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### **Term Dates:**

Welcome back! This is a 6 week half term. With term recommencing on Monday 24th February, and we break up for Easter on Friday 3rd April 2020. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed on our website: <http://www.chuf.co.uk>. Term dates for the next academic year 2020/21 will be available on our website soon and copies will be placed in existing CHUF children's trays in the Summer Term for your reference for those with children who aren't leaving to start school.

### **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 help out (No special skills required). The children really love having Parent's and Carer's coming in. If you think you would like to come in for a session please sign up to the Parent Rota which is in Chearsley's Entrance Hall and Haddenham's Signing In sheet. 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**

Following on from the last newsletter when we were able to let you know that our Christmas Fundraising activities raised £436.41 (From the Christmas Raffle, Children's Christmas cards and mugs, as well as the refreshments on sale at the Christmas plays), we are delighted to let you know that we have purchased the following items using the fundraising monies. As ever, thank you so much for your continued support.

**Chearsley have purchased:** 2 Tuff Spot Stands for sensory and small world play, Coloured Gravel again for sensory play, 2 Wooden Threading Pineapples for helping to develop fine motor skills, and a Bumble Bee Colour Matching Game, also to develop fine motor skills. They are also hoping to purchase some Fairy Garden Toys in the very near future

**Haddenham have purchased:** Story CD's, Walkies Talkies, and new Clip Boards, which the children can use on listening walks, and they are in the process of purchasing, physical development equipment for the children to use both indoors and on the patio, to help with balance, stepping on and off and jumping.

### **CHUF's Facebook Page**

Just a reminder that we have a Facebook page, please do like and follow us, as this is a great way for us to communicate important messages to Parents and Carers and for you to see what the children have been up to (Please note that pictures of the children's faces are never shown unless specific permission has been sought). If you are not on Facebook don't worry important messages are also always emailed out or letters are issued via baskets/trays. Our Facebook page is: CHUF (Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives). Thanks for your support.

### **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 both settings W/c 23rd March 2020. 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. We look forward to sharing with you the fun we have had making our Bunny Ears, and hopping until we drop!

### **Haddenham CHUF's Pre-Loved Book Sale**

Haddenham CHUF ran a Pre-loved book sale prior to half term to raise monies for the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. We are delighted to let you know that we raised £47.00 which has been sent to the hospital. The wildlife hospital has been using monies raised to purchase and install drinking stations for wildlife effected by the devastating bush fires, as well as a water carrying vehicle to replenish these drinking stations, they are also building a 'Koala Ark', which will provide a healthy habitat area for the wildlife to recover in before hopefully being released back into the wild. We would like to thank you all for supporting the sale. We have written to the wildlife hospital to let them know about the children's fundraising and we are eagerly awaiting a reply from Down Under.

### **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)

### **Lunch Box Reminder**

Please can we remind Parents that packed lunches should not contain any nuts or any items containing nuts (Such as Pesto etc) as we are a 'Nut Free Zone'. Please can we also ask that if you provide your child with grapes as part of their packed lunch that they are cut in half, as whole grapes can be a choking hazard. We will and of course always cut up any whole grapes in the children's lunches, but there is the odd occasion when the staff will not realise that a child's lunch contains grapes before they have started to eat them. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.

### **Lunch Bunch at Chearsley CHUF**

As many of you will know at Chearsley CHUF we offer Lunch Bunch on Tuesday and Friday (12.10pm to 1.00pm) as these are days where there is no afternoon session in which the Lunch session is usually incorporated into. Lunch in Haddenham is part of the afternoon session as Haddenham is open for all 10 sessions per week. Lunch is offered either on an adhoc basis by ticking the appropriate column on the signing in sheet on the day for £5.00 per session (This is billed half termly in arrears), or pre-booked for either the Tuesday or Friday (Or both) for the entire term at the discounted rate of £4.00 per sessions (This is billed Termly in advance). Please note that the Lunch Bunch sessions are predominately offered for the older children aged 3 and 4, as it is useful preparation in getting ready for school. In exceptional circumstances we are able to accommodate younger children at Lunch Bunch but this is at the Chearsley Supervisors discretion and if you would like your child to attend either on an adhoc basis or more regularly then please speak to either Cheri or Karen (E) in the first instance. In all circumstances we advise that children new to CHUF should be allowed to settle into the sessions first before adding the additional Lunch Bunch session.

### **Working in Partnership with Local Schools**

Both our settings have set up partnerships with schools in our local community. These partnerships mean we will meet regularly with the teaching staff to both share our practices

We aim to gain further knowledge of how phonics, maths, communication and language

(amongst other subjects) are taught in reception class. This will enable us to sequence our curriculum to progress the children's learning.

We will also tap into the topics and themes the schools have planned this will allow our children to gain progressive knowledge enhancing their skills all age appropriate. We will be making regular visits with groups of children all to be arranged. If you wish further information please contact Anne Barker or Debbie Fleetwood.

### **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 sessions 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 in any items in but would still like to contribute to snack time. We would like to thank all our 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 each session, unless the weather is particularly adverse. Warm clothing should include items such as mittens, hats, scarves and wellies. Please can you make sure that all clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name. Can we also remind you that Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles should also be named. Many Thanks

### **New Noticeboards Coming Soon.....**

CHUF has received grants from Aylesbury Vale District Council and Early Years in order to purchase a new Parent Noticeboard for each setting. These noticeboards will promote the activities on offer in each setting, as well as other useful information for Parents and Carers. We hope that you will find them useful.

### **Absence at CHUF**

Please can we remind Parents and Carers to call your child's setting to let them know of any absences such as illness so that we can record the reason for your child's absence correctly on our registers. This information is required by Bucks County Council Early Years Funding team, who audit our registers regularly. If a child is recorded as absent and a specific reason is not recorded CHUF is at risk of having the funding for your child's sessions removed. We ask that you telephone on the day during session hours rather than email these absences as whilst our email address is monitored most days there are the odd occasions when it's not and therefore your child's absence may not be noted until after the day. All emails are also monitored in our Haddenham setting, which is where our Admin Office is based so Chearsley absences when recorded by email then need to be relayed to

the Chearsley setting. The settings can be contacted on:  
Chearsley 01844 201858, Haddenham 01844 299123.

Many Thanks for your support in this matter. Please note that holiday absences in advance can still be emailed to [info@chufpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@chufpreschool.co.uk), these will be noted in your child's setting diary and also recorded correctly in our registers. Any queries please do let us know.

### **Payment of Fee's**

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

**Account Name:** Chearsley & Haddenham Under 5's

**Account Number:** 00503068

**Sort code:** 30-98-56

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 Fee's 1st Half Autumn Term. 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), Debbie Fleetwood- Supervisor (H), Karen Elder-Supervisor (Ch), Kasia Kowalska- Supervisor (H), Nikki Lucas- Supervisor & SENCO (H), Debbie Turvey- (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), Laura Stockwell (H), Lauren Godfrey (Ch).



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