behalf (Such a grandparent or childminder) please can you make them aware of this rule.

Please can we also remind you that all clothing including coats, bags, shoes etc should be labelled with your child's name, as well as lunch boxes etc. We are currently finding

increasing numbers of items that are not labelled which makes it much harder to ensure that items are matched with their rightful owner! We are also finding that a lot of children don't have any spare clothing in their bags left at CHUF and are therefore reliant on using CHUF's supply of spare clothing. Please could we remind Parents that children need a full set of clothing to be kept in the setting (including tops, jumpers, underwear, socks and trousers or skirts etc) in case they have an accident or get wet or mucky whilst playing. With this in mind please can we ask Parents when their child has come home in spare clothing from CHUF's supply that this is returned washed to the setting. We should also be really grateful for any spare clothing that you no longer require to bolster our supply of spare items. Chearsley CHUF are particularly looking for clothing that would fit our older children many of whom are wearing an age 4-5 in clothing, as well as socks, and in Haddenham we would be grateful for any spare clothes & socks you no longer need, or your child has outgrown. Many thanks indeed.

Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

Government guidance has been updated as of the 19th March 2021 regarding households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges who can now get rapid lateral flow tests.

Changes made include new information explaining what 'related occupations' are to schools, nurseries and college staff and students. Parents and other adults in households with children or staff at nursery, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid Coronavirus (Covid -19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Please note that nurseries, schools and colleges are not able to give test kits to parents, carers or household members.

Please note children of primary school age and below are not being asked to take regular rapid testing.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all those who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting in to the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all play our part and do what we can to protect each other. One in three people with Covid are asymptomatic - meaning they have no symptoms of the virus and could spread it with out knowing.

The following blog outlines five things you need to know about home testing including how to order home testing kits:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/24/five-things-you-need-to-know-about-home-testing/>

Resumption of Lunch Bunch at Chearsley CHUF for the Summer Term 2021

As per the email issued mid-way through the last half term, we can confirm that the Lunch Bunch sessions at Chearsley CHUF held on a Tuesday and Friday from 12.10 pm to 1.00 pm are resuming from the start of this term (Monday 19th April). Lunch Bunch can be booked in advance for the whole term at the discounted rate of £4.00 per session (£48.00 for either a Tuesday or Friday to the end of term, or £96.00 for both days). Should you wish to book your child into Lunch Bunch for the term please email: info@chufpreschool.co.uk at your earliest opportunity and we will note their attendance and issue you with an invoice for the sessions. Adhoc Lunch Bunch can still be booked on the day required and is billed half termly in arrears but costs £5.50 per session. If your child has not stayed for lunch before, please speak to a Supervisor about this first before booking them in, as this session is more suited to our slightly older children.

Card/ Paper Plea....

If anyone has any unwanted card or paper lying around unused at home CHUF would be really grateful to find a use for it. Thank you so much!

Tax Free Childcare Scheme

This is a reminder that CHUF is registered to accept payments in from the Governments Tax-Free Childcare scheme that was set up in April 2017. This scheme enables eligible Parents to get up to £2,000.00 per child per year towards their childcare costs (The Government will pay £2.00 for every £8.00 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you will need to set up for your child. Please note that we have been advised by the HMRC that although we are a dual setting provider that we are only required to be registered once under our original setting (Chearsley). Please therefore only use the details below and do not try to search for the Haddenham setting, as the Haddenham setting's details cannot be found on the list of Childcare Providers. To find out if you are eligible and to register please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare> Once you have established that you are eligible and have set up an account to make payment to CHUF you will need the following details:

Name: Chearsley & Haddenham Under Fives Pre-School

Address: Chearsley Village Hall, Winchendon Road, Chearsley, Aylesbury, Bucks

Postcode: HP18 0DP

Regulator Reference: 140832 (Chearsley Ofsted Number)

Inloco

Have you joined Inloco yet? It's a new childcare community that has been set up by two local Mums. It's completely free for families to join and Inloco will help you find local childcarers that are the right fit for your family and trusted by local families. As a thank you for spreading the word Inloco will donate £2 to our fundraising efforts for every person that signs up and adds CHUF to their profile. If you'd like to be part of this local childcare community you can find out more and sign up at www.myinloco.com, and don't forget to add CHUF to your profile! Please share this with the babysitters and local childcarers you know and trust to help spread the word.



Tailfeather TV

Bucks County Council Early Years have asked us to let you know about a new and exciting You Tube channel for Pre-school children. Following the Early Years Foundation Stage framework for Learning and Development, children can explore and engage with fun topics through: dance, singing, signing, learning and playing.

Co-written and presented by talented young adults with learning disabilities including dancer, Andrew Self (The Greatest Dancer 2019, Mencap Boogie-thon 2020, BBC Breakfast 2020, BBC Radio 2 Michael Ball Show 2020), Tailfeather TV is aiming to be inclusive find out more

here: <https://www.tailfeathertv.com/>

Second Dose Vaccinations for Foster Carers

Bucks County Council have also asked us to pass on the following message for any Parents who are foster carers and who had their first vaccination at the hospital hub sites through the reserves lists.

All appointments have now been booked for Second dose vaccinations. If you have not received a text, email or letter please contact the vaccine team via email

on: bht.covidjab@nhs.net or call on [07974632479](tel:07974632479), [07966148810](tel:07966148810), [07974632693](tel:07974632693).

They expect to finish vaccinating on the 25 of April, and will not have appointments after this date. If you have not received an appointment or have cancelled and not re-booked, please contact them ASAP to arrange a date for your second vaccine.

Payment of Fee's

Payment of fee monies are welcomed in cash, cheque (Made payable to Chearsley & Haddenham Under 5's), or by 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 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 ElderSupervisor (Ch),

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

Debbie Fleetwood- Supervisor (H), Kasia Kowalska- Supervisor (H), Debbie Turvey (Ch),
Su Smith (Ch),

Lauren Godfrey (Ch), Donna Eldred (Ch), Lauren Rowe (Ch), Fiona Distin (H),

Sara Heap- SENCO (H), Sarah Wassall (H), Laura Stockwell (H), Kimmy Nicoll (H).



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