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Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a 5 week and 3-day half term. With term recommencing on Monday 22nd February, and we break up for Easter on Wednesday 31st March 2021. Thank you once again for your patience and understanding over the last half term as we have again coped with the many challenges that another lock down has presented us all with. We wait to hear more information regarding the Government's road map out of the current restrictions, and then as soon as we are able to, we will be back in touch with all those Parents and Carers of children who are currently not attending CHUF or attending a different session pattern to work out with you a date for when your child is able to return to CHUF for their usual sessions. Please bear with us this week whilst we digest any announcements and how these will impact upon us at CHUF. Please be assured we will be in touch just as soon as we can. However, please note that we are currently running with reduced staffing levels, so may not be able to offer your child a place back at CHUF for their normal sessions until schools return and we are able to have all of our staff back in the settings.

For your information, copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole academic year can be viewed on our website: <https://www.chuf.co.uk/data/documents/Term-Dates-2020-21.pdf> . Term dates for the next academic year 2021/22 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 children who aren't leaving to start school.

CHUF's Easter Bunny Hop Challenge

You will be receiving a letter in the next couple of weeks regarding the CHUF Easter Bunny Hop Challenge. All children that are currently in the setting will be taking part in the Bunny Hop and we hope that those of you who are still at home will be able to participate too (The letter will explain more)! 'Hopping' in both settings will commence week beginning 22nd March 2021, and we would love it, if you, your family and friends would take part in sponsoring your child to 'Hop'. All children taking part will receive a certificate. This is an event we have been running at CHUF for a number of years, and 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 making our Bunny Ears and hopping until we drop!

CHUF Learning From Home Resources

This is a reminder as per our email to all Parents and Carers last half term that many home learning resources can be found on our website <https://www.chuf.co.uk> . All of our past CHUF Courier issues have been uploaded (See link below). For those of you who have joined CHUF since September 'The CHUF Courier' was issued weekly during the first lock down from March to the end of the last academic year in July. The issues include some activity suggestions as well as useful links and may be worth revisiting even if your child was on the CHUF register and in receipt of the Courier at the time. You will also find the latest home learning document (Issued during the last half term) uploaded to the same section of the website for further reference:

<https://www.chuf.co.uk/data/documents/Home-Learning-Newsletter-January-2021.pdf> (Home Learning Document)

<https://www.chuf.co.uk/about-us/newsletter/> (Link for CHUF Courier's- Please scroll towards the bottom half of the page)

'Eric makes a splash' by Emily Mackenzie and read by Sarah (W) from our Haddenham setting can also be found by using the following link to our 'You Tube' channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3q4F5sXKchXTc&t=35s>

We do hope that you will continue to find these resources of use to you given the current circumstances which in many cases mean that your child is currently unable to attend CHUF.

Face Masks

Please can we remind Parents and Carers as per our current Procedures and Protocols which all Parents have agreed too, that **face masks need to be worn when dropping off and collecting your child at both CHUF settings**. Masks need to be in place before you enter the grounds of either setting, so in Chearsley they need to be worn as soon as you leave your car (if parking in the car park) or as you enter the Village Hall grounds if walking, and in Haddenham masks need to be in place before you enter any of the school grounds. In the run up to half term we have had to remind several Parents and Carers that masks must be worn. The whole of the CHUF team are trying our level best to ensure that both settings are as safe as possible and that they remain open so please do help us by remembering to wear your mask (Please note that this applies only to adults, children are not required to wear masks).

Haddenham Drop off Times

Please can we remind Parents and Carers that drop off time for the Haddenham CHUF morning sessions is **9.10 to 9.20 am**, and collection from the morning session/drop off for the afternoon session is at **12.10pm**. Outside of these times, gates into the school playground will be shut and locked, the main gate at the end of school drive will also be closed. So please can we ask you to ensure that where possible you arrive on time for drop off and pick up. Drop off and pick up outside of these times means that a member of staff has to leave the setting to unlock the gates, which is not ideal. In exceptional circumstances please do let us know if you are going to be late/early for pick up or drop off by calling the setting on 01844 299123, and we will ensure someone is available to open the gates for you. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

World Book Day Thursday 4th March 2021



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March 2021 this year and at CHUF we will be joining in with the celebrations. Children are invited to come to **CHUF on Thursday 4th March (Or if they don't attend CHUF's on a Thursday one other day W/c 1st March**

that they do attend) wearing fancy dress, children can come dressed as their favourite character from a book (However, there is no pressure to do this and if they would rather just come to CHUF in fancy dress that's absolutely fine). Please do note though that all items being brought into the setting will need to be **clearly labelled with your child's name** as past experience shows that children often don't want to stay dressed up for the whole session. Please can we also ask that **accessories are kept to a minimum** as well so that we can still try to minimise items brought in from home and therefore stick to our Covid protocols as much as possible. We look forward to seeing your children's outfits.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

We are delighted to let you know that at Chearsley CHUF we have purchased the following items using Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) monies: a balance bike, a scooter, 2 board games and items for messy mixing. The **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)** is additional funding for **early years** settings to improve the education they provide for eligible 3 and 4 **year** olds, and is claimed alongside funding for your child's sessions. If you think you might be eligible for this premium, please do complete the EYPP section of the next funding form you receive, and an eligibility check will be run by CHUF. EYPP amounts to an extra 0.53p per hour an eligible child attends, so can make a real difference. Your child may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits: Income Support. Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to **£16,190**) with no element of Working Tax Credit.

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 provided 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)

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 id 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

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