CHUF Second Half Spring Term 2017

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Term Dates:

Welcome back, we hope that you had a great half term holiday. This is a 5 week and 4 day half term. With term recommencing on Monday 20th February, and we break up for Easter on Thursday 30th March. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: www.chuf.co.uk.

Outdoor Clothing

Please can we remind all parents that during the winter months your child needs to bring appropriate outdoor clothing to CHUF each day. We do try to spend time outside during each session, unless the weather is particularly adverse. Warm outdoor clothing should include items such as mittens, hats, scarves and wellies. Please can you also make sure that all items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

CHUF's Easter Bunny Hop Challenge

You will all have received a letter before half term regarding the CHUF Easter Bunny Hop Challenge. All children will be taking part in the Bunny Hop, and hopping will take place week commencing Monday 6th March. We would love it, if you, your family and friends would take part in sponsoring your child 'Hop'. This is an event 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.

This year we are using the 'My Donate' page which is now open and ready for your donations:

http://mydonate.bt.com/events/chufbunnyhop/408630

If you could send this link to friends and family so they can sponsor your child. We hope this online form make it easier for you.

Please could all sponsorship monies be registered on the 'My Donate' page by 24th March 2017. All children will have received a Bunny Hop certificate as soon as they have completed the 'Hop' and prior to this deadline. We are really grateful for your continued support.

Grants at CHUF

Our fantastic committee have recently secured two different grants for CHUF, which will be split between both settings. We have recieved £850.00 from The Haddenham Beer Festival which we are going to use to purchase planters, tools, seed and plants to enhance our 'Grow Your Own' topic. We have also received £1,000.00 from McCormicks in Haddenham, again this will be split between both settings, more details regarding what we purchase will be in the next newsletter but we envisage using this grant to purchase new equipment and to bring in some exciting visitors to CHUF. We would like to say a huge thank you to both The Haddenham Beer Festival and McCormicks for their generosity, and of course to our fantastic Committee for securing the grants.

CHUF Quiz Reminder

Don't forget to get your babysitters booked for the annual CHUF quiz. Tickets are still available (For ticket details see below):



Quick Books

As you will be aware from the email you received shortly before half term we are upgrading our finance system, so future invoices will be issued to you by email. Our payment terms remain the same (Please make payment within 2 weeks of receiving your bill, if you have difficulty with making payment then please email us any at info@chufpreschool.co.uk). Payment can be made by bank transfer, cash or cheque (Made payable to CHUF). Ideally we would ask for payment either by bank transfer or cash where possible in order to reduce costs, as we are charged to bank any cheques. Bank Transfer details can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Toys and Comforters at CHUF

Please can we ask Parents and Carers if bringing any toys or comforters into either setting that they are small enough to fit into your child's tray/basket. If at all possible can precious items (Either in sentiment or value) be left at home, as often items end up getting mixed up with the CHUF toys and sometimes take a few days to re-discover. Many thanks for your help with this.

Pick Up Time Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that pick up is either 12.10pm after the morning session has ended, or 3.10pm after the afternoon session has finished. (Collection for those staying to Lunch Bunch at Chearsley on a Tuesday or Friday is 1.00pm prompt). We have had several occasions recently at both settings when Parents/Carers have been regularly late in picking up. If you are going to be late on any occasion please do let the setting know by telephoning as soon as possible (Chearsley 01844 208868, Haddenham 01844 299123). We will then reassure you child and make provision for staff to stay on if required. Please note that in some circumstances persistent late collection will be billed, as we have to cover any extra staff costs incurred.

Payment of Fees

Payment of Fee monies are welcome in cash, cheque (made payable to CHUF) or internet payment into our Lloyds account as follows:

Sort code: 30-98-56

Account Number: 00503068

Account Name: Chearsley and Haddenham Under Fives

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 leads to people being chased for payment unnecessarily. Payment should be made within two weeks of being billed.

Feedback

If you wish to speak to your child's Keyworker for feedback at any stage, please contact them to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress. Feedback is also welcome via email to our usual address for the attention of our Manager Anne Barker (<u>info@chufpreschool.co.uk</u>). We would also welcome any feedback you have on your child's setting so that we can continue to develop our fantastic pre-school settings.

The Staff at CHUF

Anne Barker - Child Protection Officer & SENCO* & Manager, Sally Smith - Administrator

Cheri Mackey - Supervisor (Ch), Kirsty Johnson - Supervisor (H), Kasia Kowalska - Supervisor (H), Karen Elder - Supervisor (Ch), Nikki Lucas (H) SENCO, Debbie Turvey (Ch), Debbie Fleetwood (H), Su Smith (Ch), Karen Ford (Ch), Fiona Distin (H), Jen Akehurst (H), Emma Deere (CH) Child Protection Officer & SENCO, Marijanne Jokumsen (Ch), Sara Heap (H) SENCO.

> Ch- Chearsley Setting H - Haddenham Setting * Special Educational Needs Coordinator

The settings can be contacted on the following numbers: Chearsley - 01844 208868 Haddenham - 01844 299123