



Term Dates:

Welcome back! This is a 5 week and 4 day half term. With term recommencing on Monday 19th February, and we break up for Easter on **Thursday 29th March 2018**. Copies of CHUF's term dates for the whole year can be viewed at our website: www.chuf.co.uk. Term dates for the academic year 2018/19 are now also available on our website. Copies of next year's term dates will be placed in all existing CHUF children's trays in the Summer term for your reference.

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 5th March 2018**. 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 again using the 'My Donate' page which is now open and ready for your donations:

<http://mydonate.bt.com/events/thebighop/455081>

If you could send this link to friends and family so they can sponsor your child. We hope that as per last year this online form makes it easier for you. Please note that this link has changed slightly from the link issued on the original letter you will have received. Please could all sponsorship monies be registered on the 'My Donate' page by **Friday 23rd**

March 2018. 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.

Pick Up Time Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that pick up time is either **12:10 pm** after the morning session has ended, or **3:10 pm** after the afternoon session has finished. (Collection for those staying to Lunch Bunch at Chearsley on a Tuesday or Friday is **1:00 pm 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 202588, Haddenham 01844 299123). We will then reassure your 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.

CHUF'S 50th Anniversary Celebration -19th May Chearsley Village Hall

We are all super excited to let you know about a rather special celebration we will be holding on 19th May at Chearsley Village Hall. 2018 marks CHUF's 50th anniversary and also the new village hall being re-opened in Chearsley, in which our Chearsley setting will be based again. With this in mind we will be holding our very own 'CHUF Fest' at Chearsley Village Hall. Plans are underway and so far we have secured a famous local artist to entertain us in the afternoon. We are hoping that we will also have lots of other forms of entertainment on too, including past CHUF children dancing. The festival will culminate in a picnic ball style party in the evening. We are keen to spread the word to parents and children past and present, as well as staff and committee members old and new. So please do let everyone you can know, and save the date (More information to follow shortly). We would also be really grateful for any offers of help (However, big or small), as well as any suggestions you may have for any entertainers (DJ's, Bands, Singers etc) who may have links (However tenuous) to CHUF. We look forward very much to celebrating with you this fantastic milestone in our fabulous new building. If you think you can help in anyway please contact Vic on vicshenton@gmail.com.

Chearsley Car Park

Please can we also remind Parents/Carers of children at our Chearsley setting as per previous email correspondences issued to you, that when dropping off/ picking up that cars should not be parked next to the Cricket Pavilion, as advised by the Cricket Club. Cars should be parked either in the car park at the rear of the building or safely on the road outside the setting. This is to ensure that the ground either side of the newly laid driveway is not churned up. We appreciate your help in trying to maintain the Cricket Club grounds.

Chearsley Village Hall Update

Please look out for an email in the following few weeks about our exciting move back into the newly re-built Chearsley Village Hall.

Avoiding Illness in the Settings

Please can parents be mindful of sending their children to CHUF when they have been dosed up with liquid paracetamol (Calpol etc). As a general rule of thumb if your child needs

medicine due to being unwell then they are not well enough to be at CHUF. We are unable to administer medicine apart from when a child has a long term condition, and find that when the medicine wears off the child often feels unwell again and we have to ask for them to be collected from the setting, which can be distressing for the child. Whilst they have been in the setting they are possibly spreading their germs to other children and also to staff. Extreme circumstances in the past have led the settings to close due to staff also being taken poorly and this of course ends up affecting everyone. CHUF takes the children's well being, and the settings cleanliness and hygiene very seriously, so we are very grateful for you help with this matter. As outlined in our Sickness Policy, bouts of sickness and or diarrhea require 48 hours absence from the setting after the last bout.

Outdoor Clothing

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 make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Many Thanks.

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. Payments 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 most welcome via our email address for the attention of our Manager Anne Barker (info@chufpreschool.co.uk). We would also welcome any feedback as the academic year progresses 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),

Debbie Fleetwood - Supervisor (H), Karen Elder - Supervisor (Ch),

Kasia Kowalska - Supervisor (H), Nikki Lucas - (H) SENCO,

Debbie Turvey - (Ch), Su Smith - (Ch), Karen Ford - (Ch), Fiona Distin - (H),

Jen Akehurst - (H), Emma Deere - (Ch) Child Protection Officer, Behaviour Co-ordinator & SENCO,

Marijanne Jokumsen - (Ch),

Sara Heap - (H) SENCO, Gemma Ladyman (H), Sarah Wassall (H).

Ch - Chearsley Setting
H - Haddenham Setting
*Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

