

CHUF First Half of Spring Term 2018



Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a 5 week half term. With term recommencing on Monday 8th January, and we break up for half term on Friday 9th February. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: <http://www.chuf.co.uk>. This term we are pleased to welcome 16 new starters to CHUF: Zara Clark, Imogen Willis, Samuel Preston, Mylo Melton, Ingrid Skold, Amber Dyer, Bode Horrocks, Emily Burden, Henry Fray, Cecily Collett, Isla Cartwright, Max Jefford, Binky Johnson, Ellis Dixon. Harry Cameron- Mowat and Lucy Stothart, we hope that you will all enjoy your time with us at CHUF.

A Big Thank You

The CHUF ladies would like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely cards and Christmas presents you so kindly gave them at the end of last term. They were all hugely appreciated!

CHUF Christmas Hamper Raffle & Other Fundraising

A big thank you to every one who bought tickets for our Christmas Hamper Raffle and for purchasing your child's Christmas cards and mugs, as well as supporting our refreshment stalls, and games at the Christmas plays and Crib service. We are very pleased to let you

know that these fundraising activities raised a fantastic £665.60 in total. All proceeds from these activities will go towards new equipment at both settings for your children to enjoy. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Healthy Snack Time at CHUF

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 food as possible, and also by asking for donations we are able to keep our session 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 any items in but would still like to contribute to snack time.

Early Years Pupil Premium Application Process

Since April 2015 the Government has provided the Early Years sector with extra money to help children from lower income families. This funding is called 'Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)', and is worth of up to £300.00 per annum for every child that is eligible. This money can be used to purchase more equipment, or to arrange exciting visitors etc to the setting. Until recently we have asked parents to complete an application form when a child starts at CHUF, Bucks County Council have now advised us that in order to improve the process of applying for EYPP and to remove any barriers for parents applying to check their eligibility, that they have implemented an online checking facility. The online checker can be used by parents, or providers and gives an instant result, generating a unique code for each individual child, and takes only a few minutes to complete. The on line checker can be found at: <https://extranet.buckscc.gov.uk/earlyyears/eef-early-education-funding/early-years-pupil-premium/>.

If you apply and are found to be eligible, then please bring the code the checker will provide you with into the setting. We can then add this to our future funding claims. If you have any queries please do let us know.

Vale Lottery Supporting CHUF

Aylesbury Vale District Council, set up the Vale Lottery a couple of years ago. The lottery supports good causes in the Aylesbury Vale Community. Tickets cost £1.00 each, and it's estimated that there is a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize in the weekly draw. The top prize is £20,000 for anyone who gets a matching sequence of 6 numbers. There is also the chance to win smaller prizes.

We joined the Vale Lottery just over a year ago and have since benefited from being one of the charities supported by the Lottery. If you would like to support CHUF (We receive 50% of all the ticket sales if you buy weekly tickets supporting CHUF) then please follow the link below, your support is greatly appreciated:

<https://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/chearsley-haddenham-under-fives-pre-school>



CHUF's Special Anniversary

2018 marks CHUF's 50th Anniversary which we are all very excited about! We are in the throws of planning a very special event to celebrate this fantastic landmark. Please watch this space for more information. We do hope that you will be able to join us!



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