

Information For Parents: Shared Learning



Dear Parents/Carers,

To provide the best possible outcomes for children who attend CHUF, we recognise the importance of 'shared learning' in partnership with parents. Here are some of the ways we work with parents in the Haddenham setting to support your child's development.

The CHUF Library

The children will now be able to borrow books from our CHUF library. We will put the library outside on the orchard whenever possible so please feel free to use it anytime. Please help yourself to books and bring them back when you have finished with them. We have lots of books donated to us so please don't worry if one goes missing!

Home learning folders

Home learning activity/challenge folders these will be available for you and your child to do together at home. The activities will cover the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Framework Curriculum (EYFS) and can support next steps (these will be on Tapestry and updated by your child's key worker approximately every 6 weeks.)

The CHUF Bear

Our CHUF bear likes to go home with children for a couple of days (this can be flexible) and join in with whatever they do at home. He has a special diary to record all the fun times. He loves it if the children and parents can fill it up by writing a note about what they have done together, and maybe by adding some photos or drawings. The children love having the opportunity to take the CHUF bear home, and it is a lovely way for them to find out about each other.

Potty Training Panda

If your child is toilet training, you are welcome to borrow “Potty Panda.” Panda comes in a bag with his own potty, stories about toilet training and some stickers. There is also some useful information for parents. Please ask one of the ladies if you would like to take him home.

CHUF Achievement Tree

We love to share children’s achievements outside of the setting here at CHUF. To celebrate these, we will be using leaves for you to record your child’s ‘wow moments’ this can be anything you feel is a milestone for your child e.g., swimming without arm bands, writing a letter from their name, sharing toys with siblings, trying a new food. Once completed, leaves (one for each achievement) are returned to CHUF, and we will then share with the group at circle time before displaying it on our Achievement Tree. New leaves can be picked up from our library area on the Orchard or homemade.

Parent Reading Group

We have now introduced a parent reading rota to our setting, this is completely voluntary and can be on a regular or ad-hoc basis. These sessions will involve reading to individuals or small groups of children in our book corner for 30 minutes on Wednesday or Friday mornings between 9.15 – 9.45. If you would like to get involved, please speak to a member of staff to book in a morning.

Visits to setting

All parents are welcome to come into the setting anytime they would like to, and we are always grateful to anyone who would like to volunteer as a parent helper for a session. Please let staff know if you would like to spend a morning or afternoon at CHUF.

Also, if you or anyone in your family has a skill or interest you would be willing to share with the children or if you could offer a learning experience please talk to a member of staff. Children gain so much from these opportunities, and they often inspire further learning and creativity.

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In the past we have welcomed parents who could play musical instruments, talked about their profession including archaeologist, firefighter, nurse, and dog trainer. Some parents have organised a special craft activity, spoken about something special to them or shared a religious festival. We have also been lucky enough to have had a pet snake visit the setting and been given chicks to hatch.

FACEBOOK

We have a Facebook page for each setting where we give information and post pictures of the things the children are doing each week. (Children's faces are always blurred out)

Search "CHUF Haddenham"



Tapestry

You can use the parent observation function on our online learning journal Tapestry to upload any photos or observations to support your child's development or highlight progress and achievements.

If you have any ideas for other parent partnership initiatives, please let us know as we would welcome your support.

CHUF is very much an open door setting and we welcome parents to come in and talk to their child's keyworker or any of the CHUF ladies anytime.

Although we do encourage parents to drop their child off at the gate (once their child has settled) this is purely to help children with separating from parents as we discovered during COVID restrictions that this approach reduced the children's anxiety in the morning when coming in.

Please come into setting, phone, or email anytime.

Best wishes

The Haddenham CHUF ladies